

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15:5*

Welcome to St Matthew's

St. Matthew's is a vibrant Christian community that welcomes everyone, embraces inspiring worship and learning, and is committed to hospitality and loving service.

*We gather on the traditional territory
of the Algonquin Nation*

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn: 60, I Come With Joy

Land of Rest

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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

And also with you.

Almighty God, **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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was

passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 24-30

For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and

those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Gradual Hymn: 481, May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

Halton Holgate

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord.
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God whose wisdom made us,
to the Son who set us free,
To the sanctifying Spirit,
Glory, endless glory, be!

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Geoff Chapman

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism, as we say:

**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 Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional: 425, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Postlude: Lo, the Winter Is Past

Marcel Dupré

Announcements

New! Covid Vaccination Information: Here is some useful information to assist in registering for an appointment when your cohort and neighbourhood become eligible.

1. Ontario Covid Vaccine Booking Portal: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
2. Telephone number to call for an appointment: 1-888-999-6488 or 1-833-943-3900
3. Pharmacies are requesting, if you booked more than one AstraZenica shot, that you cancel the appointments that you booked and did not use by calling the pharmacy itself. In this way, unused appointments and doses will not be wasted since the pharmacy would be able to contact people on their waiting list.

New! Spring into Green: It's never too late to Spring Into Green. Send your Reduce, Reuse, recycle ideas to greeneststmatthews@gmail.com. All submissions will be included in our comprehensive list of how we can become the greenest parish ever.

Here are some ideas for Gardeners.

- Use cardboard type egg cartons to start seeds. They can be planted right into the garden when it's time.
- Make seed starting containers with strips of newspaper. Wrap the paper around a juice glass leaving a little overhang at the base. Press the overhang to the bottom of the glass and presto, you have a seed starting container.
- To water your larger planters: cut the bottom off a plastic bottle, place the narrow end of the bottle into the soil and use the open part as a reservoir into which you pour the water.

Groundskeepers Volunteers Needed: We are looking for parishioners willing to help with groundskeeping tasks on an as-needed basis through the summer and fall. All necessary equipment and supplies will be provided by the Church. To volunteer, please contact the St. Matthew's church office (admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca) or Ian Glen (glenian71@gmail.com or 613 233 1538).

Gardening Volunteers Needed: With Spring here, at last, the gardens around St. Matthews church will be planted in the next couple of weeks, and the Gardening Team is looking for volunteers to both prepare and plant then tend and maintain the gardens throughout the summer and fall. You will need to bring your own masks, gloves, secateurs, weeders, bucket and trowels. To volunteer, please contact the St. Matthew's church office (admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca) or Mary Glen (mary_glen@outlook.com or 613 233 1538).

Conversations on Zoom: "God's Science Fiction - Reading the Book of Revelation," led by Kevin Flynn. Over the next weeks, Conversations will be studying the book of Revelation, one of the more difficult books of the Bible to understand and appreciate. Rather than leave the interpretation of Revelation to cranks and charlatans, we will engage it as a work of high imagination and symbolic density. On Sunday, April 11, we will be joined by Professor Andrea Spatafora, a New Testament scholar from Saint Paul University, who will provide an overview of the book. We would be delighted to have you join us this Sunday. All are welcome, and no registration is required. To receive the background material and the Zoom link for the gathering, please contact Janice Sonnen: janice.sonnen@bell.net or phone her at 613-709-1209.

Office Email Address: The office is transitioning to a new email address. It is: admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca. The old email address will continue to work however, we would like everyone to begin using the new one. Both emails will now show up in your inbox as: St. Matthews. If you have any questions please speak with the office.

Zoom Coffee Hour: The Zoom Coffee Hour will take place from 11:00 am to 11:45 am on Sunday morning. Please feel free to drop in whenever you wish. Please follow the link below or enter the meeting ID into your zoom app to participate. Everyone is welcome.
<https://zoom.us/j/9274494655?pwd=SDg0enV1VXVGTzhDN0E3Q0JxU0lkdz09> Meeting ID: 927 449 4655 Password: 8qTqYJ

Monday Meditation Group: The Monday Meditation Group meets Mondays at 7:15 pm via Zoom. For the link please email: Fr. Kevin at kevinwflynn@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Study: Fr. Kevin Flynn (who is Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church in Alymer at the moment) and Rev. Geoff will be hosting a Bible Study over Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for one hour. Both parishes are invited to join the zoom call. The focus of the discussion will be the gospel reading for the upcoming week. Here's the link:
<https://zoom.us/j/9274494655?pwd=SDg0enV1VXVGTzhDN0E3Q0JxU0lkdz09> Meeting ID: 927 449 4655 Password: 8qTqYJ

Wednesday Meditation Group: The Wednesday Meditation Group meets on Zoom at 11:15 am each week. Please contact Sue Rayner at: m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca to learn more and to receive a Zoom invitation.

Join us for Morning Prayer: We are recording Morning Prayer as a parish. You can find these prayers Monday to Friday mornings on Facebook and YouTube. If you are interested in taking part in what we call the "Daily Office," please contact Catherine at stmatthewanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca. **We need volunteers.**
<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsottawa>
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g

Sunday Morning Homily podcast: The Sunday morning sermons are available for you to listen to in audio form. They will be available on the Sunday morning of the service. We have a back catalogue of sermons to the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Access the Homily podcast through <https://stmatthewsintheglebe.podbean.com/> or search for "St. Matthew's Ottawa" on Apple podcasts.

Giving During This Difficult Time: We would like to thank you very much for your givings last year. They were much appreciated especially given that 2020 was not a normal year! We are starting a new year in a lock down situation which means that you have fewer ways of giving than usual. The easiest way to give is through PAR (Pre-authorized Giving). You could also send a cheque by mail to the office or contribute online through Canada Helps. Any contribution is welcome as your circumstances permit. Bless you.
How to join PAR?: Go to St. Matthew's website: www.stmatthewsottawa.ca and scroll to the bottom of the page to 'Useful links'. To ask questions, or receive a paper copy of the form, please email Brian Effer at StMattGlebePAR@gmail.com

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