

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 22, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Merbecke

Prelude: Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn: 442, Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Petersburg

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, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Psalm 130

Tone: IV 6

Second Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

Sung by cantor

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gradual Anthem: 649, Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Gospel Acclamation: 710

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11.25, 26*

The Holy Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this

world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in 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: 638, O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath

Veni Creator Spiritus

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

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Sanctus and Benedictus 683

Merbecke

The Lord's Prayer: 684

Merbecke

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei 685

Merbecke

Communion Hymn: 69, We Who Live by Sound and Symbol

Chartres

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart

P. Togni

Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 501, Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

Dismissal

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Postlude: No. 2 from Four Sketches

R. Schumann

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader: Mary Glen

Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: Success Kehinde and Ian Guthrie

Sidesperson: Elaine Gordon

Servers: Leslie Jones, Rebecca Laffin and Victor Laing

Reader: Bill Thurlow

Communion Ministers: Rick Trites, Cathy Simons and Janice Sonnen

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Altar Guild: Janice Sonnen, Ruth Frayne, Elizabeth MacMillan and Anastasis Iwuala

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 Korea

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

- 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: Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI)
- Staff at Ascension House, including the Diocesan Archivist
- St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa and The Reverend Canon Gary van der Meer

Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Lois, Susan, Maureen, Patrick, Kelly, Will, Martin, Mary, Gail, Millie, Celest, Catherine, Mallery, Barbara, Lee and Carole.

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

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalms 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Matthew 27: 11-54

Liturgical Calendar

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	Sung 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
Sun, March 29	Souper Sunday
Thu, April 2	Maundy Thursday Supper
Now to April 5	Lenten Food Drive

New! Souper Sunday: Palm Sunday will be a Souper Sunday hosted by the Community Committee. All are invited to gather in the church hall for a bowl of delicious, nourishing soup and lively fellowship. Please join us!

New! Maundy Thursday Parish Supper: Holy Week is fast approaching. Plan to enjoy the Parish Supper on Maundy Thursday before the service. The supper will begin at 5pm and we will finish serving at 6 pm so we can all get to the service at 7pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so we can get a rough idea of how many are coming. However, if you suddenly find you are able to attend you are very welcome. There will be enough for everyone. The meal is traditionally a simple meal as is appropriate to the season.

Talks by Gerry Pierse 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)

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 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. 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>

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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