

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Second Sunday in Lent



March 1, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Merbecke

Prelude: Second Benedictus

A. Rowley

Processional Hymn: 347, The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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.

Kyrie 678

Merbecke

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

Tone VIII.3

Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Sung by Cantor

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gradual Hymn: 481, May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

Halton Holgate

Gospel Acclamation: 708

The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
John 3.14–15

The Holy Gospel: John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes

in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Apostles’ Creed *pg 189*

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution *pg 191*

The Peace *pg 192*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 468, To Abraham and Sarah *Thornbury*

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 *pg 193*

Sanctus and Benedictus 683 *Merbecke*

The Lord’s Prayer: 684 *Merbecke*

The Breaking of the Bread *pg 212*

The Communion *pg 213*

Agnus Dei 685

Merbecke

Communion Hymn: 76, Thee We Adore

Adoro Te

Anthem: Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains

F. Mendelssohn

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: 529, God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Michael

Dismissal

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Postlude: Prelude in C Major

J.S.Bach

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Tait

Server and Reader: Cathy Simons

10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Janice Sonnen

Sidesperson: David Bournes

Servers: Rick Trites, Owen Farrelly and Cathy Simons

Reader: Marianne Bournes

Communion Ministers: Peter Rider, Diane McCauley, Jim McCarthy and Cathy Simons

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Altar Guild: Robina Bulleid, Frances MacDonald, Jan Robar, Susan Morland, Jane Coutts and

Judy Billingsley (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

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

- Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill *them* with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that *they* may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and Bishop Michael Bird our diocesan administrator
- Our Diocesan Partners: Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley
- The Parish of Pakenham and all who minister there

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, Susan, Dianne, Lydia, Donna, Patrick, Kelly, Will, Martin, 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.

This morning we give thanksgiving for the faithful, well-lived life of **James Ian Sneddon**, who died to new life on January 22, may he rest in peace. We pray for God's peace and comfort for his loving family, especially **Val** (his wife), **Gregor** (his son) and **Amanda, William** and **Eliza**; family and friends in the time to come.

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	Mar 1	4:00pm	Evensong	
Thu	Mar 5	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Lent 2
Sun	Mar 8	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Third Sunday in Lent
Sun	Mar 8	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Third Sunday in Lent
Thu	Mar 12	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Lent 3
Sun	Mar 15	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sun	Mar 15	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Thu	Mar 19	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Lent 4
Sun	Mar 22	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sun	Mar 22	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Fifth Sunday in Lent

Announcements

Now to April 5	Lenten Food Drive
Sun, Mar 1, 11:30 am	Vestry Meeting
Sun, Mar 1, 4pm	Evensong
Sat, Mar 7, 6pm	Potluck and Crokinole Tournament

Vestry: The annual Vestry meeting will take place today following the Sunday service. All are welcome to attend.

Evensong: An Evensong service will be held today at 4pm. A reception will follow.

New! Pulse articles: The March issue of the Pulse of the Parish will be published on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Please submit your articles for the Pulse of the Parish newsletter by Thursday March 19, 2026 to Dawn Gregory via email to: collinsgregory1@hotmail.com.

New! Marmalade Project Update: I wish to extend a hearty thank you to everyone who participated in our marmalade project. From making to buying, we have achieved so much: community building, creating something with our own hands and helping our neighbours. We still have a few orders that are awaiting pick up. They will be available after the service on March 1 at the back of the church. If you need delivery, please let me know and it will be arranged. kracin2123@gmail.com or 613 220 9265. Kathi

New! Sale of Marmalade: Good news. We have an additional 200 jars of marmalade for sale. Small jars are \$10, large jars are \$18. There are several ways to purchase:

- After church – pay with cash or tap the tiptap machine upstairs
- In the office – Mon to Thu, 9am-12pm, pay with exact cash or credit card

- Call the office – 613-234-4024, if Catherine doesn't answer, leave a message and she'll call you back, pay by credit card and package will be prepared for pick up

New! Family Lenten Practice: The Work of Imagination Lenten Spiral - Families of all ages are invited to follow along with our Spiral Lenten practice this year. The illustrated spiral includes an activity or discussion for each of the 40 days of Lent to help us grow our Christian imagination. “This is the work of imagination: to envision a world remade by mercy, to trust that healing is possible even in the shadow of empire, and to practice love that outlasts despair. Lent calls us into this holy labour—not as a solitary act, but as a communal path toward transformation.” Paper copies (colour printed or black and white for colouring) will be distributed to Sunday School families during the Family Service and are available at the back of the church.

