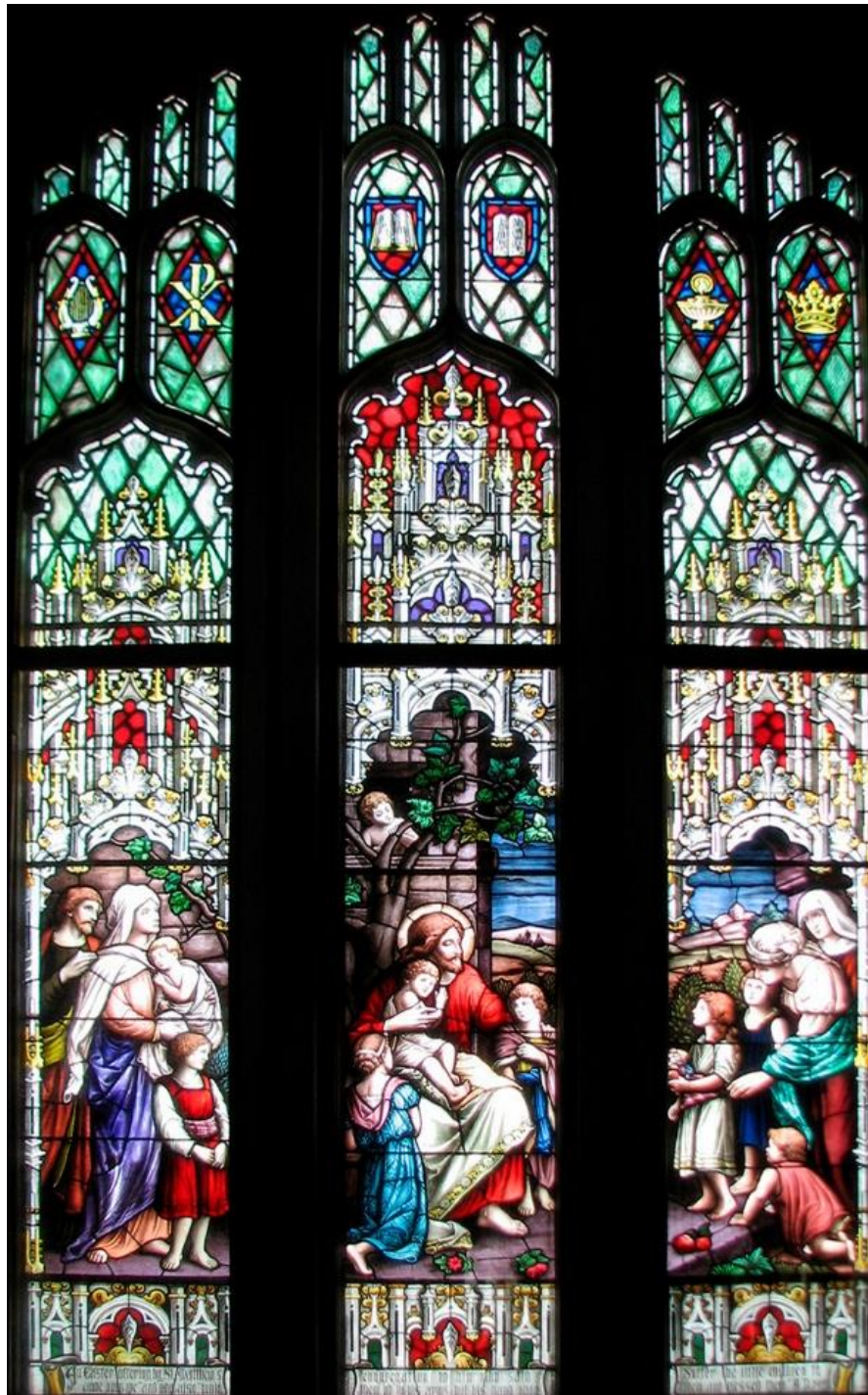


ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 10, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Rutter

