



# St. Matthew's Anglican Church



"We are called to share God's love, as we welcome and care for our community"

## Address:

St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
1600 Norfolk St.  
Windsor, Ontario  
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## Sunday Services

8:30 am said of Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

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## Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10th, 2023



**Curate:** The Reverend Gilles Haché

**Deacon:** The Reverend Catherine  
MacKendrick

**Deacon:** The Reverend Glenda Fisher

**Pastoral Musician:** Michael Ricketts

**Prelude:** Veni Emmanuel (R. Haan)

**Processional:** On Jordan's Bank  
Blue Book #103

**Please Note: Free-offerings may be placed in the collection plate  
at the rear of the church.**

**Words of Welcome and Land  
Acknowledgement**

“With gratitude for all stewards of the land, past, present and future, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew’s community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa – keepers of the faith; the Odawa – keepers of trade; and the Potawatomie – keepers of the fire.”

***The Gathering of the Community***

Green Book p.185

**Collect of the Day**

***The Proclamation of the Word***

**First Reading** ..... ISAIAH 40:1-11

**Psalm: 85:8-13** ..... Green Book p.819

**Second Reading** ..... 2 PETER 3:8-15a

**The Gospel** ..... MARK 1:1-8

**Homily**

**Anthem:** A Shoot Shall Come Forth (R. Horn)

**The Apostles Creed** ..... Green Book p.189

**Prayers of the People**

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

**Confession and Absolution** ... Green Book p.191

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** Every Valley

Glory & Praise #14

***Collect of  
the Day***

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen!**

***In Our Prayers***

**THE DIOCESE:**

We hold in our prayers  
the people and clergy  
of:

**St. Andrew’s,**

Muncey

**Zion,**

Oneida

**Trinity,**

Port Burwell

**Christ Church,**

Port Stanley

Prayer Over

The Gifts

God our strength,  
we are nothing  
without you. Receive  
all we offer you this  
day as you sustain us  
with your mercy; in  
the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord  
**Amen!**

Prayer After  
Communion

Faithful God, we  
thank you for feeding  
us with this heavenly  
banquet. Help us  
always to hear the  
prophet’s call to turn  
our hearts to you;  
in the name of Jesus  
Christ the Lord  
**Amen!**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Eucharistic Prayer 3** ..... Green Book p. 198

**The Lord’s Prayer** ..... Green Book p. 211

**The Breaking of the Bread 2** ... Green Book p. 212

**Presider:** We break this bread to share  
in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God**

*\* Please indicate if you require a gluten-free communion wafer*

**Communion Procession:** God Shall Gather In

(G. Huck, T. Alonso)

**Prayer After Communion**

**Doxology** ..... Green Book p.214

**Parish Announcements**

**Recessional:** Herald Sound the Note of Judgement  
Blue Book #111

**Postlude:** On Jordan's Bank (D. Cherwien)

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**Welcome visitors** – we are blessed you are with us.

Please let us know how we can serve you.

If you desire, there are “Visitor’s Envelopes”  
on the table in the narthex/foyer

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary Are Given to the Glory of God**  
and as dedicated by our St. Matthew’s Families

### **Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:**

**Cantors:** Beth Felet

**Lectors:** Alisa Yednoroz, Mary Bromley

**Intercessor:** Jean Muhleisen

**Communion Ministers:** Louise Davies, Bill McAdam

**Sidespersons:** Melissa Bratt, Gail Henderson

**Collection Supervisor:** Mark Goldspink

**Church Nurse (by appointment):** Mary Louise Drake

**Fellowship Hour:** Advent Soup Luncheon

**Marlborough Breakfast Programme: Cooks:** Audrey & Mark Goldspink, Dianne Iannicello. **Muffins:** Ann Hucal

### ***Reflection for the Week-***

The desert, this empty place, without connection, frightening most often, fascinating sometimes, as if to better get lost there. Because the desert is without a traced path, without landmarks, a place of wandering. The people of Israel wandered there for 40 years, experiencing every possible doubt. The Gospel of Mark presents the coming of Jesus among us as a great novelty: "Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus, Christ, Son of God". Immediately afterwards, John the Baptist enters the scene, inviting conversion and announcing the coming of the Lord. The Word of this Sunday leads us towards the one we are waiting for, who comes to trace in our hearts a route towards our brothers and sisters, through all the deserts of our time: deserts of solitude, of incomprehension, of despair, desert spiritual... With him, we can still hope. Like John, we are all called to the desert. We are called to set aside moments away from noise and put ourselves in a state that promotes the receptivity of the heart. God comes to meet us. He knocks at our door, and he expects a free and loving response from us. Be vigilant and take the time this week to prepare our hearts for the one who comes.

Blessings, Fr. Gilles+

## **Community Announcements**

**The Children's Aid Society's Adopt-A-Family program** - The tree in the narthex had ornaments with the requested items, and all were picked. Please bring your gift and ornament back and deposit them in the boxes beside the tree. All gifts are to be *unwrapped* so that the parents can do this themselves. Feel free to include wrapping paper, tape, and tags. **Please have all gifts back to the church TODAY December 10**, as they need to be sent on their way to the CAS by the 13. Let's help give this family a memorable Christmas!

**From Our Chancel Guild – Everyone is invited to participate in the hanging of the greens, on December 17 at the 10 am service.** Due to increasing prices, **Weekly Flowers** are now \$50 for two bouquets in the Sanctuary, and \$40 for one bouquet by the organ. Please write your dedication and name(s) in the book in the narthex, where you will find envelopes; take one envelope, fill out, include your donation (cash only), and place in the collection plate during services, at least one week before your date. Thank you!

**Outreach Ministries** – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, our Food Cupboard, the Marlborough Nutrition Programme, and the ministry to the Southwest Detention Centre.

### **Special Services This Season:**

**Third Sunday of Advent** - Dec 17, at: 8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (Hanging of the greens).

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** - Dec 24, at: 8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (with choir).

**Christmas Eve** – Sunday, Dec 24, at: 4:00pm and 7:00pm (Candlelight)

**Christmas Day** – Monday, Dec 25, at 10:00am

**First Sunday After Christmas** - Dec 31, at: 8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (with choir).

**The Feast of the Epiphany** - Friday, Jan 5, 2024, at 6:00pm, followed by a Community Dinner in the church hall, hosted by Rev'd Gilles and Denis Authier.

*A Prayer for Peace in the World:*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and  
guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for  
the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go  
forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(Occasional Prayer 28. FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD, BCP 2019) AMEN**

*Next Sunday's Readings (Advent III)*

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11 LUKE 1:47-55 (Song of Mary)  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28