

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023



If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *See John 14:23*

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

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.*

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in the Lydian Mode

Jan Bender

Processional Hymn: 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

Heathlands

Celebrant We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the
Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

All **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

Glory to God

Dacey

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love your riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to

inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm 66: 7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gradual Hymn: 222 All Shall Be Well

Song 46

Gospel Acclamation: 709

Victory

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

The Apostle's 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

A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People

The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn:

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -
3. When you heard the won - der of the word, I was there to cheer you on; you were
5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no long - er young. I'll be
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -



joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well, in a
4. If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be



blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

People Amen

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
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.**

Dacey

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

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,

and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hackett

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

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Dacey

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 celebrant and people then receive communion.

When receiving communion, if you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest, placing your hands on your shoulders.

If you wish to receive gluten free wafers, please extend one hand outward.

If you wish to receive the bread but not the wine, after consuming the bread, please touch the base of the chalice as you hear the words of invitation.

Communion Hymn: 80 We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

St. Christopher

Anthem: The Lamb

Robert F. Jones

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do you will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Slane

Dismissal

Celebrant This service has ended, but your service has just begun.
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Happy the Home Where God Is There

Alice Jordan

Musical Notes: The hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* has become a favourite in many denominations. Although it is often used as a baptismal hymn, it really follows the life journey of a Christian from the viewpoint of either God or of a parent.

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Reader: Wendy Pullan

Server: Wendy Pullan

10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Virginia Lindsay and Tony Maxwell

Sidesperson: Denis Martel

Servers: Patrick Martin and Cathy Simons

Readers: Leslie Jones and Lisa Sheehy

Communion Ministers: Peter Frayne and Judy Maxwell

Prayers of the People: Catherine Thurlow

Prayer Support: Katie Tait and Katherine Wallace

Altar Guild: Jane Oulton, Wendy Pullan, Robina Bulleid, Cathy Simons and

Judy Billingsley (flowers)

Coffee Hour: Heather Sheehy and Denis Martel

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

Director of Music: Dr. Robert Hall

Parish Administrator: Catherine James McGuinty: 613-234-4024

Rector's Warden: Jim Lynes

People's Warden: Denis Martel

Deputy Wardens: Debora Fleming and Charles Nixon

This Week, for Pastoral Emergencies please contact Rev. Geoff Chapman at 613-854-0643

Readings for Next Week

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

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

John 17: 1-11

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; 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; Church of the Ascension, Ottawa and the Reverend Victoria Scott; Julian of Norwich, the Reverend Monique Stone and Deacon Elizabeth
December

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: Michael, Denise, Jeannie, Fiona, Josephine, Dick, James, Philip, Gracie, George, Vince, Ainslie, Bob, Kathy, John, Florence, Richard, Darrin, Baby Mira

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 thanks for the all too short life of **Nicholas Chenier, aged 20** who died in an accident on May 5, 2023, and for his parents Jennifer and Dan, brother Michael and all who mourn his loss including his best friend, Callum.

We also give prayers of thanksgiving for the well-lived life of Elizabeth Graham-Smith, who died on May 2 at the age of 90 and for her daughters Claire and Jane and their families, who mourn her loss.

Announcements

Sunday	May 14, 9:00am	Conversations resumes
Saturday	May 20, 10-12:30am	Plant your Salad Garden
Sunday	June 4, 4pm	Evensong with Reception

New! Conversations resumes: Under the leadership of Archbishop Barry Curtis our Sunday morning series, “Conversations,” resumes on Zoom May 14 & 21 and, after a pause on May 28 for Pentecost, resumes in-person (only) in the parish hall from June 4-25. This series is titled, “Stop, Look and Listen: Taking a Fresh Look.” Conversations is a 50-minute discussion group led by Archbishop Barry Curtis based on a wide range of readings about topics related to faith. Using biblical texts, poems, prose passages and the free exchange of ideas and perceptions, we seek to reflect on our journey as followers of Jesus in our contemporary world. All are welcome to join the conversation at any time, and no registration is required. If you would like to receive the week’s background material and/or the Zoom link for the first 2 sessions, please contact Janice Sonnen: janice.sonnen@bell.net or phone/text her at 613-709-1209.

Creation Matters: Plant your own salad garden. Come to the church on Saturday, May 20, 10 am to 12:30 pm, to plant your very own salad garden. Containers, soil and seeds will be provided. You plant the seeds. Take it home to your porch, balcony, or garden. Watch it grow, and enjoy eating lettuce, radishes and other tasty treats that you grow. Details and sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/plant-your-salad-garden-tickets-630294928097>

Prayer Support: Two members of the Prayer Support Team are ready to pray with and for you on Sunday during the at the 10.30 service in the west transept. Prayers for any need or occasion, for freedom from sickness, upcoming surgery, nearing death, job loss, upcoming exams, etc. to thanksgiving for a new baby, a new house, an upcoming marriage and anything that you might would like to bring before God. All are welcome. This is a completely confidential ministry.

High School Volunteer Hours Opportunity: St. Matthew’s is seeking youth volunteers to assist with the following: spring cleaning tasks, work on set up and take down at the Great Glebe Garage Sale, and some grounds care over the spring/summer. If you or any of your friends want more information, please send an email to Ian Glen at glenian71@gmail.com or to the church office at admin@stmatthewsottawa.ca

Wanted Sustainability Coordinator: We are looking for a volunteer for 4 hours per week to help St. Matthew’s achieve green church certification in 2023. You will document and report on actions taken by the Creation Matters and other groups and committees. Contact wknutt@gmail.com.

Wednesday Bible Study: Rev. Geoff will be hosting a Bible Study over Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for one hour. Everyone is 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

Online Sunday Service: St. Matthews is live streaming our Sunday Worship Service. The link to this service is:
https://youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live
You can watch it live or view it at a later date.

Wednesday 11 AM Meditation Group: For those who wish to attend in-person we meet in the chapel *and* on Zoom on the last Wednesday of each month. Otherwise, we meet on Zoom only. For more information, and/or to receive a Zoom invitation please call Sue Rayner 613-558-7899 or email me at m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca.

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