

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Family Service



September 27, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting

Matbias

Prelude: Meditation on Ar Hyd Nos

Processional Hymn: 388, Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

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.*

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.**

Honouring the Four Directions:

The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation;

To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;

To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others;

To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour gold for the morning star;

To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly;

To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility;

To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour black, still and quiet;

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful;
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North:
To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness;
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;
To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look:
To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,
Come to us, Great Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be

standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Psalm: 78: 1-4, 12-16 BCP

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Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gradual Hymn: 431, Take up your Cross, the Saviour Said

Breslau

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Plainsong

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

John 10.27

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

When he arrived at the lodge, the head holy men were waiting for him. They and the ruling elders of the people came to him. “By what right do you do these things?” they challenged. “Who gave you this right?” “First you must answer one question from me,” he challenged back, “and then I will tell you what gives me the right. The purification ceremony performed by Gift of Goodwill (John), was it from the spirit-world above, or did it come from human beings?” They put their heads together and talked it over. “If we say it is from the spirit-world above, he will say to us, ‘why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say it is from human beings, we fear what this crowd would do, for they are sure Gift of Goodwill (John) was a prophet.” So they answered him, “We do not know.” “So then,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to them, “neither will I tell you what gives me the right to do these things.” “How do you

see it?” he asked them. “A man with two sons came to one of his sons and said, ‘Son will you work in my vineyard today?’ at first the son told him ‘No’ but later changed his mind and went to work. “Then the man went to his other son and asked him the same. He told is father, ‘Yes, I will,’ but never went.” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) looked right at the spiritual leaders and asked, “Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?” They said to him, “The first one.”

Homily and Children’s Focus: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

At this time, the children of the parish are invited to the chancel steps to join in the Children’s Focus.

The Apostles’ Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Presider Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask it to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

Presider Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: For The Fruit of All Creation CP 259

Ar Hyd Nos

The Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

***Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

Surrounded now by saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever, may we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **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: 361, Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Ecce, Deus

Anthem: The King Shall Rejoice

G. F. Handel

Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 536, Singing Songs of Expectation

Holy Manna

Dismissal

Postlude: Final from Sonata no. 1

A. Guilmant

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

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Greeters: David and Marianne Bournes

Sidesperson: Peter Frayne

Servers: Rebecca Laffin, Rick Trites and Julia Adjogble

Readers: Debora Fleming and Andrew Campbell

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

Communion Ministers: Cathy Simons, Rick Trites, Paul Wefers-Bettink and Mary Glen

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

Billingsley (flowers)

Coffee Hour: Karen Junke and Ashley Thorvaldson

The Rev. Geoff Chapman: 613-854-0643, revgeoffchapman@stmatthewsottawa.ca

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

Director of Music: Owen Spicer

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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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

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

- Staff at Ascension House, including the Archives
- Our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope, Anglican Foundation
- St. Matthew's, Ottawa and The Reverend Geoff Chapman

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, Bill, Louise, Dale, Peter, Franchesca, Marissa, Kelly, Will, Barbara, James, Donna, Becky, Tom, Debbie, Lucy, Dougal, Lisa, Tyler and Hoda.

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.

Liturgical Calendar

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	Blessing of the Animals
Thursday	Oct 8	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 19
Sunday	Oct 11	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	20 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	Oct 11	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	20 th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday	Oct 15	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 20
Sunday	Oct 18	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	21 st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	Oct 18	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	21 st Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Sat, Oct 3	Ride for Refuge
Sun, Oct 4	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Oct 4	Walk for the Centre
Sun, Oct 18, 12:20pm	Poet's Corner
Sun, Oct 25	Souper Sunday and Family Sunday

New! Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 4, during the 10:30am service, will be our annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry loved one to church to receive a special blessing.

New! Thanksgiving Flowers: If you would like to make a Thanksgiving flower dedication, please contact the office prior to Wednesday, Oct. 7.

New! Crabapple Jelly Sale: Crabapple Jelly goes on sale this Sunday. “Refreshing”, “Tart” and “Delicious!” These are just a few accolades heaped upon Creation Matters' celebration of harvest time. Proceeds are used to assure clean water for First Nations communities. The cost is \$10 for a 250 ml jar. Your friends and family will love it.

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!

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

Poet's Corner: Poetry is the oldest form of storytelling. In its oral tradition, using meters, rhythm, rhyme, and repetition to remember, people shared histories, laws, religious rituals, traditions and ways of doing things such as planting, cooking, hunting.

Some individuals at St. Matthews would like to start a Poets' Corner. This new initiative is to rediscover the power of poetry. Interested individuals are welcome to listen, read, share and/or read their own poems in the chapel from 12:30 to 2:30 on **Sunday, Oct.18** after the 10:30 service. Bring a bag lunch. Everyone is welcome to participate whether to listen, to read their favourite poems, or share/read their own original poems. Feel free to invite

poets/readers in the parish who you think would enjoy participating. For this event we would like to focus on poems about faith; what it means to live in faith; how we experience faith; how faith impacts our lives.

To have a sense of how many may be joining us, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church under the label POETS' CORNER, on Sunday, Oct.4.

Sunday School: Classes resumed on September 13. We are using the Godly Play program again this year. The Fall will focus on the Old Testament stories (Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David) and the Apostle Paul. The schedule is:

Sept 13: The Great Family
Sept 20: Ten Best Ways
Sept 27: Family Service
October 4: Ark and the Tent
October 11: Saul Changes
October 18: Ark and the Temple
October 25: Family Service

Bring in your plastic cutlery from home: Plastic cutlery is problematic on many fronts. Among them, it is: difficult to recycle, degrades in harmful ways, takes centuries to break down and is made from petroleum products. Yet it ends up in our kitchen drawers so easily and often! We can make a difference. Using just a couple of the R's in the [many recycling Rs](#), we can refuse it when offered. For the plastic cutlery we already have, we can re-use it. We can keep a couple of items in our bag or knapsack when we go out for convenient re-use.

And another way: from now until Thanksgiving (inclusive), Creation Matters and St. Matthew's Outreach are asking you for the plastic cutlery currently cluttering up your kitchen drawers. It is being collected for [Highjinx](#), a local community hub where they -- and fellow neighbours -- help neighbours who are economically challenged. Here, neighbours who need it can have a meal or pick up some food to take home, or with them if underhoused. Keeping cutlery can be a challenge for some. Highjinx will take what we collect to give out when needed.

Please do not purchase new plastic or any other cutlery for this purpose! We are collecting only what is currently excess in your home at this time. Place in the labelled container at the back of the church. Thank you for helping others!

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.

Please consider participating in Centre 454's letter campaign: 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 letter supporting the extension, you can do so at: <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy>. Over **1130** people have already signed!

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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