

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Nativity of our Lord Family Service



December 24, 2025, 4pm

The Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of:

Lynda Cochrane and Lois Boston from their family

Loving mum Jean Lipinski and grandmother Freda Shepherd, from Julia

My parents, Donalda and David Crawley, from Susan Rayner

Shirley Wetmore from her family

Margery and Leslie Dunbar from their loving daughter Janet O'Meara

Loving grandmother Marion James from her grand-daughter Catherine

And for:

For a blessed and beautiful Christmas Season, from the Glen Family

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: Addington

Shephard

Prelude: Noel Huron

D. Bedard

Processional Hymn: 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1-4

Adeste fideles

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*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.*

Celebrant We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the
Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

All **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect for Christmas

Celebrant Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true
light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see

the splendour of your heavenly glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen**

ST. MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Children are welcome to come to the front of the church to better see the pageant.

Please remain seated throughout the Pageant.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus a sleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus look down from on high
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

Little Drummer Boy

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum
A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
So to honour Him, pa rum pum pum pum
When we come.

Baby Jesus, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,
Me and my drum

Children are invited to **bring a star** to one of the Nativity sets.
Dismissal of children during the following hymn.

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 139 The First Nowell vs. 1-4

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.
People **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the mystery of his incarnation
was made perfect man
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Sanctus /Benedictus

Shephard (on card)

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he 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.”

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ

and his blood of the new covenant.
 Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
 that we, made acceptable in him,
 may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
 In the fullness of time,
 reconcile all things in Christ,
 and make them new,
 and bring us to that city of light
 where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 the firstborn of all creation,
 the head of the Church,
 and the author of our salvation;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer 744

Rimsky-Korsakov

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
 And that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Shephard (on card)

Communion Hymn: 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Une Jeune Pucelle

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 154 Joy to the World

Antioch

Dismissal

Celebrant This service has ended, but your service has just begun.
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Toccata sur le « Il est Ne »

D. Bedard

Pageant Volunteers

Narrators: Samuel Quiroz McBride and Amelia Messam

Mary: Catherine Coleman

Joseph: Paul Lindsay

Angels: Naomi Porter Keesham, Nora Marsh and Penny Higdon

Sheep: Mikey Bolick, Malcolm Lomas, Aloysius Lomas and Jack Higdon

Magi: Alastair Farrelly, Eli Porter Keeshan and Magnus Coleman

Drummer Boy: Felix Marsh

Other roles: Liam Goddard, Charlie Goddard and Ellie Goddard

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Celebrant: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Virginia Lindsay and Charles Nixon

Sidesperson: Kathi Racine

Servers: Yvonne Martel, Rebecca Laffin and Cathy Simons

Communion Ministers: Cathy Simons

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

217 First Avenue, Ottawa K1S 2G5
613 234-4024
admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca
www.stmatthewsottawa.ca