



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
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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th, 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: The Angel Gabriel
(Basque Carol arr. D. Cherwien)

Processional:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Blue Book #89, verses 1,5,6,7

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm: #89:1-4, 19-24 Green Book p. 823

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Homily

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: Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Blue Book #117

*Collect of
the Day*

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:

Christ Church,

Amherstburg

Trinity,

Cottam

St. Paul's,

Essex

Epiphany,

Kingsville

St. Andrew's,

LaSalle

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over

The Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen!**

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 1

Green Book p. 193

The Lord's Prayer

Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #1

Green Book p. 212

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Lamb of God

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

Communion Procession: Bread of Life

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

Green Book p.214

Parish Announcements

Recessional: O Come, Divine Messiah

Blue Book #95

Postlude: People, Look East! The Time Is Near

(French Carol arr. D. Cherwien)

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: Jody Ness, John Rossi **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

Communion Ministers: Nadine Donlon, Louise Davis

Lectors: Jayne Flammia, Dianne Iannicello

Intercessor: Jen McAlpine

Sidespersons: Cora & Bob Braidford

Collection Supervisor: Nadine Donlon

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Fellowship Hour: Coffee

Marlborough Breakfast Programme: Happy Christmas break!

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.

Special Services This Season:

Christmas Eve, TODAY, 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-

It is customary to gather every year at this time to celebrate Christmas. Everything is planned: New Year's Eve, the gifts, the tree, the decorations; turkey, pie, stew, wine etc. Like the shepherds who had the experience of meeting Emmanuel, we are called to come and adore this child who comes humble and close to us. But that's not all! We must go and announce this other good news: God has visited his people. Yes, God visited his people and left his mark on our world forever.

This celebration is above all that of the birth and coming of Jesus into our life and into our world. God took our humanity in order to save us and make us like him. He gives himself to us without measure and without reserve through his Son Jesus, Emmanuel. Shouldn't this be a reason for joy for us? May this time be for all of us, a time of fraternization and solidarity, while knowing that God, the first, through his Son, showed solidarity with our humanity.

Let's think of all those people around the world who will not be able to come together during these holidays to celebrate due to all kinds of situations. May the joy of Emmanuel join them and may the Love of God transform us all.

**Blessings and Merry Christmas,
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, December 31, 2023

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Ps. 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40