

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Candlemas



February 1, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Rutter

Prelude: Fantasia chromatica

J.P. Sweelinck

The Presider greets the people with these words
Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who have created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: we humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Processional Hymn: 349, All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Old 100th

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

Rutter

Collect of the Day

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 84

Parry

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

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: 594, Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour

Rhuddlan

Gospel Acclamation: 711

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.

Luke 2.32

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms

and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon: Rev. 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: 439, Blest Are the Pure in Heart

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer: 744

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

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Communion Hymn: 79, To You, O Kindly Jesus Christ

Eisenach

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went

J. Eccard

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 379, Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall

Dismissal

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Postlude: Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

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 Katie Tate

Reader and Server: Cathy Simons

10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Marianne and David Bournes

Sidesperson: Peter Frayne

Servers: Rebecca Laffin, Rick Trites and Leslie Jones

Readers: Leslie Jones and Dawn Gregory

Communion Ministers: Janice Sonnen, Diane McCauley and Jim McCarthy

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

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

Coffee Hour: Pam Mackenzie and Elizabeth Kent

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

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Psalm 112: 1-9

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Matthew 5: 13-20

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

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: Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI)
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley
- The Parish of Kanata North and The Reverend Canon Dr. Jon Martin

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, Franchesca, Susan, Dianne, Stephanie, Mavis, Maureen, Lydia, Ian, Patrick, Dale, Christa, 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 **Clare Trussler**, who died on January 11, in Peterborough. May he rest in peace where there will be no sorrow or pain, and rise in glory. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for his wife **Shirley**, and children **Eric, Brian and Jane**, family and friends who mourn his loss.
- we give prayers of thanksgiving for the well-lived, faithful life of **Don Wilson**, who died on January 19, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for his wife, **Verna** and their children **Jeff, Paul, Judy** and granddaughter **Veronica**, their families and friends who mourn his loss.

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

Sun	Feb 1	4:00pm	Evensong
Thu	Feb 5	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 8	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 8	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist
Thu	Feb 12	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 15	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 15	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist
Thu	Feb 19	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 22	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist
Sun	Feb 22	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Feb 1, 4pm	Evensong
Feb 3, 7:30pm online	Creation Matters Meeting: Talking Trash

New! Evensong: The first Evensong of 2026 will be held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful, contemplative choral service followed by a reception.

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.

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 clip board 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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