

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Blessing of the Bicycles and Family Sunday



April 26, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Matbias

Prelude: Master Tallis's Testament

H. Howells

Processional Hymn: 378, Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

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 Book of Alternative Services, beginning on page 185,
and our hymnody is taken from the blue Common Praise hymnal.*

Blessing of the Bicycles

*All those with bicycles and other forms of active transportation are welcome
to bring these items forward to be blessed.*

Celebrant

All Loving and Eternal Lord,
grant your people grace to draw near to you.
O God, you have made us in your image
with hopes to create new things.
The roads we have and the vehicles we use
come to us through your vast creation.
We thank you for the resources used to create these bikes
and the invention of the human mind which designed them.
Today we gather to ask your blessing upon these your people,
and upon their bikes.
God bless these bikes and all who travel upon them,
May their gears be smooth, their brakes be strong,
Their tires puncture proof and blessed with a seat of comfort,
May each journey be fruitful and other road users hospitable.
As legs pump and heart rate rises
may your rider's health improve with every trip,
Creation thanks you for your clean honest transportation.
I bless you in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria

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Collect of the Day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm: 23

Bairstow

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gradual Anthem: 447, Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Blaenwern

Gospel Acclamation: 716

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.
John 10.14

The Holy Gospel: John 10: 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

At this time, the children of the parish are invited to the chancel steps to join in the Reflection.

Children’s Focus: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 242, This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God

Festival Canticle

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Matthias

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death,
 proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: 744

Rimsky-Korsakov

The Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei

Matthias

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: 76, Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Adoro Te

Anthem: The Lord is my Shepherd

H. Goodall

Owen Farrelly and Paul Lindsay, sopranos

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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

Dominus Regit Me

Dismissal

Postlude: Tuba Tube in D Major

C. S. Lang

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of my mum,
Jean Lipinski, who eagerly awaited the snowdrops every spring.
From her daughter Julia

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Tait

Reader and Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Ruth Frayne and Matthew Gregg

Sidesperson: Randi Goddard

Servers: Yvonne Martel, Rick Trites and Leslie Jones

Readers: Paul Lindsay and Hugo Honeywell-Dobbin

Communion Ministers: Mary Glen, Paul Wefers-Bettink, Leslie Jones and Elizabeth Kent

Prayers of the People: Debora Fleming

Altar Guild: Wendy Pullan, Cathy Simons, Robina Bulleid, Jane Oultan 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: Sarah Keeshan

Interim Director of Music: Barbara Hallam-Price

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Rector's Warden: Janice Messam

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Francis Berkman and Wendy Pullan

Readings for Next Week

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Kathryn, our Bishop-Elect; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Primate; as well as:

- Our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University
- Staff at Ascension House, including the Archives.
- St. Barnabas, Deep River and The Venerable Patrick Stephens
- Members of the Licensed Lay Readers' Association and their warden The Reverend Bob Albert.

In our Parish: Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman and our Honorary Assistants: The Most Reverend Barry Curtis, and the Reverend Katherine Tait.

Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Lois, Susan, Maureen, Kelly, Will, Martin, Mary, Gail, Millie, Celest, Catherine, Rachel, Mallery, Tom, Suzanne, Tim, Chuck, Ann, Frances, Jim, Lee, Mary Ann, Patrick and Beverley.

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 thanks for the long and faithful life of **Thelma Alice Connors**, who died to new life in her sleep on April 19 at the age of 90 years. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for **Reginald** (her husband), sister **Ruth**, daughters **Judy**, **Thelma**, **Ellen** and **Donna** and son, **Paul**; and her family and friends who mourn her loss.

We also give prayers of thanksgiving for the well-lived life of **Barbara Martin**, who died to new life on April 22 at the age of 98. Prayers for God's comfort and peace for her loving family and friends who mourn her loss.

