



**ST. MATTHIAS'  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WESTMOUNT, QC**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> , 2022**

**Anniversary  
Service**

St. Matthias', our spiritual home, is located in the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee & Anishinaabeg.



St Matthias, notre foyer spirituel, se trouve sur le territoire ancestral des Haudenosaunee et des Anishinaabeg.

## From the Bishop

Dear Members of St. Matthias' Church,

It is a delight to be able to celebrate this Anniversary with you. Your origins as a mission of St. George's, Place du Canada, which, in today's language we would call a 'church plant' provide a clue into how churches flourish—by reaching out into the community around them and by sharing the gifts with which you have been blessed. On your 25th and 50th anniversaries, you helped to build two other St. Matthias' Churches, in Cecil Lake, BC (Diocese of Caledonia) and in Igloolik, Nunavut (Diocese of the Arctic). In response to a need you founded the first Meals on Wheels program in Montreal, and provided a model of best practices for others to use. Your ministry of music and your training of assistant curates have been a blessing to the Diocese of Montreal. Through beautiful and thoughtful liturgy, worship, study and engagement in mission, you are growing a modern vibrant Christian community in Christ's image.

Every blessing to you all as you go faithfully forward.

+Mary Irwin-Gibson,  
Bishop of Montréal

## From the Rector

I am honoured to have been asked to write this brief note for this auspicious moment in the life of our parish. I extend to you all my heartfelt best wishes and prayers as we celebrate this wonderful anniversary together.

I can remember seeing St. Matthias' for the first time many years ago - a beautiful grey building nestled into the side of a hill. Many years later I returned, having answered a call to serve as priest of this parish. Over my years here I have come to know this parish well, the building and its people, and though much can be said about the beauty of the building, this parish's true beauty rests with its people and always will. It might be said that a parish's history, which we are celebrating today, is nothing less than a weaving together of stories of the parish's people, in our case stories that extend back 150 years. These stories connect us with the original parishioners and everyone in between, for they speak of hopes and dreams, pain and faith, prayers and support sought, prayers answered and support given, and a deep yearning for God.

Happy Anniversary, fellow Matthians, and may our Lord continue to bless this community.

- Rev. Patrick Wheeler

## From the Wardens

As Wardens, we have the privilege of seeing so much of the behind-the-scenes work that makes 150 years of worship and witness possible. We are so blessed as a community to count amongst us those who care for our building and its grounds, those who prepare for services and beautify our space, musicians and readers, prayer-leaders and outreach-builders, makers of coffee and tea, liturgical consultants, technical consultants, bookkeepers, bulletin-distributors, preachers and question-askers. Whether St. Matthias' has been your family church for generations or you are a newcomer, we thank God that you are with us as we celebrate our past and look to our future together.

- Jessica Stilwell, Rector's Warden
- Heather Barwick, People's Warden
- Helen Meredith, Deputy Rector's Warden
- Cameron Piper, Deputy People's Warden

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The children's chapel in the South Transept is open for children who would like to colour or read during the service.

Welcome to St. Matthias'!  
Our service today is laid out in this bulletin,  
including hymns.

*The Congregation stands for the hymns*  
*Portions printed in **bold** text are said by the Congregation*  
*Portions printed in **bold italic** text are sung by the Congregation*

***Face masks are available at the church entrances,  
should you choose to wear one.***

***If you would like to use a kneeler during the service,  
please feel free to take one from underneath the side pews  
on the north side of the church.  
Please return it after the service has finished***



*We welcome our Bishop, the Rt. Rev Mary Irwin-Gibson*

## The Gathering of the Community

### The Sentence

You have not chosen me, I have chosen you, says the Lord. Go and bear fruit that will last.

Processional Hymn 300 v. 1,3,4,5.

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and  
hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud  
and honour to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one, one in might and  
one in glory, while unending ages run.*

### The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you!  
May he fill our hearts with joy!

Gloria

*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 on 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 the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Parish

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.

*Psalm 84:1-4*

## Welcome

### At the Font

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who here pass through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our

Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Hymn 498 v.1)

*How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts, to me!  
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be;  
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.*

#### At the Lectern

Almighty God, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of holy scripture. Here we have read of your mighty acts and purposes in history, and here we have learned about those whom you have chosen to be agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

(Hymn 498 v.2)

*Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how  
happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,  
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.*

#### At the Pulpit

Almighty God, in every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers. We give you thanks that over the years we have heard you speak to us through the preaching of your word in this place. Grant that those who preach in this place may proclaim the crucified and risen Christ and interpret your word with sensitivity and insight, that we may hear that word inwardly and respond to it in all our life. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

**Amen.**

(Hymn 498 v.3)

*They who go through desert vale will find it filled with springs,  
and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings  
with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.*

### At the Altar

Almighty God, this table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom. Grant that in these mysteries we may continue to be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

(Hymn 498 v.4)

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and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings  
with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.*