For March 1:

[Tuesday] While looking at a map, stretch your arms wide and say, “God’s love is bigger than borders.” Then, wrap your arms around your body and say, “And still close enough to hold every hurting heart.”

[Friday] Jesus teaches that God gives blessings to people the world often forgets. Who are some people or groups that are often overlooked today?

For March 8:

[Friday] The woman in this week’s scripture passage stood up for herself. Share a time when you stood up for yourself or a time you wish you had.

For March 15:

[Monday] Enjoy a shared meal, and reflect on leadership that feeds rather than takes. When have we felt protected or cared for by someone’s leadership? How can we practice that same care for others this week?

[Thursday] Gather, and speak kind, true words to each other. End by saying together, “We are known. We are loved. We belong.” Let joy grow from that love.

For March 22:

[Wednesday] Talk about things that try to claim your loyalty, like fitting in, being perfect, or staying quiet. Choose one small way to show your true allegiance to God.

For March 29:

[Monday] Share a meal together, and talk about humility. When have you seen kindness or gentleness make a difference? Give thanks for quiet courage and loving leadership.

Tax Receipts: 2025 tax receipts are now available. If St. Matthews has your email address, you should have already received your receipt in your inbox. If St. Matthew's does not have an email address for you, the receipt has been printed and is now available at the back of the church after the Sunday service. If your email copy did not arrive, please see Ian Marsh after church, or contact the office.

Potluck and Crokinole Tournament - March 7: We will gather at 6 pm and eat shortly after. Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, main course or dessert). To have a sense of numbers to organize the tournament, please let Heather Sheehy or Denis Martel know if you are planning to attend (denis_martel@rogers.com or heather_sheehy@rogers.com). Everyone is welcome. We are still looking for a few volunteers.

Lenten Study: This Lent we are reading and studying the book “Holy Living: The Christian tradition for today” by Rowan Williams. We have purchased 15 copies and they are available through Catherine at the office for \$24 or at Perfect Books under "St. Matthew's" for \$24. Hosted by Rev. Geoff on Zoom, we will meet at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm, starting Tuesday, February 24th until March 24th. This first week we will discuss Part 1, which includes the first three chapters. We will also send out a Zoom link over the e-blast. We hope to see you for this wonderful Lenten tradition! Geoff+
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86120041643?pwd=TVeT7vA0255vFWfwfYU4aNhbaaTDpX.1>

Vestry Report and Financial Statements for 2025: The reports from 2025 are now available on our website. Please review them prior to the Vestry meeting on March 1 following the service. <https://www.stmatthewsottawa.ca/files-reports-forms>

Lenten Food Drive – CCSAC / Centretown Food Centre: Our Lenten Food Drive will run from this Sunday through 5 April. During this Lenten season, we are invited to open our hearts and share what we have with others. Through the work of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC), we support the Centretown Food Centre, which serves neighbours in our community who are facing food insecurity. You are invited to participate by making a financial contribution or by donating non-perishable food items. Financial gifts allow the Food Centre to respond quickly and to purchase what is most needed. Every gift—large or small—helps nourish both body and spirit. We especially encourage monetary donations, as CCSAC is able to purchase food in bulk from wholesalers, making each contribution go further. If you donate by cheque, please write “CCSAC / Community Food Centre / Lenten Drive” in the memo line. If donating cash, please include a note indicating “CCSAC / Community Food Centre / Lenten Drive.” Thank you for sharing in the Lenten spirit of generosity, compassion, and care for one another. With warm thanks, Pam Mackenzie

Church Calendars: I have 2 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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