

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



February 8, 2026

*The flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving and memory of family
and friends, from Karen Junke and Robert Slater*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Rutter

Prelude: Andante sostenuto (Symphonie gothique)

Ch-M. Widor

Processional Hymn: 537, In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Cross of Jesus

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

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.
You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

Psalm 112: 1-9

Alcock

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not

have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gradual Hymn: 480, Lord, Be Thy Word My Guide

Kingsland

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: Matthew 5: 13-20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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: 393, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Rutter

The Lord's Prayer: 744

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

Rutter

Communion Hymn: 54, Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Rendez A Dieu

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine

G. Fauré

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 431, Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Breslau

Postlude: Final (Symphonie II)*Charles-Marie Widor*

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 Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30 am

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Greeters: Gwyn and Bill Cornfield

Sidesperson: Randi Goddard

Servers: Cathy Simons, Victor Laing and Rick Trites

Readers: Randi Goddard and Mary Glen

Communion Ministers: Peter Rider, Pam Mackenzie, Elizabeth Kent and Leslie Jones

Prayers of the People: Jim Lynes

Altar Guild: Janice Sonnen, Ruth Frayne, Elizabeth MacMillan, Anastasia Iwuala and Jane Coutts (flowers)

Coffee Hour: Janet and Ben Tsang

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

Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Matthew 17: 1-9

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

- Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
- Our Diocesan Partner: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation
- Our Community Ministries:
 - Belong Ottawa: Centre 454; St Luke's Table; The Well/La Source
 - Centre 105 (Cornwall)
 - Cornerstone Housing for Women
 - Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre
 - Refugee Ministry Office
- Church of the Ascension, Ottawa and The Reverend Victoria Scott

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, Maureen, Lydia, Ian, Patrick, Dale, Christa, Teketia, Verna, Jeff, Paul, Judy, Veronica, Kelly and Will

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	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
Wed	Feb 18	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Ash Wednesday
Wed	Feb 18	7:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	Ash Wednesday
Thu	Feb 19	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Transfiguration Sunday
Sun	Feb 22	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	First Sunday in Lent
Sun	Feb 22	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	First Sunday in Lent
Thu	Feb 26	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Lent 1
Sun	Mar 1	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Second Sunday in Lent
Sun	Mar 1	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Second Sunday in Lent

Announcements

Tues, Feb 17, 5-6:30pm	Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday
Sat, Mar 7, 4pm	Potluck and Crokinole Tournament

New! Office Closure Monday: The office will be closed on Monday. Catherine will be out of town for a funeral.

New! Pancake Supper: Please plan to join us for the parish pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 17 from 5-6:30pm. The pancakes will be served with maple syrup, sausages and fruit.

New! GenXYZ: Are you a member of Gen X, Y, or Z? If you are, and would like to be included in emails regarding social events and outings, please contact Julia Lipinska at lipinskaj@rocketmail.com to be added to the email list. Thank you!

New! The Sunday School program for February is as follows:

Feb. 8: Godly Play - Faces of Easter (1-3)

Feb. 15: Godly Play - Exodus

Feb. 22: Family Service

New! Dinner and Crokinole Tournament: Mark your calendar, the Crokinole Tournament is back on Saturday, March 7th. There will be a potluck dinner before the Tournament for children, youth, families and the parish at large. More information to come. We will need 6-8 volunteers. Please contact Heather Sheehy or Denis Martel (denis_martel@rogers.com).

New! Parish Treasurer: We are currently looking for a parish treasurer. If you have a background in accounting and would like to join a dynamic and effective stewardship team taking on an important volunteer position, please reach out to our nominating committee (Janice Sonnen and Helen Griffin) or speak to our Stewardship Chair Charles Nixon or Rev. Geoff.

Marmalade 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 on 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.

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 4 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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