

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Family Service



January 25, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Mathias

Prelude: Fantaisie en do majeur

César Franck

Processional Hymn: 322, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Miles Lane

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gradual Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus love me! This I know,
For the bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.
See Matthew 4.23

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

At this time, the children of the parish are invited to the chancel steps to join in the Reflection.

Reflection: Dr. Sarah Keeshan

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: 430, Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Mathias

The Lord's Prayer: 744

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

Mathias

Communion Hymn: 52, O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

St. Flavian

Anthem: Panis Angelicus

C. Franck

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: 435, Take My Life, and Let It Be

Mozart

Dismissal

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Postlude: No. 2 from Four Sketches

R. Schumann

We would like to thank Thomas Annand, guest organist and choir director,
for his contributions to this morning's service.

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Reader: Mary Glen

Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30 am

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Greeters: Randi Goddard and Ruth Frayne

Sidesperson: Elaine Gordon

Servers: Cathy Simons, Julia Adjogble and Victor Laing

Reader: Elizabeth MacMillan

Communion Ministers: Peter Frayne, Ruth Frayne, Paul Wefers-Bettink and Rick Trites

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Altar Guild: Wendy Pullan, Cathy Simons, Robina Bulleid, Jane Oulton and Jane Coutts (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: Dr. 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

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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 Partner: International Women's Network in Canada (IAWN Canada)
- Staff at Ascension House, including the Diocesan Archivist
- Christ Church, Bells Corners and The Venerable Monique Stone

In our Parish: Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman and our Honorary Assistants: 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, Francesca, Susan, Dianne, Stephanie, Mavis, Maureen, Diane, Lydia, Ryan, Sarah, Dale, Christa, Teketia, Donna

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.

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	Jan 29	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany
Sun	Feb 1	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	4 th Sunday after Epiphany
Sun	Feb 1	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	4 th Sunday after Epiphany
Thu	Feb 5	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of 4 th Sunday after Epiphany
Sun	Feb 8	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	5 th Sunday after the Epiphany
Sun	Feb 8	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	5 th Sunday after the Epiphany
Thu	Feb 12	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of 5 th Sunday after Epiphany
Sun	Feb 15	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Transfiguration Sunday
Sun	Feb 15	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Transfiguration Sunday

Announcements

TODAY	Souper Sunday
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Souper Sunday: The first Souper Sunday of the new year will be held TODAY. Please join us for a bowl of delicious, warm soup and fellowship.

New! Marmalade:

Jars, jars, jars! The marmalade team needs your **1 cup (250 ml)** Mason or Bernardin canning jars for marmalade production. Clean jars and rings may be dropped off in the kitchen or brought to church by Sunday January 25, 2026 to be sorted and counted. Let's do our part to reuse these jars and save the planet.

Volunteers - Many hands make light work. We are still looking for volunteers to make marmalade. The tasks are varied and we will assign work that suits you. One day or a few days, please consider joining us. The start date will be sent out by email as soon as the oranges and lemons arrive; they are expected later this week! Let me know if there are particular tasks that interest you and I will make the best effort to give you a great opportunity. If you want to sign up for Marmalade notifications or to volunteer, please e-mail me at kracin2123@gmail.com.

Sale of Marmalade - The order forms for purchasing marmalade will be out next Sunday, January 25. Purchasing in advance helps us to plan our production and ensure that you can have a supply of delicious marmalade in your pantry or as gifts. This is one place where I need a couple of volunteers to help me with packing up the marmalade orders. Please get in touch if this opportunity interests you.

New! Talking Trash with City Staff: Did you know that the rules for blue box recycling have changed? Want to know more about what happens to your blue box waste? Staff members from Ottawa's waste management department will answer all your questions at the next bi-weekly Creation Matters meeting, online at 7:30pm, February 3. All are welcome. Email wknuttle@gmail.com to register.

Weekly Offering Envelopes: We have available for members of St Matthew's an annual set of weekly donation envelopes for your use. If you would like a set of donation envelopes, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church near the visitor's guestbook. Your boxed set of offering envelopes will be prepared and left for you to pick up at the back of the church later this month. Offering envelopes RENEWED from 2025 are now available at the back of the church. Please note: We ask that you cover the cost of your boxed set using the initial offering envelope in the box. The cost of envelopes this year is \$10. We invite you to support the ongoing ministry of St. Matthew's financially to allow us to do God's work with the resources you have trusted to us.

Church Calendars: I have 5 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.

Wednesday Bible Study: Rev. Geoff hosts a Bible Study over Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for one hour. You are invited to join the zoom call. The focus of the discussion will be the gospel reading for the upcoming week. Here's the link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86857758101?pwd=Ar7bDWxLTayrHzX4dkvEKOELfFbLBX.1> Meeting ID: 868 5775 8101 Passcode: 2zzVh5

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