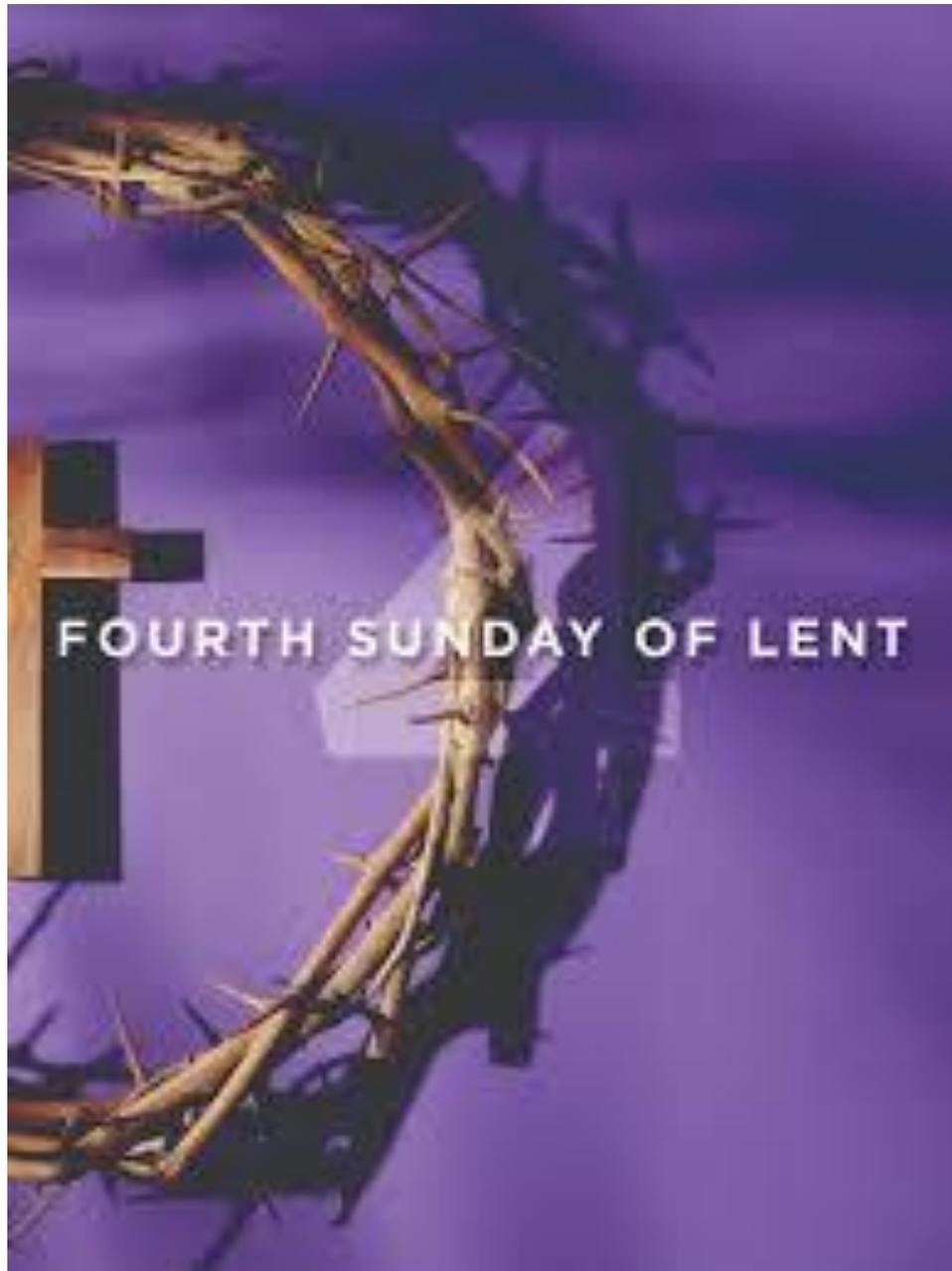


ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 15, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Merbecke

Prelude: Schmucke dich, o Liebe Seele

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn: 170, The Glory of These Forty Days

Erbalt uns, Herr

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, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; 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: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for

the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 - 519, The Lord’s My Shepherd

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Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Sung by Cantor

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Gradual Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

Gospel Acclamation: 708

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

John 8.12

The Holy Gospel: John 9: 1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But

they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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: 560, God, Whose Almighty Word

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

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Sanctus and Benedictus 683

Merbecke

The Lord's Prayer: 684

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei 685

Merbecke

Communion Hymn: 78, Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmucke Dich

Anthem: Call to Remembrance

R. Farrant

Prayer after Communion

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: 520, The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dominus Regit Me

Dismissal

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Postlude: Praeludium and Fugue in G

D. Buxtehude

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Server and Reader: Leslie Jones

10:30am

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Greeters: Vivian Messam

Sidesperson: Marg Terrett

Servers: Owen Farrelly, Yvonne Martel and Rick Trites

Reader: Sarah Birkett-Martin

Communion Ministers: Mary Glen, Ruth Frayne and Randi Goddard

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Altar Guild: Robina Wendy Pullan, Cathy Simons, Robina Bulleid, Jane Oulton, 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: Janice Messam

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Wendy Pullan and Frances Berkman

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

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 Partner: International Women's Network in Canada (IAWN Canada)
- The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation
- The Area Parish of South Carleton, St. John the Baptist, Richmond and The Reverend Allan Budzin
- 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, Maureen, Patrick, Kelly, Will, Martin, Donna, Mary, Gail, Millie and Barbara.

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.

Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8: 6-11
 John 11: 1-45

Liturgical Calendar

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
Thu	Mar 26	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Lent 5
Sun	Mar 29	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
Sun	Mar 29	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
Mon	Mar 30	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Tue	Mar 31	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Wed	Apr 1	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Thu	Apr 2	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Thu	Apr 2	7:00pm	Said Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
Fri	Apr 3	11:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Good Friday
Sat	Apr 4	8:00pm		Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 5	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Easter Sunday
Sun	Apr 5	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Easter Sunday

Announcements

Thu, March 26	Pulse articles due
Now to April 5	Lenten Food Drive

New! Talks by Gerry Pierson CSsR: The Wednesday 11 AM Christian Meditation Group meets weekly via Zoom. For the next few weeks we will be listening to talks about prayer by the profound teacher and colleague of John Main OSB. 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.

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.

Sunday School: The program for March is as follows:

March 8: Godly Play - Faces of Easter (1 to 6)

March 15: Godly Play - Baptism

March 22: Godly Play - Faces of Easter (1 to 7)

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

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

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 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.

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 1 church calendar 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+

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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

Live Stream: You can view the service on Sunday morning live at 10:30 or you can view a recording of the Sunday morning service at a later time. The link to the live stream is below.
[youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live)
The link to past live streams:
<https://www.youtube.com/@worshipatst.matthewsottawa4641>

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