

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Holy Cross Day



September 14, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: Communion Service

W. Mathias

Prelude: Benedictus: Diapasons, from Colours of the Organ (1960) *William Lloyd Webber*

Opening Hymn: 602 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

*Our liturgy is taken from the green Book of Alternative Services, beginning on page 185,
and our hymnody is taken from the blue Common Praise hymnal.*

Gloria

W. Mathias

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it

upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 98: 1-6

Anonymous

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Gradual Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord Alway

ANON (16 th c.)

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6.14

The Holy Gospel: John 3: 13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

The Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer 744

Rimsky-Korsakov

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

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Communion Hymn: 76 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Adoro Te

Communion Anthem: Behold, the Tabernacle of God

W.M.Harris

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 525 The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Dismissal

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Postlude: Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12

Maurice Duruflé

We welcome Dr. Ryan Enright this morning, who is a candidate for the
Director of Music at St. Matthew's.

*The flowers on the altar are in loving remembrance of my father, Vladimir Pavlicik, who was
born 100 years ago on Sept 12th. From Darina Griffin*

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Cathy Simons

10:30am

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Greeters: Marianne Bournes and Pam Mackenzie

Sidesperson: David Bournes

Servers: Patrick Martin and Julia Adjogle

Readers: Elizabeth MacMillan and Virginia Lindsay

Communion Ministers: Leslie Jones, Cathy Simons, Mary Glen and Randi Goddard

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Altar Guild: Jane Oulton, Wendy Pullan, Robina Bulleid, Cathy Simons and Judy Billingsley
(flowers)

The Rev. Geoff Chapman: 613-854-0643, revgeoffchapman@stmatthewsottawa.ca

Honorary Assistants: The Most Rev. Barry Curtis, The Rev. Katherine (Katie) Tait

Interim Director of Music: Barbara Hallam-Price

Parish Administrator: Catherine James McGuinty: 613-234-4024

Rector's Warden: John McBride

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Janice Messam and Wendy Pullan

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: We pray for Shane, our Bishop and Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the Most Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the Ministry of Reconciliation, St. Mary's, Russell and The Reverend Tom Hubschmid, for university and college campus chaplains and for vocations to the diaconate, the priesthood and religious life

In our Parish: Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman and our Honorary Assistants: The Most Reverend Barry Curtis, and the Reverend Katherine Tait.

Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Didier, Emilie, Shawn, Jim, Doug, Sophie, Franchesca, Marlon, John, Jason, Joan, Pao, Teketia and Liz.

Please give prayers for those who have died, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory, and may all who mourn know God's comfort and peace.

The faithful, well-lived life and ministry of **the Rev Dana Rodgers**, a member of our parish, who died on September 4, and for God's comfort and peace for her loving children **David (Lindy), Katharine (David)**, family and friends who mourn her loss.

We give prayers of thanksgiving for the life of **Josée Myamle**, who passed peacefully to new life on August 21, and for God's comfort and peace for her family and close friends who mourn her loss.

Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1

Psalm 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

Liturgical Calendar

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| Thu | Sept 18 | 10:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | Week of Pentecost 14 |
| Sun | Sept 21 | 8:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | Feast of St. Matthew's |
| Sun | Sept 21 | 10:30am | Sung Holy Eucharist | Feast of St. Matthew's |
| Thu | Sept 25 | 10:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | Week of Pentecost 15 |
| Sun | Sept 28 | 8:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | 16 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sun | Sept 28 | 10:30am | Sung Holy Eucharist | 16 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Thu | Oct 2 | 10:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | Week of Pentecost 16 |
| Sun | Oct 5 | 8:00am | Said Holy Eucharist | 17 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sun | Oct 5 | 10:30am | Sung Holy Eucharist | 17 th Sunday after Pentecost |

Announcements

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| Sept 16, 7:30pm | Talking Trash |
| Sept 21 | Conversations begins |
| Sept 27, 1pm | Atletico Soccer Game |
| Sun, Oct 5, 1:30 – 4pm | CCFC Walkathon |

New! Creation Matters: Talking Trash, 7:30 on 16 September – Andrea Plant, Ottawa's trash maven, will answer questions about recycling in the city at the meeting of Creation Matters. All are welcome to attend this online meeting. Send an email to wknutt@gmail.com to sign up for an invite to this meeting on Zoom.

Conversations: Beginning at 9am on September 21st, between the 8 o'clock and the 10:30 services, Archbishop Barry Curtis will host a new 4 week series of 'Conversations'. What is 'Conversations'? It is a very informal gathering, meeting around a table in the lower hall for an hour, in which we discuss what it means to be a Christian in this tumultuous, wonderful, chaotic, 21st century. The theme of this new series, suggested by a book by the late Michael Mayne is "The Enduring Melody". We will reflect on the enduring melody of our lives, what we hold onto, what sees us through, the complexities, adventures, ups and downs, the exciting experiences that are a part of the wonderful mystery of our lives.

Sunday School: The programming for Sunday School will resume on September 14th.. The schedule for September 2025 is as follows:

Sept. 14: Godly Play: The Parable of the Good Shepherd

Sept. 21: Godly Play: The Parable of the Sower

Sept. 28: Family Service and blessing of back to school backpacks

Oct 5: Godly Play: Creation

Atletico Soccer Game: St. Matthews' children, youth, families and the whole parish at large can join in for the Atletico game on September 27th at 1 pm at Lansdowne's TD Place. The

Atletico is currently in second place. Tickets will be around \$25+ for adults and around \$20 for children under 12. To express your interest in being part of the group, contact Denis Martel at denis_martel@rogers.com Denis will buy the tickets early on the week of September 15th.

Centretown Community Food Centre Walkathon: Welcome to our 10th anniversary Walk for the Centre celebration! We will be hosted by Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St. (next to Immaculata High school), Sunday afternoon, October 5th from 1:30 - 4:00 pm. We will have a Spirit of the Walk door prize of \$250 from Davidson's Jewelers and Walk the Queen Elizabeth pathway 2 or 4 Km. We will celebrate with Banjo song and music, guest speakers, and 'Sons of Scotland' piper band. We hope you will join the celebration of our 10th anniversary Walk.

Office Hours & Pastoral Visitation: In the interest of being more available to all of you, especially for our many members who live near our parish, I will be keeping office hours from **10:00 am to noon** on Wednesdays specifically for you to stop by, as well as my home visitation schedule on Tuesdays. Feel free to come by the office on Wednesday mornings if you want to connect with me, or reach out for a home visit as well. Geoff+

Wednesday Bible Study: Rev. Geoff hosts a Bible Study over Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for one hour. You are invited to join the zoom call. The focus of the discussion will be the gospel reading for the upcoming week. Here's the link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86857758101?pwd=Ar7bDWxLTayrHzX4dkvEKOELfFbLBX.1>
Meeting ID: 868 5775 8101 Passcode: 2zzVh5

The Wednesday 11 AM Christian Meditation Group meets weekly via Zoom. For more information about the group, and to receive the Zoom link, please call Sue Rayner at 613-558-7899 or email m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca. To learn more about Christian Meditation please visit wccm.org.

Online Sunday Service: St. Matthews is live streaming our Sunday Worship Service. The link to this service is:
https://youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live
You can watch it live or view it at a later date.

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