

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Epiphany of the Lord



January 4, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Mathias

Prelude: Pastorale

K. Chapman

Processional Hymn: 160 As With Gladness Men of Old

Dix

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.

Gloria

Mathias

Collect of the Day

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

S. Ehey

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gradual Anthem: 147 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Ermuntre Dich

Gospel Acclamation: 708

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him *Matthew 2:2*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told

him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’’’ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Nicene 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: 159 Brightest and Best

Stella Orientis

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Mathias

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

Mathias

Communion Hymn: 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

Song 1

Anthem: Wie Schon leuchtet

harm. J. S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 158 Earth Has Many a Noble City

Stuttgart

Dismissal

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Postlude: Marche des Rois Mages

T. Dubois

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

- Gracious God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
- Our Diocesan Partners: Communion Forest and Compass Rose
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley
- The Parish of Huntley and The Reverend Bob Albert

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: Lois, Franchesca, Susan, Stephanie, Mavis, Jim, Maureen, Diane, Ryan, Sarah. Donna, Christa, Sandra and Teketia

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.

- 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.

Additional Prayer Support

During the Eucharist, members of the prayer team are available to pray for any particular needs or circumstances. Please join them near the small altar at the front of the church.

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.

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Leslie Jones

10:30am

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Greeters: Success Kehinde and Ian Guthrie

Sidesperson: Peter Fayne

Servers: Cathy Simons, Julia Adjogble and Owen Farrelly

Readers: Tom Martin and Elizabeth MacMillan

Communion Ministers: Peter Rider and Diane McCauley

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Coffee Hour: Judy and Tony Maxwell

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

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	Jan 8	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Epiphany
Sun	Jan 11	8:00am	Sung Holy Eucharist	The Baptism of the Lord
Sun	Jan 11	10:30am	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

Announcements

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.

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: bhallampice@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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