Prelude: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

M. Reger

Processional Hymn: 527, How Firm a Foundation

St. Denio

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are

his offspring.’ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm: 66: 7-18

Stanford

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gradual Anthem: 425, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Gospel Acclamation: 710

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

See John 14.23

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me

will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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: 474, Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Warrington

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

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.
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: 64, Author of Life Divine

Rhosymedre

Anthem: Consider the Lilies

Emma Lou Diemer

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 645, Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

Dismissal

Postlude: Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader: Mary Glen

Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: Success Kehinde and Pam Mackenzie

Sidesperson: Ian Marsh

Servers: Rick Trites, Owen Farrelly and Rebecca Laffin

Readers: Leslie Jones and Heather Lewis

Communion Ministers: Peter Rider, Cathy Simons, Janice Sonnen and Rick Trites

Prayers of the People: Jim Lynes

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

Coffee Hour: Heather Sheehy and Denis Martel

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

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 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

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

Our Diocesan Partner: Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI)

Our Community Ministries:

- Belong Ottawa: Centre 454; St Luke's Table; The Well/La Source
- Centre 105 (Cornwall)
- Cornerstone Housing for Women
- Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre
- Refugee Ministry Office

The Parish of Mattawa, St. Alban's, Mattawa, St. Margaret's, Rutherglen and The Reverend David Shields 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.

Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Lois, Susan, Kelly, Will, Martin, Millie, Celest, Catherine, Rachel, Mallery, Tom, Suzanne, Hagen, Tim, Chuck, Ann, Frances, Tara, Jim, Lee, Mary Ann, Patrick, James, Zoreh, Maureen, Ewan, Sarah, Beverley, Newborn Jemma and her family.

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 well-lived, faithful life of **Neville Nankivell**, who died on May 3, 2026. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for his wife **Peggy**, sons **Will** and **Jeff**, family and all whose lives he touched.

Liturgical Calendar

Thu	May 14	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Ascension of the Lord
Sun	May 17	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	7 th Sunday of Easter
Sun	May 17	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	7 th Sunday of Easter
Thu	May 21	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Easter 7
Sun	May 24	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Day of Pentecost
Sun	May 24	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Day of Pentecost and Family Service
Sun	May 24	6:00pm	Special Evensong	

Announcements

May 13, 7pm	Godly Play training
May 17, 4pm	17 Voyces – Favourite Motets and Anthems
May 23	Great Glebe Garage Sale
May 24	Dress Up for Pentecost and Family Service
May 24, 6pm	Special Evensong with reception
May 25, 7:30pm	Music and Beyond presents Capella Regalis: Sea Songs and Sacred Anthems
May 28	Pulse articles due
May 31, 11:30am	Chapel Chat: Ways to Give
June 5, 7pm	St. Matthew's Choir – Requiem
June 7, 11:30am	Parish Council Meeting
June 7, 4pm	Evensong with reception
June 14	Parish BBQ and last day of choir

New! Office Closure: The office will be closed from May 14 to May 28. If you any announcements for May 21st, please forward them to Catherine before May 12. There will be no new announcements or eblast notifications while she is away.

New! Seventeen Voyces: Sunday, May 17 2026 at 4:00 pm at St. Matthew's Church. In our 2025–26 season finale, Seventeen Voyces will present some of our favourite motets and anthems spanning four centuries, accompanied by piano and organ. Tickets available through Seventeen Voyces' website.

New! Special Evensong: A Choral Evensong will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 6:00 pm at St. Matthew's. Capella Regalis choirs from Halifax, Nova Scotia, directed by Nick Halley, will join with St. Matthew's Choir to sing a special joint evensong. Music for Pentecost will include works by Harris, Howells and Tallis. Guest organist will be celebrated Canadian composer and organist, Paul Halley, who received his early music training as a chorister and assistant organist with 'The Men and Boys' Choir of St. Matthew's. All are welcome to attend. Free and open to the public.

