

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 17, 2026

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Neville Nankivell
from his many friends at St. Matthew's*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Rutter

Prelude: Two Chorale Preludes

H. Willan

Processional Hymn: 247, Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Ascension

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, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; 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 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were

staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm: 68: 1-10, 33-36

from Martin Luther

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn: 178, Restore in Us, O God

Bellwoods

Gospel Acclamation: 710

I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you.

John 14.18

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but

they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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: 377, To the Name of Our Salvation

Oriel

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our 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.
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: 65, Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

St. Columbia

Anthem: Ave verum corpus

E. Elgar

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 379, Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall

Dismissal

Postlude: Fugue in g minor

J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Server and Reader: Cathy Simons

10:30am

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Greeters: Success Kehinde and Norm Lewis

Sidesperson: Kathi Racine

Servers: Julia Adjogble, Rebecca Laffin and Leslie Jones

Readers: Paul Wefers Bettink and Bruce Miller

Communion Ministers: Catherine Thurlow, Paul Wefers-Bettink, Peter Frayne and Ruth Frayne

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Altar Guild: Robina Bulleid, Frances MacDonald, Jan Robar, Susan Morland and Judy

Billingsley (flowers)

Coffee Hour: Jane and Peter Rider

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 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 20: 19-23

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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

- Our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation
- The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation
- The Parish of Maberly-Lanark, St. Alban's, Maberly, St. Paul's, Lanark, St. Stephen's, Brooke and The Reverend Allan Gault

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, Tom, Suzanne, Hagen, Tim, Chuck, Ann, Tara, Jim, Lee, Mary Ann, Donna, Patrick, James, Zoreh, Maureen, Ewan, Sarah, Beverley, Pam and her daughters Jessica, Mallory & Stephanie, and for Peggy, Will and Jeff.

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 life of **George Morton Pike**, who died on May 11, 2026. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for his wife **Sue**, daughters **Sarah** and **Amy**, family and his many friends whose lives he touched.

Liturgical Calendar

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	
Thu	May 28	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost
Sun	May 31	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Sun	May 31	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday

Announcements

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! Plant Exchange - Sunday, May 31: The Creation Matters group is inviting all members of the parish to a Plant Giving Ceremony. How it works: people with perennials which they are splitting, will put the extras in pots and bring them to the church Sunday, May 31. People who would like a plant are to take one, plant it, nurture it, enjoy it and then perhaps in a few years pass some if it on another person. There are no strings attached except to care for the plants and share in the future. Plan your donations to the Plant Giving Ceremony. Bring them to the 10.30 service May 31. For more information contact Marg Terrett (mterrett@sympatico.ca).

New! Parish Council Meeting: Sunday, June 7 - There will be a meeting of Parish Council following the 10:30 service on Sunday, 7 June. This meeting will provide an update on-going work on the building, including results of the heating system feasibility study and progress on the Centennial Campaign, along with other business. All are welcome to attend.

New! Great Glebe Garage Sale – Saturday May 23: Donations and help wanted! The GGS 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 things that sell well is available on St. Matthew's website, www.stmatthewsottawa.ca, under *Events*. Items that are especially popular include **sports equipment, tools, and camping gear**. Please bring your donations to the church basement on Sunday or during office hours (9:00 to noon).

We still need sorters during the coming week to price donations and sort them into categories. This helps our shoppers find items that they want. Scheduled sorting times are Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning from 10:00 to noon. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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)

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.

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>.

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!

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/>

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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