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	Apr 30	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Easter 4
Sun	May 3	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	5 th Sunday of Easter
Sun	May 3	4:00pm	Evensong	
Sun	May 3	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	5 th Sunday of Easter
Thu	May 7	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Easter 5
Sun	May 10	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	6 th Sunday of Easter
Sun	May 10	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	6 th Sunday of Easter

Announcements

April 26, 10:30am	Blessing of the Bicycles
April 26	Family Service and Souper Sunday
May 2, 9:30 – 11:30am	Spring Outdoor Work Party
May 3, 11:30	Chapel Chat: Belong Ottawa
May 23	Great Glebe Garage Sale

Earth Day Celebration and Blessing of the Bicycles: Today, St. Matthew's will observe Earth Day at the 10:30am Family Service. One of the ways in which we celebrate our stewardship of the earth is by lowering our transportation carbon footprint. Bring your bicycles, bus passes, walking shoes, scooters and inline skates and join us for the "Blessing of the Bicycles". At the Souper Sunday lunch following the service and *hosted by the counters*, children will have the opportunity to fill small containers with suitable materials that birds can use to help build their nests. The children can then take these home, put them in places accessible to their local birds and watch the action.

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief: Today is the last day for donations. Funds raised are being put towards a humanitarian, non-military relief mission in May. Contributions are a not considered eligible for a tax receipt. Every bit helps those who need it. Thank you to many of you who contributed after last Sunday's service. You can read about the relief mission on our website. From the web menu under 'Get involved' select 'Community outreach' and scroll down to the bottom of the page under 'International Outreach,' where there is a document link ('Humanitarian trip to Ukraine'). See or contact Julia Lipinska at lipinskaj@rocketmail.com to make a donation, or contact the church office to find out how you can give.

New! Evensong: The next Evensong will be held on May 3 at 4pm. A reception will follow.

New! Spring Outdoor Work Party: We are seeking volunteers to come on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:30am to 11:30 am (latest) to help transition from winter to spring/summer for our outdoor needs. Some things go into storage and other things come out. Good work gloves are encouraged. Refreshments will be served. Contact Bill Nuttle if you can help: wknuttle@gmail.com

New! Meditation - Liz Watson - Images of Meditation: St. Matthew's Christian meditation group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11 AM via Zoom. For the next few weeks we will be listening to short, inspiring talks by Liz Watson, a spiritual teacher and retreat leader who discovered Christian Meditation over 30 years ago. 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 and view many opportunities to begin or deepen a practice, please visit <http://wccm.org/>

New! May 3 Chapel Chat: Belong Ottawa, a ministry of the Diocese of Ottawa will be giving a presentation following the 10:30 am service. Belong Ottawa offers programs and services through its three locations: St. Luke's Table, The Well and Centre 454. Please plan to stay to learn more about this charity, what they do, and the ways in which we can help our neighbours. *Belong Ottawa will be the parish's outreach focus in May. Stay tuned for details!*

New! Creation Matters: Show insects and pollinators your love! Hold off a little longer on raking your lawn and cleaning out your garden as we have not yet had 7 to 10 days where the temperature has consistently been above 10C. Raking too early in spring destroys the micro-environments needed by pollinators and beneficial insects to develop, shelter and emerge. Your garden and the insects thank you!

Great Glebe Garage Sale – Saturday May 23 Donations Wanted: The GGGS is one of St Matthew's major fundraisers. It is a wonderful community event and lots of fun with your fellow parishioners. 10% of our gross sales go to The Ottawa Food Bank. We need your donations and your help. A full listing of items that sell well is available on St. Matthew's website, www.stmatthewsottawa.ca, under Special Events. Please start putting items aside at home. You can bring the items to the church basement starting April 13th.

Great Glebe Garage Sale Help Wanted: The Front Lawn Sale, formerly the White Elephant Sale, needs some conveners. These people would be responsible for the overseeing of specific categories of donations on the day of the sale. Please see Marg Terrett if you would like to do this task. Also, we need sorters to go through the donations and organize them into categories. This helps our shoppers find items they want. We have scheduled sorting times on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12. Speak to Tom Martin if you want to join the fun. There will be laughter.

Consecration Invitation: The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God and will be seated as The Eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa at Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks Street, Ottawa on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Marmalade Sales: Our supply of marmalade continues to dwindle, and we have about 175 jars left. If you want to purchase marmalade, please contact Kathi Racine at kracin2123@gmail.com and she will arrange to have your marmalade available in the church office for pickup and payment. Prices are \$10 for a small jar, and \$18 for a large. Your on-going support is much appreciated.

The AGM of CCSAC (Centretown Churches Social Action Committee) will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks Street. Our guest speaker is Kaite Burkholder Harris, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

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+

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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