New! Capella Regalis: Capella Regalis Choirs presents a rich and varied concert program of sacred and secular anthems featuring repertoire from their newest album 'Songs of the Sea' with choir, organ, piano and percussion. Expect a feast for the ears showcasing a Maritime-based choral ensemble performing a range of repertoire from Gregorian Chant to sea shanties. Bringing together sacred pieces of the choral canon with fresh arrangements of traditional folk songs from around the world by multi-Grammy Award-winning composer Paul Halley, this concert offers an exciting mix of music which is sure to delight! May 25, 7:30. Purchase tickets through Music and Beyond.

New! St. Matthew's Choir presents Requiem: On Friday, June 5 at 7:00 pm, St Matthew's choir will present a concert featuring Gabriel Faure's Requiem. This work set in seven movements, is scored for soprano and baritone soloists, choir and organ accompaniment. Several choral anthems by Stopford, Purcell and Parry will be presented. There will be an opportunity for all to join in singing some well-known and well-loved British hymns. Barbara Hallam-Price, director. Matthew Larkin, organ.

New! Special Parish Council Meeting: Please join us on June 7 at 11:30am for a Parish Council Meeting and presentation regarding the Centennial Capital Campaign. All are welcome.

New! Sunday School program is as follows:

- May 10: Knowing Jesus in a New Way (Godly Play)
- May 17: Parable of the Good Samaritan (Godly Play)
- May 24: Family Service (Pentecost)
- May 31: Prophet Jonas (Godly Play)
- June 7: Ark and the Flood (Godly Play)

New! Chapel Chat, Sunday May 31: The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Stewardship Resource Hub will be at St. Matthews to make a presentation on Legacy Giving at 12:00 in the chapel. Legacy gifts provide the Church with long-term financial sustainability, thereby supporting ministries, outreach and planning future growth. Legacy generally involves gifts often made through wills or estate plans. All are welcome to attend.

New! Multifaith Housing Initiative's Tulipathon: We will *not* be fielding a St. Matthew's team in MFI's walk-a-thon May 24. However, you can still support this organization's efforts to raise funds for rent subsidies by making a tax deductible donation at <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.html>.

New! Outreach: Thanks to those who joined our **Belong Ottawa** Chapel Chat last Sunday. It was an informative presentation with great questions and discussion! Some asked how they can financially support Belong Ottawa (comprised of The Well, Centre 454 and St. Luke's Table). This can be done in a couple of easy ways:

- Make a donation through Belong Ottawa's CanadaHelps page at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/144970>
- Write a cheque, with "Belong Ottawa" in the memo line, and put in the collection plate

Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support of this diocesan community ministry!

New! CCSAC Thank You: Heartfelt thanks to all the members of our church who so generously supported the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee through monetary gifts and food donations during our Lenten Appeal. Because of your kindness and

compassion, we were able to raise \$1,620 to help those in need in our community. Your generosity is a true reflection of the spirit of Lent and of caring for one another. Thank you for making a meaningful difference.

New! Dress Up for Pentecost: On Pentecost, people from every nation and culture came together in Jerusalem and were filled with the Holy Spirit. On May 24th we will be celebrating a Pentecost and a Family Service, and as a part of this day you are invited to dress up in something that reminds you of home. This could be a Leaf's hockey jersey, special colours, unique cultural attire or if you are from Ottawa perhaps some high school swag. This is meant to be a fun celebration of our parish comprised of folks from nations and cultures throughout the world. Join us this Pentecost as we remind ourselves of our beautiful diversity united through the Holy Spirit!

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.

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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).

May Outreach - Belong Ottawa: During May we are supporting the **ongoing needs of Belong Ottawa**. All items are welcome throughout the month. During this month we are also collecting **clean plastic prescription pill bottles** with labels removed. Please place items in the box at the back of the church. Thank you!

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)

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.

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/>

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, 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.

Marmalade Sales: Our supply of marmalade continues to dwindle, and we have about 150 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.

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