

# 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 N9E 1H5

## 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

in office or by appointment.

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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024



Curate: The Reverend Gilles Haché

**Deacon:** The Reverend Cathy 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 Potawatomie."

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

Prelude: Improvisation (E. Englert)

Procession: O God, Beyond All Face and Form

Blue Book #412

# The Gathering of the Community

Green Book p. 185

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known ... Amen.

Glory to God - Gloria

Green Book p. 186

Collect of the Day

Green Book p. 340

# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: # 22:24-30

Green Book p. 730

Refrain: All the ends of the earth shall turn to our God.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Homily

Anthem: You Are the Vine (Daniels & Rigby)

The Apostles' Creed Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People Response: Led by the Choir

Confession and Absolution Green Book p.191

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: I Come with Joy Blue Book #60

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 341

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 Green Book p. 198

The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #8 Green Book p. 213

*Presider:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

*Presider:* We were buried in your tomb.

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

*Presider:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

#### Lamb of God

Communion: Love One Another (J. Chepponis)

Prayer After Communion Green Book p. 341

Doxology Green Book p.214

Parish Announcements

Recessional: Go to the World Blue Book #598

Postlude: Engelberg (Stanford-Cherwien)

**Welcome visitors** – we are blessed you are with us. Please let us know how we can serve you.

The Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God, and as dedicated by the St. Matthew's Families

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Louise Monaghan, and in honour of the first birthday of Leia, great grandniece of Mary Lou and Gordon Drake

<sup>\*</sup> Please indicate if you require a gluten-free communion wafer

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

Cantors: Laura Lavoy, Carol Caverzan,

Richard Postovit, Jane Patterson

Lector: Jen McAlpine

Intercessor: Sheila Beach

Communion Ministers: Nadine Donlon, Rod Reid

Collection Supervisor: Nadine Donlon Sidespersons: Cora & Bob Braidford

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Marlborough Breakfast Programme: Audrey & Mark Goldspink, and

Dianne Iannicello. Making Muffins: Nadine Donlon

#### **Community Announcements**

Lobster Dinner (or Chicken & Ribs) Mother's Day Celebration – Saturday, May 11, 2024. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner served at 5:30 pm. Tickets \$65 per person include: fresh Maritimes lobster (or chicken & ribs), salad, roasted potatoes, mac'n'cheese, slaw, maple glazed vegetables, and rolls & butter. Also, cash bar and silent auction. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday May 1st, only a few left! Order your tickets with Rev'd Gilles at 519-259-2420 or stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org

**Easter Newsletter** – Hard copies of *The Journey* are available in the narthex, or download the PDF version in full colour from our website.

Next Sunday's Readings, May 5, 2024:

Acts 10:44-48 Ps. 98

1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

#### Reflection for the week:

Living as a disciple of Jesus does not just mean believing in him and recognizing him as the Son of God. Disciples are called to a personal and living encounter with the Risen One. As disciples, we are also called not only to welcome him as the Lord, but also to let ourselves be taught by him, worked by his word. And it is he who, by decentering us from ourselves, tears us from any superficial dimension, to bring us into the freedom and life of the resurrected. Deep within what constitutes us, internally and spiritually, we live from the One who gives us life. This is what it means to be "the branches".

To remain in him is to nourish ourselves with the Word of Christ. It is to benefit from the sap which irrigates our life, and which transforms our heart, and which moves us towards the Kingdom. To remain in him is also to be witnesses of the presence of Christ who helps us to bear fruit, so that the action of the Spirit of God, who is the source of all new life, is realized in us.

This week, we are invited all together to look at how we can become one with Christ. How we can abide in him. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). Thus, not only does the disciples remain in Jesus, but Jesus remains in the disciples, in the same reciprocity, and it is under the movement of the Spirit that we together bear fruit which remains, and which transforms.

Blessings, Gilles+