

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Blessing of the Animals



October 4, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting:

Mathias

Prelude: The Swan (Carnival of the Animals)

Camille Saint - Saëns

Processional Hymn: 425, Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn To Joy

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 have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their
teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. Then God spoke all these words, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

Psalm: 19

Atkins BCP

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Hymn: 423, How Great Thou Art

Beach Spring

Gospel Acclamation: 708

Plainsong

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and
bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15.16*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

The Apostles’ Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Blessing of the Animals

All those who have come with their pets, please bring them forward at this time. If your pet is shy or frightened, ask one of the clergy to come to your pet. Pictures, stuffies and tokens are also welcome.

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 393, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Matthias

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: 630, You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Christus Paradox

Anthem: Psalm 150

Bob Chilcott

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Recessional Hymn: 355, All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Dismissal

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Leslie Jones

10:30am

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Greeters: Matthew Gregg and Anastasia Iwuala

Sidesperson: Randi Goddard

Servers: Victor Laing, Owen Farrelly and Cathy Simons

Readers: Sarah Birkett-Martin and Dawn Gregory

Prayers of the People: Bruce Miller

Communion Ministers: Judy Maxwell, Peter Rider, Cathy Simons and Janice Sonnen

Altar Guild: Wendy Pullan, Cathy Simons, Robina Bulleid, Jane Oulton and Judy Billingsley and Jane Coutts(flowers)

Coffee Hour: Daphne Ducharme and Raymond LeBlanc

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

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People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Francis Berkman and Wendy Pullan

Readings for Next Week

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 17: 11-19

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley
- Our Diocesan Partners: Communion Forest and Compass Rose
- St. Barnabas, Ottawa and The Reverend Canon George Kwari

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, Pierre-Alain.

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.

We give prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful, well-lived life of Bill Thurlow who died to new life on Thursday October 1st. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may God give comfort and peace to all who mourn especially Catherine his wife and their children and grandchildren.

This morning we give prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Beatty, who died following a car accident last week. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for all who mourn, especially his bride, Nabiha, parents Julia and Perrin and his many friends and family.

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday	Oct 4	4:00pm	Evensong	
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
Thursday	Oct 22	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 21
Sunday	Oct 25	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	Oct 25	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Sun, Oct 4, 4pm	Evensong with Reception
Sun, Oct 18, 12:20pm	Poet's Corner
Sun, Oct 25	Souper Sunday and Family Sunday

New! Evensong: Evensong on October 4th will celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis**, patron saint of animals and the natural world. The service features John Rutter's setting of "For the Beauty of the Earth." English poet Folliot S. Pierpont wrote the text. Pierpont is said to have written the hymn while sitting at the top of a hill, admiring the countryside view surrounding the city of Bath, England and the winding Avon River. The choir will sing Herbert Sumsion's evening service in A, and Bernard Rose sets the Preces and responses. Join us for this contemplative and moving service in St Matthew's beautiful sanctuary, featuring our wonderful choir and esteemed guest organist, Matthew Larkin.

New! Thanksgiving Letters: Please pick up your Thanksgiving letter at the back of the church.

New! Sunday School: The early Fall will focus on Godly Play stories of the Old Testament (Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David) and the Apostle Paul. The schedule is as follows:

October 4: Creation

October 11: Ark and the Tent

October 18: Saul Changes

October 25: Family Service- Godly Play: Prophet Jonah November 1: Paul's letters

November 8: Ark and the Temple

New! Conversation: The Most Rev. Barry Curtis will host a one-time conversation session on Sunday, October 25, 2026 from 9 am to 10 am in the Parish Hall. The topic will be the Book of Jonah with its theme of God's universal mercy and compassion. This will be a prelude to the Godly Play story of the Prophet Jonah that will be told during the Intergenerational (Family) Service at 10:30 am that day.

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

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.

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.

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!

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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