

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Blessing of the Animals



October 5, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

John Rutter

Prelude: The Cuckoo

L-C. D'Aquin

Processional Hymn: 355 vv. 1-4 All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

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.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the heart of your servant St. Francis kindled the flame of your love, give us, your humble servants, such faith and power of love, that as we rejoice in his triumph, we may profit by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Psalm 148: 7-14

Walmisley

Gradual Anthem: 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Gospel Acclamation: 710

Plainsong: Mode 6

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11: 28

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sermon: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

The Blessing of the Animals

All those who have come with their pets, please bring them forward at this time. If your pet is shy or frightened, ask one of the clergy to come to your pet. Pictures, stuffies and tokens are also welcome.

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 414 God of the Sparrow

Roeder

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and justice, you make known your ways in the lives of your saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us to know your holy will and do it; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 *pg 193*

Sanctus *Rutter (on card)*

The Lord's Prayer 744 *Rimsky-Korsakov*

The Breaking of the Bread *pg 212*

The Communion *pg 213*

Agnus Dei *Rutter (on card)*

Communion Hymn: 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts *Maryton*

Anthem: O Sing Joyfully *A. Batten*

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, this table is a foretaste of the kingdom of your Son. May we be faithful to him in this life and rejoice with your servant St. Francis for ever; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing *pg 214*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*

Dismissal *pg 215*

Postlude: Dialogue sur Les Grands Jeux *L-N. Clerambault*

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader: Mary Glen

Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: Simon Creasy

Sidesperson: Kathy Racine

Servers: Julia Adjogble and Cathy Simons

Readers: Julia Adjogble and Rick Trites

Communion Ministers: Cathy Simons, Rick Trites, Paul Wefers-Bettink and Peter Frayne

Prayers of the People: Kathi Racine

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

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

Readings for Next Week

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6: 25-35

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: We pray for Shane, our Bishop and Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; as well as: Our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Carla Blakley, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop: for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election; for the candidates; for Members of Synod; and for our diocesan Administrator, Bishop Michael Bird and for St. Matthew's, Ottawa and The Reverend Geoff Chapman

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, Catherine, Colin, Karin, Peter, Karin 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 thanks for the lives of **Michal (Mickie) Crawley** and **Patrick Crosley**. May they rest secure in love, and in the peace of Christ. We ask for God's comfort and strength for **Andrea** and all who mourn their deaths.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun	Oct 5	4:00pm	Evensong	
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
Thu	Oct 23	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 19
Sun	Oct 26	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	20 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sun	Oct 26	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	20 th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Sun, Oct 5, 1:30 – 4pm	CCFC Walkathon
Sun, Oct 19, 9-10am	Our Faith and Life Together Series begins
Sat, Oct 25, 4-6pm	Jazz and Tapas
Sun, Oct 26	Souper Sunday
Fri, Nov 7	Creation Matters Potluck

New! The Sunday School schedule for October is as follows:

Oct. 5 - Godly Play - Creation

Oct. 12 - Preparation for family service - children presenting Creation

Oct. 19 - Godly Play - Good Shepherd and World Communion

Oct. 26 - Family Service - Godly Play Creation Story.

Nov. 2 - Godly Play - The Great Family

New! Our Faith and Life Together – Fall 2025: Rev. Geoff will be offering a course offering teachings about our faith and life at St. Matthew's. Each session will take place on Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday, October 19th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the chapel, concluding on Sunday, November 23rd. If you are new to this parish or a long-time member wishing for a deeper understanding of our faith, this course is an excellent opportunity to explore the depth and breadth of our tradition.

October 19th - Session 1: The Anglican Church of Ours

October 26th - Session 2: An Introduction to Biblical Scholarship

November 2nd - Session 3: The History of the Faith

November 9th - Session 4: Sacraments and Worship

November 16th - Session 5: The Church's Mission and Service

November 23rd - Session 6: Parish Life at St. Matthew's

Evensong: Please join us this afternoon at 4pm for our first Evensong of the fall season. A reception will follow.

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.

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

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

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.

Crabapple Jelly Sale: Pick up your jar at the back of the church or in the office. \$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

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.

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+

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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