

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

First Sunday after Christmas



December 28, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: Addington

Shephard

Prelude: Pastorale

J.S.Bach

Processional Hymn: 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

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 God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gloria

Shephard

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,”
and he became their savior
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm 148

G. Johnston

A musical score in 6/8 time with a treble clef. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Heav-en and earth, praise the Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah!"

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gradual Hymn: 153 Good Christians, All, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Gospel Acclamation: 711

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3.15, 16

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two

years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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: 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Une Jeune Pucelle

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Shephard

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

Shephard

Communion Hymn: 71 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

Christe Redemptor Omnium

Solo: Noah Braganca, tenor

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

Antioch

Dismissal

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Postlude: In dir ist Freude

J.S.Bach

Thank you to Tom Annand, our organist this morning.

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	Jan 1		No service	
Sun	Jan 4	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun	Jan 4	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun	Jan 8	7:00pm		Week of Epiphany
Wed	Jan 11	4:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	The Baptism of the Lord
Wed	Jan 11	10:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	The Baptism of the Lord
Thu	Jan 15	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	
Sun	Jan 18	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany
Sun	Jan 18	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Tait

Reader: Mary Glen

10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Virginia Lindsay and Norm Lewis

Sidespersion: Kathi Racine

Servers: Rick Trites and Yvonne Martel

Readers: Bruce Miller and Vivian Messam

Communion Ministers: Paul Wefers-Bettink, Rick Trites, Cathy Simons and Elizabeth Kent

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Coffee Hour: Jane and Peter Rider

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 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

This Week, Please Pray For:

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

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well as:

- Staff at Ascension House, including the Diocesan Archivist
- Our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation
- 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
- Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa and The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaaff, The Reverend Canon Douglas Richards and Deacon Jarrett Carty

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, Franchesca, Peter, Susan, Liz, Stephanie, Mavis, Sally, Jim, Maureen, Diane, Sandra, Ryan, Sarah, 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 prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful life of **Michael Schreider** and for his wife Annmarie and his children James and Elizabeth
- we give prayers of thanksgiving for the long life of **Valerie Williams**, who died peacefully at the age of 96 on December 18, 2025 in Perth, and for sons Richard and John, their families and friends who mourn her death, may they know God's comfort and peace.
- we pray for those who mourn: the families of **Joan Walsh, Erika Bell and Herta Rohde**; the **Hickson** family.

We also pray:

- For Love, peace, joy and love.
- For peace in the world and for those living in war zones, that they may find peace, joy and love in their lives;
- For more acts of kindness;
- For those who are lonely, may they find friends

Announcements

New! Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on January 11th at noon following the 10:30am service. All are encouraged to attend.

2025 Tax Receipts: Any donations you would like included with your 2025 tax receipt, must be received no later than Dec. 31, 2025.

Church Calendars: I have 12 church calendars for sale in the office. There are \$10 each. Please contact the office if you would like one. 613-234-4024 or admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca

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.