### Première lecture du livres des Actes

Paul, debout au milieu de l'Aréopage, dit: «Athéniens, je vous trouve à tout point de vue extrêmement religieux. En effet, en parcourant votre ville et en examinant les objets de votre culte, j'ai même découvert un autel avec cette inscription: 'A un dieu inconnu'! Celui que vous révèrez sans le connaître, c'est celui que je vous annonce. Le Dieu qui a fait le monde et tout ce qui s'y trouve est le Seigneur du ciel et de la terre, et il n'habite pas dans des temples faits par la main de l'homme. Il n'est pas servi par des mains humaines, comme s'il avait besoin de quoi que ce soit, lui qui donne à tous la vie, le souffle et toute chose. Il a fait en sorte que tous les peuples, issus d'un seul homme, habitent sur toute la surface de la terre, et il a déterminé la durée des temps et les limites de leur lieu d'habitation. Il a



voulu qu'ils cherchent le Seigneur et qu'ils s'efforcent de le trouver en tâtonnant, bien qu'il ne soit pas loin de chacun de nous. En effet, c'est en lui que nous avons la vie, le mouvement et l'être, comme l'ont aussi dit quelques-uns de vos poètes: 'Nous sommes aussi de sa race.' Ainsi donc, puisque nous sommes de la race de Dieu, nous ne devons pas croire que la divinité ressemble à de l'or, à de l'argent ou à de la pierre, sculptés par l'art et l'imagination de l'être humain. Sans tenir compte des temps d'ignorance, Dieu annonce maintenant à tous les êtres humains, partout où ils se trouvent, qu'ils doivent changer d'attitude, parce qu'il a fixé un jour où il jugera le monde avec justice par l'homme qu'il a désigné. Il en a donné à tous une preuve certaine en le ressuscitant.» *Actes 17:22-31*

Ecoutez ce que l'Esprit dit à l'Eglise.

**Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

Psalm 100

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell;  
come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are his folk, He doth us feed,  
and for His sheep He doth us take.*

*Oh, enter, then, His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always.  
For it is seemly so to do.*

*(Choir only)*

*For why? The Lord, our God, is good;  
His mercy is forever sure.*

*His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.*

***To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.  
Amen.***

Second Reading from Peter's Epistle

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 defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, 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 people, 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. *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (*pecially written for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Matthias' Church composed by members of the Parish past and present.*)

*The pathway in the wilderness  
in to a city grew  
and those who built that city  
lived a faith both old and new.  
The new that gave them courage  
for their work; their hopes sustained:  
the old that drew them back to God  
in St. Matthias' name.*

*Matthias took a daring chance  
in choosing to become  
a member of the fellowship  
that Jesus Christ had called  
to follow his path in a world  
where wealth and pow'r reign,  
to walk together in the hope  
God's city to attain.*

*This world is still a wilderness;  
our challenge, new and old:  
To follow in the steps of Christ  
whatever life may hold.  
Whatever chance has brought us here  
by choice we will remain;  
To share the good news of God's love  
in St. Matthias' name.*

The Gospel

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

‘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 for ever. 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.’

*John 14:15-21*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Trumpet Fanfare

Sermon The Rev. William Blizzard

### Confirmation

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope.  
Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.  
When you search for me, you will find me;  
if you seek me with all your heart,  
I will let you find me, says the Lord..

*Jeremiah 29:11-14*

Hymn 645

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Presentation & Examination

*The presenters say to the bishop*

I present Daniel Justin Livio Hodge-Masnagheti for confirmation.

*The bishop asks Daniel to renew his baptismal commitment*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Daniel responds:* I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Daniel responds:* I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Daniel responds:* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

*The bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Daniel in his life in Christ?

**We will.**

### Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The bishop lays her hand upon Daniel and says*



Defend, O Lord, your servant Daniel with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom.

**Amen.**

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*The service continues*

### Intercessory Prayers

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people

**That we may reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it

**That we may care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours

**That we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit

**That they may know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion

**That we may be strengthened as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father, into your hands we commend them

**Give comfort to those who mourn.**

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for Matthias and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory

**May their example encourage and inspire us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: We thank you for these hundred and fifty years you have given us

**That you have called us to be your hands and feet.**

Walk beside us now as we step into the future

**That we may trust in your great care for us.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you

**Grant that we may continue to walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### Confession & Absolution

We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing  
and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of  
baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We  
confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We  
have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us  
for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the fellowship of  
his table with his saints for ever.

**Amen.**

### The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were  
far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### The Eucharist

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

*Jeremiah 29:11-14*

Offertory Hymn 374 v. 1,3,4,5.

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

Offertory Anthem *Wie Lieblich Sind Deine Wohnungen* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen  
Herr Zebaoth!  
meine Seele verlanget und sehnet sich  
nach den Vorhöfen des Herren;*

*Mein Leib und Seele frenet sich  
in dem lebendigen Gott.  
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,  
die loben dich immerdar.*

*How lovely are your dwelling places,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the Lord.  
my heart and body cry out  
to the living God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in your house:  
they shall praise you continually.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Father, receive our offering of praise this day, and when our faith is weak, show us the light of your truth, that we may continue in the way of righteousness, following the example of your servant Matthias, as revealed to him and to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Eucharist of Thanksgiving and Praise

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift your hearts to heaven.

**Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in

all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. And in the cross your saints have hoped and dared. It is their boast and glory, the light within them and within Matthias for whom we praise you. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

Sanctus and Benedictus      *Spatzen Messe - KV220 (Sparrow Mass) W.A. Mozart*  
(1756-1791)

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth*  
*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*  
*Hosanna in excelsis.*  
*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*  
*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,*  
*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The Congregation may sit or remain standing*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He

gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*Spatzen Messe - KV220 (Sparrow Mass)*

*W.A. Mozart*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The Communion bread and wine are available today,  
although you may choose to receive the bread only.*

*Please do not intinct (dip) your bread.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

### Communion Hymn #67 (Common Praise - Canada)

***God of all time, all seasons of our living,  
source of our spark, protector of our flame,***



*blazing before our birth, beyond our dying—  
God of all time, we come to sing your name.*

*Here in this place, where others have been building,  
we come to claim the legacy of faith;  
take, in our turn, the telling of your story;  
and, though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.*

*Spirit, who draws our fragile selves together;  
Spirit, who turns a stranger to a friend:  
be at the table where we greet each other;  
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.*

*Let us not die from poverty of caring;  
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.  
Come, break us open to receive your healing;  
your broken body be our wine and bread.*

Communion Anthem *Gloria (1<sup>st</sup> mvnt.)*

*John Rutter (b.1945)*

### Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Concluding Hymn #320 (*Common Praise - Canada*)

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain: alleluia!*

*Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises: alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
forebears in faith and prophets blest:  
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O friends, in gladness let us sing  
supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!*

*To God the Father, God the Son,*

*and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### The Call

Peter said, ‘So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.      *Acts 1:21-26*

### The Blessing and Dismissal

### Trumpet Fanfare

Symphony No. 3 (excerpt)

*C. Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)*



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***Trumpet***

*Alexis Basque*

*Henri Ferland*

*Aura West*

*Charles-Antoine Solis*

***Tympani***

*Philip Hornsey*

***Quartet***

*Catherine Brunelle – Soprano*

*Christine Harel – Alto*

*Chris Donlevy – Tenor*

*Michael Haslam - Bass*

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*Thank you for joining us in worship at St. Matthias'!*

*Worship takes almost 2500 volunteer hours and \$95,000 each year, and involves almost all of the committees of the church.*

*We depend on the financial and volunteering contributions of members and visitors to continue providing worship services throughout the year.*

*Our philosophy of hospitality means we do not pass collection plates during the service, although they are available at both entrances of the church, and electronic giving is available on our website ([st-matthias.ca/donate](http://st-matthias.ca/donate)).*

*Thank you for your support!*

## A Brief History: 1873-2023

In April 1873, the Cote St. Antoine mission of St. George's Church held its first service in the small front room of a member of the church's Young Men's Christian Association. In the 150 years that have followed, St. Matthias', as the mission became known, has been many different shapes and sizes, but it has always been a place that many, many people could call home.

Today, in a building built between 1910 and 1913, on land gifted to the church in 1875, our congregation steps into the next 150 years with a strong sense of who we are and where we are called to go. What does a 150-year-old congregation look like?

We worship with a vibrant diversity of ancient and contemporary liturgies, enhanced by carefully chosen and beautifully led music and offering both in-person and remote participation options. We devote nearly 2500 volunteer hours each year to preparing for, leading, welcoming into, and cleaning up from worship!

Our community outreach follows Christ's example in considering the needs of the communities in which we find ourselves, giving of our time, our resources, and the many talents of our parishioners; we support 9 community organisations directly, make our space available to community groups, and host the oldest Meals on Wheels program in Quebec.

Fellowship is an important part of our life together, and we take great pride in welcoming all to socialise, share, and grow in community with each other. Whether in weekly coffee hours, summertime pub theology, or special events in the life of the church, Matthians love to enjoy each other's company!

All members of St. Matthias' have the opportunity to participate in Christian education; whether in the Sunday School or in special study series throughout the year, we believe that growing into deeper knowledge of our faith and our tradition is part of our identity. Our quarterly family services provide opportunities for all members of St. Matthias', regardless of age, to come together in worship.

We also take great care to do our best to beautify our spaces, maintain and support our aging infrastructure, and to care for even the smallest parts of our home, from kneelers to candle holders. Working together is one of the ways we offer worship to God and care to each other. In an average year, St. Matthias' sees almost 150 volunteers give over 6,000 hours; hears 80 anthems and motets offered by our choir; and consumes 200 cobs of corn, 1500 communion wafers, and countless cups of coffee and tea.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate where we have been, who we are now, and what God is calling us to become.

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