

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

1st Sunday of Advent
Family Service



November 30, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: Addington

R. Sheppard

Prelude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.S.Bach

Processional Hymn: 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Celebrant: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

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.

Trisagion

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth

instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122

Robinson

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gradual Hymn: 108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

Merton

Gospel Acclamation: 709

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 572 Let There Be Light

Concord

Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. Matthew's. There are offering alternatives to the Collection Plate: 1. St. Matthew's website at www.stmatthewsottawa.ca 2. The QR code to the right will take you directly to the 'Donate Now' page on our website (tax receipts will be issued) 3. The TipTap machine at the back of the church, Glebe Ave entrance, for credit/debit cards (no tax receipt).



The Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

R. Sheppard

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

R. Sheppard

Communion Hymn: 65 Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread.

St. Columba

Anthem: "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

J.S.Bach

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night

Church Triumphant

Dismissal

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Postlude: Prelude, Fugue and Ciaconne

D.Buxtehude

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-7, 17-18
Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Cathy Simons

10:30am

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Greeters: Virginia Lindsay and Pam Mackenzie

Sidesperson: Kathi Racine

Servers: Rick Trites, Leslie Jones and Rebecca Laffin

Readers: Owen Farrelly and Hugo Honeywell-Dobbin

Communion Ministers: Peter Frayne, Ruth Frayne, Mary Glen, and Cathy Simons

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Altar Guild: Robina Bulleid, Frances Montgomery, Jan Robar, Susan Morland 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

Clergy Home Visits

Our clergy are happy to visit you. To arrange for a home visit with one of our clergy members please contact the office at 613-234-4024.

Pastoral Care Emergencies

For Pastoral Emergencies please contact Rev. Geoff Chapman at 613-854-0643.

This Week, Please Pray For:

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

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada;
Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well
as: Our Diocesan Partner: Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum

Our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Centre 454, St Luke's Table, The Well/La
Source

Centre 105 (Cornwall)

Cornerstone Housing for Women

Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre

Refugee Ministry

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

In our Parish: Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman, our Honorary Assistant
Clergy: The Most Reverend Barry Curtis and the Reverend Katherine Tait and our
theological student Dr. Sarah Keeshan

Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Lois, Edith, Karin, Michael,
Peter, Sarah, Susan, Ron, Liz, Stephanie, Catherine, Sally, Donna, Jim, Elizabeth, Isabel, Alan,
Virginia, Mark, John

**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 faithful life of **Douglas Elgin Walper**, whose funeral
was held at St. Matthew's yesterday, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for
God's comfort and peace for all who mourn his loss: his sister **Elizabeth Kent**, and his
family, especially his niece and nephew **Cathie Orfali Williams** and **Jeffrey Williams**.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun	Nov 30	7:00pm		Advent Lessons and Carols
Thu	Dec 4	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Advent 1
Sun	Dec 7	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun	Dec 7	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Thu	Dec 11	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Advent 2
Sun	Dec 14	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sun	Dec 14	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Thu	Dec 18	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Advent 3
Sun	Dec 21	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sun	Dec 21	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sun	Dec 21	7:00pm		Nine Lessons and Carols

Announcements

Nov 16 – Dec 14	Advent Food Drive
Nov 30, 7pm	Advent Lessons and Carols
Dec 7, 9am-1pm	Scarf and Jewellery Sale
Dec 14	St. Nicolas Party
Dec 21, 7pm	Nine Lessons and Carols

Advent Lessons and Carols service will be on Sunday, November 30th at 7:00 pm. The service will consist of readings and carols that prepare us for the four Sundays of Advent.

New! Casting for the Christmas Family Service (December 24 at 4:00 p.m.): As we start the season of Advent, the children and families of the Sunday School invite you to join us to prepare for the Nativity Pageant. This year's pageant is inspired by the Godly Play program the children have enjoyed over the past year. This presentation of the Nativity will focus on the traditional story and the wonder it inspires. We invite you to reach out to the children and families in your life who may want to participate in this year's Christmas Eve family service. To help with planning, rehearsals will take place during Sunday school over the coming weeks: Advent 2 (Dec 7), Advent 3 (Dec 14) and Advent 4 (Dec 21). We will hold a dress rehearsal after the service on Dec 21 and start preparation for the Christmas Eve service at 3:00pm on December 24 ahead of the 4:00pm service.

Currently, we are looking to cast small actors in small parts; such as: **Narrators (2); Mary and Joseph; Angel Gabriel, Angels; Shepherds; Sheep and Magi (3). Also one donkey...** Grateful for your help to spread the word about this opportunity to come together

as a community and celebrate the reason for the season with the children of our congregation. If you would like to be a part of this year's pageant, please let Admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca know. Thanks, Ashley

New! The Jesse Tree is here: As in previous years St. Matthew's will be supporting Harmony House with our Jesse Tree gifts. Harmony House is the only second-stage women's shelter in Ottawa, relying on donations, sponsorship, and fundraising to help women and children. Choose a tag from the Jesse tree from this Sunday, November 30 and purchase a gift as the tag indicates. Please leave your tagged gifts at the base of the tree by Sunday, December 14th. To help with the Jesse Tree or to learn more about volunteering with St Matthew's outreach please contact admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca.

