

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Family Sunday



September 28, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Mathias

Prelude: Rhosymedre

R. Vaughn Williams

Processional Hymn: 501 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

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.*

Honouring the Four Directions:

The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation;

To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;

To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others;

To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour gold for the morning star;

To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly;

To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility;

To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour black, still and quiet;

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful;
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North:
To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness;
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;
To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look:
To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,
Come to us, Great Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (*Spark Bible Storybook*)

When Jeremiah was just a boy, God told him that he was going to be a prophet. He was going to tell all sorts of people about God. Jeremiah couldn't believe it! God and Jeremiah had a big talk. "Jeremiah, I knew who you were before you were even growing inside your mom," God said. "You were born to be a prophet!" Jeremiah was nervous. "But, God, I'm just a kid! I don't know what to say to grown-ups!" he said. "We'll do it together," God said. "Where you go, I will go with you. When you talk, I'll give you the words." God touched Jeremiah's lips. "Now your mouth is full of my words," God announced. "Go tell everybody about my love." God and Jeremiah made a good team. Jeremiah took God's love to many people in many places.

Second Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-17 (*Spark Bible Storybook*)

God Chose the Israelites to be special people. They lived in a country called Israel. God gave them a good ruler named King David. Some of the kings who ruled after King David were not very good. These kings made the Israelites so sad that they forgot about God. There was much trouble in their country. However, God did not forget about them. God sent a man named Jeremiah to give the Israelites hope. Jeremiah said, “Soon God’s promise to save the world will be kept! When the right time comes, God will send a leader from King David’s family and he will be a good ruler. “Hurray!” shouted the people. “God remembers us!” The people were hopeful. Everything would be good again. The people could hardly wait!

Gradual Anthem: 649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Plainsong: Mode 6

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31(*Spark Bible Storybook*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told this story about helping people. One day, after he ate a huge lunch, a rich man said, “I’m so full! I couldn’t eat another bite, I’m going to take a nap.” He closed his eyes and went to sleep. “Ow! Ow! Ow!” The sounds of moaning came from outside. They got louder and louder. Soon the sounds woke up the rich man. “Who’s making that awful sound?” he asked. The rich man looked out the window and saw a man named Lazarus lying on the ground. He had no money or food to eat. Sores covered his whole body. He was sick. Lazarus needed help. Instead of helping, the rich man shouted, “Be quiet you old beggar!” He went back to his chair and closed his eyes again. Later that day, Lazarus died right outside the rich man’s house. When Lazarus died, he went to heaven to be with God. In heaven, he had no sores. He was not sick. All of his problems were gone. The rich man died too. He didn’t go to heaven. He was far away from God, but the rich man could see Lazarus in heaven. “Help me,” the rich man begged Lazarus. But they were too far apart. It was impossible for Lazarus to do anything for him. “I’m sorry, I can’t reach you. I can’t help you,” said Lazarus. When he was living, the rich man thought he was too important to help Lazarus. He didn’t care what happened to Lazarus. After he died, the rich man realized the mistake he made. Jesus told the

people, “I want you to see the people who need help. Open your eyes. Use your ears. Help everyone you can.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily and Children’s Focus: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

At this time, the children of the parish are invited to the chancel steps to join in the Children’s Focus.

Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of the People

Presider Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask it to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

Presider Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

Silence

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love:
Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf:
Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven:
Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

A deacon or lay person using the following form of absolution substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

The Lord enrich *you* with grace, and nourish *you* with many blessings; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 171 What Does the Lord Require

Sharptborne

The Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing (say):

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

Surrounded now by saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever, may we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

So, come to the table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Mathias

The Communion

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Communion Hymn: 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

Communion Anthem: Above All Praise

F. Mendelssohn

Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Michael

Dismissal

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Postlude: Festival Fanfare

D. Wolff

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Leslie Jones

10:30am

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Greeters: Success Kehinde and Ruth Frayne

Sidesperson: Norm Lewis

Servers:

Readers: Hugo Honeywell-Dobbin and Paul Lindsay

Communion Ministers: Judy Maxwell, Janice Sonnen, Catherine Thurlow and Paul Wefers-Bettink

Prayers of the People: Jim Lynes

Altar Guild: Janice Sonnen, Dale McKenzie, Elizabeth MacMillan, Ruth Frayne, Darina Griffin 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

Theological Student: Sarah Keeshan

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Rector's Warden: John McBride

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Janice Messam and Wendy Pullan

Readings for Next Week

Galatians 6: 14-18

Psalm 148: 7-14

Matthew 11: 25-30

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: We pray for Shane, our Bishop and Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; as well as: Christ Church, Aylmer and Archdeacon Chris Dunn

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, Heinz, Christa, Jason, Adjoko Kiki Jeannette, Joan, Pao, Teketia, Donna, Colin 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.

