



# 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

The Rev'd Gilles Haché is  
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## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17th, 2023



**Curate:** The Reverend Gilles Haché

**Deacon:** The Reverend Catherine  
MacKendrick

**Deacon:** The Reverend Glenda Fisher

**Pastoral Musician:** Michael Ricketts

"With gratitude for all stewards of the land, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomic."

Prelude: Prepare the Way, O Zion  
(J. Mansfield)

Processional: Prepare the Way, O Zion  
Blue Book #102

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

## *The Gathering of the Community*

Green Book p.185

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### **Collect of the Day**

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading                      Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Canticle: Luke 1:46-55 (Song of Mary)

Green Book p.86

### **Refrain:**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.**

Second Reading                      1Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Gospel                              John 1:6-8, 19-28

Homily

Hymn During the Hanging of the Greens:

O Come, Divine Messiah              Blue Book #95

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: Christ, Be Our Light

(Bernadette Farrell)

## *Collect of the Day*

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives 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. Hilda's-St. Luke's,**

St. Thomas

**St. Thomas,**

St. Thomas

**Grace,**

West Lorne

**St. Peter's,**

Tyrconnell

## *Prayer Over*

### *The Gifts*

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen!**

### *Prayer After Communion*

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

**Amen!**

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Eucharistic Prayer # 2                      Green Book p. 196

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: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Blue Book #89, verses 1,2,3,4

Postlude: O Great Grace and Goodness

(J.S. Bach)

**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:** Nicole Sussens, Beth Felet                      **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

**Communion Ministers:** Danny Yascheshyn, Ted Felet

**Lectors:** Alisa Yednoroz, Danny Yascheshyn

**Intercessor:** Deb French

**Sidespersons:** Flora Smith, Deb French

**Collection Supervisor:** Carol Caverzan

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

**Fellowship Hour:** Advent Soup Luncheon

**Marlborough Breakfast Programme: Cooks:** Cathy MacKendrick,  
Sue Trenhaile, Davny Montebello. **Muffins:** Cathy MacKendrick

## **Community Announcements**

**The 2024 Anglican Church Wall Calendars are now available** – As always, the calendar features pictures of beloved Anglican Churches across Canada, as well as useful liturgical dates and information. The cost of this year's calendar is \$10.00. The calendars will be available on Sundays at church or contact Louise at 519-564-0205.

**Advent/Christmas Newsletter** – Our latest edition of *The Journey* is available in the narthex. Also, check out the full-colour version on our website [www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca](http://www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca).

## **Special Services This Season:**

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 17**

8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (**Hanging of the greens**).

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24**

8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (with choir).

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**

4:00pm and 7:00pm (**Candlelight**)

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, at 10:00am**

**First Sunday After Christmas, December 31**

8:30am (said Eucharist) and 10:00am (with choir).

**The Feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 5, 2024, at 6:00pm**

Followed by a Community Dinner in the church hall,  
hosted by Rev'd Gilles and Denis.

### *Reflection for the Week-*

Each year, the second and third Sundays are dedicated to him. The evangelist Saint John shows him to us as the “witness of the Light”, while the other evangelists present him to us as the “preacher of penance”. John the Baptist points to Christ, the “light of the world”, and he adds that we do not know this Jesus, messiah, and savior, very well: “In the midst of you stands him whom you do not know”. We are invited to discover it or to know it better. This requires special effort; it doesn't come by itself. To get there, you must set some time to pray, listen to the gospels, reflect, meditate, and even read some great Christian writers who help us to better understand the personality of Jesus. The Advent texts speak of conversion, but they also emphasize that the discovery of Christ brings us great joy. Isaiah exclaims: “I rejoice in the Lord” (Is 61:10). The Christmas celebration that we are preparing now celebrates the coming of God into our world. We are never alone, because God accompanies us, he walks with us. Our lives have meaning and purpose, and God is present in all our joys and sorrows. Let us rejoice because Christ is coming to us. He is our Emmanuel, God-with-us. Together, let us learn to discover the one who stands in our midst and whom we are invited to know more, Christ Jesus, who comes to us like this little child.

Blessings,  
Fr. Gilles+

### *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 IV)*

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Ps. 89:1-4, 19-24

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38