

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 13, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting

Mathias

Prelude: Allegro Moderato from Sonata no. 1 E flat Major BWV 525

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn: 438, O Jesus, I have Promised

Wolvercote

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*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.*

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria

Mathias

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Psalm: 114

Tonus Peregrinus

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or

sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Gradual Hymn: 487, Where Charity and Love Prevail

Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Plainsong

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 13.34

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon: Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

The Apostles’ Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 400, What Wondrous Love is This

Wondrous Love

The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Matthias

The Lord's Prayer

Langdon

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: 649, Breathe on me, Breath of God

Trentham

Anthem: Behold, The Tabernacle of God

William H. Harris

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 567, Eternal Father - Strong to Save

Melita

Dismissal

Postlude: Paean

Herbert Howells

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Server and Reader: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: Shouresh Assimi and Elaine Gordon

Sidesperson: Elaine Gordon

Servers: Rick Trites, Victor Laing and Cathy Simons

Readers: Julia Adjogble and Mary Glen

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Communion Ministers: Leslie Jones, Elizabeth Kent, Pam Mackenzie and Cathy Simons

Altar Guild: Janice Sonnen, Dale McKenzie, Ruth Frayne, Elizabeth MacMillan, Anastasia

Iwuala and Judy Billingsley (flowers)

Coffee Hour: Peter and Jane Rider

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Honorary Assistants: The Most Rev. Barry Curtis, The Rev. Katherine (Katie) Tait

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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

Exodus 16: 2-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Phillipians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16

The flowers on the altar are given by Darina Griffin in loving memory of her father.

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

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

Our Diocesan Partner: International Anglican Women's Network in Canada (IAWN Canada)
The Parish of St. Helen's, Orleans and The Venerable Rhonda Waters and The Reverend James Duckett

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: Susan, Suzanne, Chuck, Hagen, Catherine, Louise, Dale, Peter, Franchesca, Marissa, Kelly, Will, Barbara, Donna, Becky, Tom, Debbie, Lucy, Martin, Dougal, Lisa and Georgeta 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 week we pray especially for the families of Frederick Gault, Susan Thomson and Connie Hodgson.

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday	Sept 17	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 16
Sunday	Sept 20	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	17 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	Sept 20	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	17 th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday	Sept 24	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 17
Sunday	Sept 27	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	St. Matthew's Day
Sunday	Sept 27	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	St. Matthew's Day
Thursday	Oct 1	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 18
Sunday	Oct 4	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	19 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	Oct 4	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	19 th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

New! Creation Matters: Tuesday, September 15, 7:30pm - The Creation Matters group at St. Matthews resumes our regular online meetings next Tuesday. Creation Matters meets regularly to share knowledge and experience on how to live more lightly on the Earth. In our first meeting returning from the summer break, we will take a look at the Church of England's new guide to environmental stewardship, "Hope for All Creation." Send an email to wknutt@gmail.com to join our mailing list and receive an invite to the Zoom meetings.

New! September Outreach: Cornerstone: During September we are collecting *only specific items currently needed* at Cornerstone Housing for Women, an Anglican Community Ministry. Cornerstone provides shelter, basic needs and supportive services to women and gender-diverse individuals in our community. Cornerstone is in need of:

- bath towels *only* (new or gently used; clean, no holes, rips or stains)
- underwear (XL to 4XL are currently requested)
- soap bars, body wash, deodorant
- gift cards for small amounts to grocery stores and coffee shops

These are the only items we are collecting. Might you consider purchasing Canadian products? Please place in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Julia Lipinska, Outreach Chair, with any questions: lipinskaj@rocketmail.com.

New! Belong Ottawa Ride for Refuge: On Saturday, October 3, Belong Ottawa will be participating in the Ride for Refuge, with funds raised supporting the programming and needs its Centre 454 community ministry. You can read more about the ride, register to ride or volunteer, or make a donation at Belong Ottawa's Ride for Refuge web page. Note St. Aidan's Elmvale Acres is acting as the lead for Belong Ottawa, so don't be confused when you see "Ottawa Elmvale Acres" on this page – you have found the right place!

New! August Outreach wrap: Thank you for your monetary and food donations during August Outreach for the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC)'s Centretown Community Food Centre. \$545 was raised, not including monies donated the last Sunday of August! This money will help feed neighbours who are living with food insecurity.

New! Have you read and considered signing this petition regarding Centre 454?: Centre 454 is relocating as a result of long-term planning with the City. Currently the relocation date is January 2027. No new location has yet been found. Closures of nearby consumption and treatment service sites have increased pressure on the City's health and social service system. As a result, Belong Ottawa has asked the City to extend the transition timeline. If you wish to learn more about the reasons for this request and sign a petition supporting the extension, you can do so at: <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy>.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council meeting on September 20 at 11:30am following the service. Committee chairs will provide updates on their respective areas, followed by an opportunity for discussion. A light lunch will be served. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Calling all Walkers: Walk for the Centre is Sunday afternoon October 4, 1:30- 4:00 pm in support of Centretown Community Food Centre. Choose your Walk 2 or 4 km on the scenic Rideau Canal pathway meeting and ending at 100 Main St., Canadian Martyrs church. There will be a Silent Auction and the Son's of Scotland piper band leading our Walk in an afternoon of fundraising fun. Full details and online donations www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon

John Main OSB: St. Matthew's Christian Meditation group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11 AM via Zoom. For the next few weeks we are returning to the teachings of our founder with the series of talks entitled *One with Christ through Jesus*. 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/>

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