This morning we give prayers of thanksgiving for the long and faithful life of **Carol Frayne**, who died peacefully on Friday, September 26, may she rest in peace and rise in glory; please pray for God's peace and comfort for her loving family, Elsa (sister), Ruth (sister-in-law), nephew and niece Peter (Gerry Silver) and Andrea (Jeoff), family and friends who mourn her death in the days to come.

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	Oct 2	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 16
Sun	Oct 5	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Blessing of the Animals
Sun	Oct 5	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Blessing of the Animals
Thu	Oct 9	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 17
Sun	Oct 12	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun	Oct 12	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Harvest Thanksgiving
Thu	Oct 16	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 18
Sun	Oct 19	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	19 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sun	Oct 19	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	19 th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Tues, Sept 30, 7:30-8:00pm	Climate Change Presentation
Sun, Oct 5, 1:30 – 4pm	CCFC Walkathon
Sat, Oct 25, 4-6pm	Jazz and Tapas
Sun, Oct 26	Souper Sunday
Fri, Nov 7	Creation Matters Potluck

New! Thanksgiving Letters: Please pick up your Thanksgiving letter at the back of the church.

New! Thanksgiving Flowers: If you would like to make a Thanksgiving flower dedication, please contact the office prior to Thursday, Oct. 8.

New! Kid's Choir: Kids choir has started up! If you have a child interested in singing who is 6-7 years of age or older, please contact Barb Hallam-Price at: bhallamprice@gmail.com. We meet on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and currently the choir sings once a month on the last Sunday.

New! Godly Play Introduction Session, October 5, 2025, 1-3 pm: St. Matthew's will welcome Judson Bridgewater, a certified trainer for Godly Play who is also an ordained Anglican Minister and Chaplain with the Canadian Armed Force to present us key aspects of Godly Play. He will do a story, cover some key elements of the curriculum and how it advanced spiritually in children. This mini training session would be of interest to parents, people wanting to join the Children Ministry and others who have a general interest in children spirituality. A light lunch will be served before the session. Please express your interest to Denis Martel (denis_martel@rogers.com)

Crabapple Jelly Sale: Pick up your jar at the back of the church. \$10 each.

Jazz & Tapas at St. Matts: On the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 25, St. Matthew's will be filled with the sultry sounds of Ottawa jazz singer Diane Nalini as its popular Jazz & Tapas fundraising event returns for the third time. The intimate event (limited ticket availability) will be held at the back of the church from 4pm to 6pm. A delicious range of nibblies will be served, largely donated by local restaurants and food sellers. Nalini will perform with her husband and bassist Adrian Cho, director of the Ottawa Jazz Orchestra and guitarist Magnus Paulson. Tickets include food, entertainment and non-alcoholic beverages. A complimentary glass of wine, beer, cocktail or mocktail is included in the adult ticket price. Proceeds split with the Black Canadian Scholarship Fund. Adults: \$70, Students, \$40 (not incl. alcoholic beverage, max age 25). Silent auction. Tickets: auctria.events/StMattsStore

Creation Matters: On Tuesday September 30, 7:30-8pm we will be joined by John Kirkwood, President of Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative (OREC), for a 20 minute presentation touching on climate change, advocacy for progressive energy policies, renewable energy, co-op model community participation, and investment and partnership development opportunities. A time for questions and answers follows. Please join us to learn more about this group which pools member resources to develop and invest in local renewable energy projects towards the goal of full sustainability. All are welcome!

Join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84403496015?pwd=nMEOXk7Joo5XUGk2jtYU73DBEvkbAI.1>

Meeting ID: 844 0349 6015, Passcode: 984303, <https://www.orec.ca/>

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.

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.

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