New! Auction Results: Many thanks to all who participated in this year's auction, as donors, buyers, sponsors and volunteers. It was an exhilarating auction and has enjoyed the best result of any online auction to date. The fundraising committee is pleased to announce that we have sold \$68,000 in online auction sales, external auction sales, sponsorships and post-auction sales. Expenses will be about \$2,500. Because of the good result, in addition to supporting St. Matthew's projects, we will be able to sponsor two rooms at the Youth Services Bureau (Ottawa) centre.

New! St. Nicholas Party: St. Matthew's annual St. Nicholas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14 following the 10:00am service. We invite all our parish family to join us for this special event and enjoy a delicious luncheon.

New! Gifting Ceremony: We, at St. Matthew's, are privileged to be part of a Gifting. The Fleming Family is gifting to us some books on Aboriginal subjects which we can take home enjoy and pass on to family and friends. Our commitment, if we participate in the Gifting, is to keep Ryan and Sarah, two of the children of Debora and Marc, in our prayers. Ryan is entering a PhD program at UofT studying Modernizing Treaty and Sarah, a young woman, has moved to Kuujuaq, QC to work with Youth Fusion, an organization that provides programming for children in remote communities. The books on display at the back of the church.

New! Creation Matters: Do you need to buy presents at Christmas? You may already be thinking about your Christmas gift list. But do you *really* need to exchange gifts?? Have that discussion! Instead of buying something, do something together. Share an experience or outing! You don't need to spend on a gift; spend your *time* with those you love!

Creation Matters: Advent Action is a project of the Creation Matters Working Group. The purpose is to have our parish focus on issues pertaining to Indigenous Peoples in Canada during the Advent season. One of the requirements of the Greening of Sacred Spaces initiatives is to focus on Native Canadians and to develop a wider understanding of the issues that impact them. On the St. Matthew's Greening Tree you will find ideas for everyone to

help increase our awareness of these issues. Take a sticky note from the tree and during Advent and do one thing to increase your understanding of the concerns of our Aboriginal neighbours.

Nativities of the World: As we get ready to come close to the mystery of Christmas, St. Matthew's children and youth will present nativity sets from different countries and offer prayers in each week of Advent. The nativities will be displayed in the prayer alcove. They are from the following countriesf:

Advent 1 (Nov. 30) - Guatemala, Turkey, Uzbekistan

Advent 2 – Bethlehem, provided by St. George College in Jerusalem

Advent 3 - Ukraine, Godly Play, Indigenous and Inuit nativity stamps.

Advent 4 - Nativity with bible passages, Germany

To express gratitude, donations to the ADO campaign for St. George College or to St. Matthew's would be appreciated:

To St. Matthews: cheque to St. Matthew's or etransfer to finance@stmatthewsottawa.

To St. George's: <https://www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com/giving/>

Scarf and Jewellery Sale: An eager team of volunteers is looking forward to sorting and pricing donations of scarves, costume and silver jewellery, and other fashion accessories for this year's sale on **Sunday, December 7**. The date is fast approaching but we are in need of merchandise. Blue collection boxes are located outside the church office and at the back of the church. Valuable items can be left in the church office or given directly to Marg Terrett or Virginia Lindsay. We will also have a table with seasonal décor and attractive gift items. Please solicit donations from your friends, family, book clubs, fitness groups, grannie groups and any other social contacts.

Advent Food Drive – Centretown Community Food Centre: As we enter this season of Advent—a time of hope, peace, joy, and love—St. Matthew's invites parishioners to share in the spirit of giving by supporting our **Advent Food Drive**, running **from this Sunday until 14 December**. This year, we encourage **monetary donations rather than food items**, as financial gifts allow the Centretown Community Food Centre to purchase food in bulk from wholesalers, making each contribution go further to help those in need.

If you make your donation by cheque, please write "CCSAC/Community Food Centre" in the memo line. If donating cash, please include a note indicating "CCSAC/Community Food Centre." At this time, e-transfers are not available for this drive. With warm thanks, Pam Mackenzie

Nine Lessons and Carols: St. Matthew's choir will present Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. Come and sing some wonderful Christmas carols, listen to the readings and hear some beautiful new and old carols prepared by the choir.

Stepping Out Together - Fellowship for Those Who've Lost a Partner: Losing a spouse or partner changes everything. Your partner may have been your dearest friend, your closest confidant, and the one who shared the rhythm of daily life with you. When they are gone, the world can feel suddenly quiet—and profoundly different. If you are experiencing loss of a spouse or a partner through death or divorce, please know that you are not alone at St. Matthew's. I invite you to consider joining me for an outing or activity once a month after the New Year. Our first meeting will be a potluck supper at my house where we will discuss what we'd like to do - perhaps go to a concert, a movie, dinner out or a walk together. This group is not to discuss or share our grief, but to get out in the evenings to enjoy new people and activities again. If you're interested, please see me after church or email me at: pamela@mackenzie.org.

Rides to Church: If you need a ride to church, please fill out the sign-up form located at the back of the church. If you are able to offer a ride, please check the form for names, neighbourhoods, and phone numbers of those requesting transportation. Hopefully we can match up some folks.

Kids' 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.

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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