

# ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 3, 2026

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

*Rutter*

**Prelude:** Pastorale in E Major

*C. Franck*

**Processional Hymn:** 451, King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

*Hermon*

## 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.*

**Gloria**

*Rutter*

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 7: 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**Psalm:** 31: 1-5, 15,16

*Battisbill*

## **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Gradual Anthem:** 44, I Believe in God Almighty

*Arfon Major*

**Gospel Acclamation:** 710

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.  
*John 14.6*

**The Holy Gospel:** John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
*All* **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

## **The Peace**

# **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn:** 533, Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Aberystwyth*

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

## 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.**

*Rutter*

*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**

*Langdon*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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## **Agnus Dei**

*Rutter*

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:** 57, Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

*Song 1*

**Anthem:** Almighty and Everlasting God

*O. Gibbons*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Recessional Hymn:** 300, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Allegro molto from Sonata No. 6

*F. Mendelssohn*

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of  
Jacki Gordon's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 21, 2026  
from her friends at St. Matthew's

## **Worship Leaders & Volunteers**

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Leslie Jones

*10:30am*

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Greeters: Ian Guthrie and Anastasia Iwuala

Sidesperson: Norm Lewis

Servers: Victor Laing, Owen Farrelly and Cathy Simons

Readers: Dawn Gregory and Pam Mackenzie

Communion Ministers: Randi Goddard, Judith Maxwell, Mary Glen and Pam Mackenzie

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

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

Coffee Hour: Adelle and Dan Farrelly

The Rev. Geoff Chapman: 613-854-0643, [revgeoffchapman@stmatthewsottawa.ca](mailto: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

Parish Administrator: Catherine James McGuinty: 613-234-4024

Rector's Warden: Janice Messam

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Francis Berkman and Wendy Pullan

## **Readings for Next Week**

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm 66: 7-18

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

## **This Week, Please Pray For:**

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of North India (United)

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

- Our Diocesan Partner: International Anglican Women's Network of Canada (IAWN Canada)
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley
- St. Barnabas, Ottawa and The Reverend Canon George Kwari
- The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, its groups, and members.

**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, Kelly, Will, Martin, Mary, Gail, Millie, Celest, Catherine, Rachel, Mallery, Tom, Suzanne, Hagen, Tim, Chuck, Ann, Frances, Jim, Lee, Mary Ann, Patrick, James, Zoreh, Ewan, Sarah, Donna 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 prayers of thanksgiving for the long and faithful life of **Gerald Wheeler**, founding Director of Music and organist of the St. Matthew's Mens' and Boys' Choirs from 1956-1965. Gerald died on April 21, 2026, at the age of 97 in Deer Isle, Maine. Prayers for God's comfort and peace for his wife **Jean**, family and all whose lives he touched through his music.

<https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/gerald-wheeler-1093759495>

This morning we give prayers of thanksgiving for the baptism of **Teddy Goddard**, a little brother for **Jack**, son of **Chris** and **Yana Goddard** and grandson of **Randi** and **Michael**. Teddy was baptized on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville, Florida. May he grow in God's grace and love.

## Liturgical Calendar

Sun	May 3	4:00pm	Evensong	
Thu	May 7	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Easter 5
Sun	May 10	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun	May 10	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Thu	May 14	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Easter 6
Sun	May 17	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
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## Announcements

Today	Chapel Chat: Belong Ottawa
Today	Evensong
May 13, 7pm	Godly Play training
May 23	Great Glebe Garage Sale
May 28	Pulse articles due
June 7	Parish Council Meeting
June 14	Parish BBQ and last day of choir

**New! Custodian Needed:** St. Matthew's is seeking a part-time Church Custodian (approximately 13 hours per week) to help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our congregation and visitors. Responsibilities include cleaning and sanitizing all areas of the church, setting up spaces for services and events, and handling minor maintenance tasks. The role requires reliability, attention to detail, and the ability to work independently, with some flexibility for evenings and weekends. Previous custodial experience is helpful but not required. This important position supports our church's mission by ensuring our facilities are well cared for and ready for worship and community activities. If you are interested in the position, please send your resume to the office before May 14. [admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca](mailto:admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca)

**New! Godly Play Training - May 13 at 7pm:** If you are curious and would like to experiment in telling a Godly Play story, this is your chance. Participants will be provided material and scripts in advance and will be presenting to others in a group of three participants. Judson Bridgewater, a certified Godly Play trainer, will provide feedback to participants. He will also discuss the foundation of Godly Play. If you are interested, contact Denis Martel ([denis\\_martel@rogers.com](mailto:denis_martel@rogers.com)).

**New! Pulse of the Parish:** The June issue of the Pulse of the Parish will be published on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Please submit your articles for the Pulse of the Parish newsletter to Dawn Gregory by **Thursday, May 28**. Please send your articles to Dawn Gregory via email to: [collinsgregory1@hotmail.com](mailto:collinsgregory1@hotmail.com).

**New! May Outreach: Belong Ottawa:** During May we are supporting the **ongoing needs of Belong Ottawa**. All items are welcome throughout the month, but the list is broken down for your convenience and as a memory aid! Also, during May, we are collecting **clean plastic prescription pill bottles** of any size, with labels removed. These are used to provide smaller amounts of hygiene supplies to participants. Place items in the box at the back of the church. Please keep this charity, staff and participants in your prayers! Thank you!

**May 3:** deodorant

**May 10:** hygiene supplies of any size (soap, body wash, shampoo, sun block); no cosmetics

**May 17:** toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors

**May 24:** socks (all genders, all sizes)

**May 31:** underwear (all genders, all sizes)

**New! Multifaith Housing Initiative's Tulipathon:** On Sunday May 24, the Ottawa Multifaith Housing Initiative (MFI) will be holding its annual 3km walk-a-thon, the Tulipathon. Funds raised go to a rent subsidies account to help those with financial challenges pay their rent and stay housed. If you are interested in participating in and/or leading this walk at Commissionaires Park and raising money for MHI, please contact Outreach Chair, Julia Lipinska at [lipinskaj@rocketmail.com](mailto:lipinskaj@rocketmail.com).

**Chapel Chat Today:** 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!*

**Evensong Today:** The next Evensong will be held today at 4pm. A reception will follow.

**Thank you!** A heartfelt thank you to *everyone* who made contributions to St. Aidan's parishioners' **Ukrainian humanitarian relief mission** in May. Every donation was gratefully received. St. Matthew's generosity raised \$1200. Funds will help children at a school for deaf in Lviv as well as people living in the south and east whose ability to obtain basic living supplies has been made extremely difficult or impossible due to the invasion. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, and keep Phil Charko and Susan Burns-Simpson in your prayers on their mission.

**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](mailto: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/>

**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 and help wanted! The GGGS is one of St Matthew's major fundraisers. It is a wonderful community event and an opportunity to share fun with your fellow parishioners. Ten percent of our gross sales go to The Ottawa Food Bank. A full listing of items that sell well is available on St. Matthew's website, [www.stmatthewsottawa.ca](http://www.stmatthewsottawa.ca), under Special Events. Items that are especially popular include books, sports equipment, kitchenware, small appliances, toys, gardening items, silver and crystal. Please bring your donations to the church basement on Sunday or during office hours (9:00 to noon).

We need sorters to price donations and sort them into categories. This helps our shoppers find items that they want. We have scheduled sorting times on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to noon. If you are not at the Tuesday sort, please call the church office to confirm that there is still work to be done before coming on Wednesday. There will be laughter.

The Front Lawn Sale, formerly the White Elephant Sale, needs 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 volunteer for this task.

**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](mailto: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.

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