

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

2nd Sunday of Advent



December 7, 2025

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Cynthia McBride
in honour of her birthday, December 15th.”*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Mathias

Prelude: Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter Auf Erden

J.S.Bach

Processional Hymn: 112 Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

Bishopthorpe

Today we present a nativity set from Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

God, you are Peace.

You are a bright light in all kinds of darkness.

Help us to... share with our friends without fighting.

And please comfort our bumps and ouches and the bumps and ouches of the world,
especially in Jesus's home.

So that we ... are all more accepting of other people for who they are and learn to forgive
and help each other.

Amen.

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 707

The Divine Liturgy

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome
the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient
hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with
confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 1: 1-10

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the LORD has spoken: I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know; my people do not understand. Woe, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who act corruptly, who have forsaken the LORD, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, [[who are utterly estranged!]] Why do you seek further beatings? Why do you continue to rebel? The whole head is injured, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot to the head, there is no soundness in it, only bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they have not been drained or bound up or softened with oil. Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Elvey

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gradual Hymn: 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Ascension

Gospel Acclamation: 714

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see
the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

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: 103 On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry

Winchester New

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 *pg 198*

Sanctus and Benedictus *Mathias*

The Lord's Prayer *McNeil Robinson*

The Breaking of the Bread *pg 212*

The Communion *pg 213*

Agnus Dei *Mathias*

Communion Hymn: 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*

Anthem: And the Glory *G.F.Handel*

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing *pg 214*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Cruger*

Dismissal *pg 215*

Postlude: Fugue in a minor *J.S.Bach*

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: Wendy Young

Sidesperson: Marg Terrett

Servers: Patrick Martin, Julia Adjogble and Owen Farrelly

Readers: Paul Wefers-Bettink and Rick Trites

Communion Ministers: Paul Wefers-Bettink, Rick Trites, Janice Sonnen and Peter Rider

Prayers of the People: Jim Lynes

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

Coffee Hour: Janet and Ben Tsang

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.

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 146: 4-9

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well as: International Women's Network in Canada (IAWN)

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 and for St. John's, Smiths Falls and The Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer

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, Michael, Peter, Susan, Ron, Liz, Stephanie, Catherine, Sally, Jacob, Jim, Elizabeth, Isabel, Alan, Elizabeth, Cathie and Jeffrey

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.

Liturgical Calendar

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
Wed	Dec 24	4:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	Nativity of our Lord with Pageant
Wed	Dec 24	10:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	Nativity of our Lord Candlelight Service
Thu	Dec 25	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Christmas Day

Announcements

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

Scarf and Jewellery Sale: Our long-awaited sale is finally here! Visit the display downstairs **today from 9:00am to 1:00pm** to browse some wonderful pieces. Don't miss out—perfect for Christmas gifts!

New! Jesse Tree: Jesse Tree gift return reminder - If you took a gift tag from the Jesse Tree last Sunday, please remember to return your generous gift **WITH** the tag, wrapped or in a gift bag **by Sunday December 14**. We need the tags returned with the gifts so they can be matched up with the correct gift recipient. Thank you for your kindness in participating in this initiative! Please contact admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca, or see Ashley Thorvaldson or Julia Lipinska with any questions.

New! Creation Matters items for sale at the Scarf and Jewelry sale include:

- *crab apple jelly*, lovingly made by your St. Matthew's family with local crab apples. The jelly makes perfect neighbour, stocking stuffer and host gifts this season! \$10 and \$15 sized bottles available
- *scratch pads* made with repurposed St. Matthew's bulletins

- *Christmas gift tags* made from recycled Christmas cards

New! St. Luke's Table: As winter arrives, St. Luke's Table is in need of the following items, in order of priority: **mittens, gloves, toques**. If you are able to bring a pair of something warm for our friends who need them, please drop them off in the box at the back of the church over the Sundays of December 7, 14 and 21. Consider making this donation as a Christmas gift for a friend and let them know! Contact Julia Lipinska at lipinskaj@rocketmail.com with any questions, thank you.

New! Give to a charity instead of buying things at Christmas: Do you want to give a meaningful gift? Consider making a donation to a charity instead of buying something, and let the recipient know in a card or note! You can:

- support the vital work of our Diocese's community ministries through *Belong Ottawa* at <https://belongottawa.ca/>
- support *Cornerstone's* Building Better Healthcare campaign at <https://cornerstonewomen.ca/building-better-healthcare/>
- support the work of the Primate's World Relief Development Fund, now called *Alongside Hope* at <https://alongsidehope.org/give-today/>

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 countries:

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/>

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.

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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