



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 Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023



Curate: The Reverend Gilles Haché

Deacon: The Reverend Catherine
Mackendrick

Deacon: The Reverend Glenda Fisher

Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

Prelude:

Sleeps, Awake! A Voice Is Calling

(J.S. Bach)

Processional:

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

(Blue Book #88)

*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 64:1-9

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18 Green Book p.812

Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you

Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

The Gospel MARK 13:24-37

Homily

Anthem: He Will Come When We're Least
Expecting Him (J. Bell)

The Apostles Creed Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, have mercy

Confession and Absolution Green Book p.191

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: Let Heaven Rejoice

(Glory & Praise #33, verses 1,2,3,4)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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:

Holy Trinity, St. George

Trinity, Waterford

Trinity, Aylmer

St. John’s, Glencoe

Prayer Over The Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Prayer After Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.

We ask this in the name of 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 3... Green Book p. 212

Presider: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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: Let Streams of Living Justice
(Blue Book #575)

Postlude: Veni, Emmanuel (Hal Hopson)

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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 in thanksgiving, to welcome our Curate, the Rev’d Gilles Haché, and his husband Denis Authier, to our St. Matthew’s family.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Jane Patterson, Beth Felet

Clarinet: Gordon Drake

Lectors: Mary Grace Weir, Sheila Beach

Intercessor: Ann Hucal

Communion Ministers: Alisa Yednoroz, Nadine Donlon

Sidespersons: Ginny & Bill McAdam

Collection Supervisor: Deb French

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Fellowship Hour: Advent Soup Luncheon

Marlborough Breakfast Programme: Cooks: Vicky Paraschak, Patty Paraschak, Davny Montebello, Jean Muhleisen. **Muffins:** Danielle Richer

Reflection for the Week-

Today we enter the new liturgical year. We begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the great Christmas celebration. For several weeks now, merchants have been displaying their decorations and we are entering a period of frantic consumption. Through our many occupations, we risk forgetting the profoundly Christian aspect which challenges us and invites us to create a space for God in our everyday lives.

Advent gives us a reason to live, a reason to love and hope “now”. It is an invitation to build a better world, according to God’s desire. What does “watching” mean to us? Watching while waiting for the coming of God in our lives? Watching is not passively waiting for time to pass. To be awake is not to doze, one eye open, one eye closed. To keep watch is to listen attentively to the slightest sign of the arrival of the one we hope for. We are therefore invited to set out, to move, to break out of our habits and to meet the one who is coming.

Blessing,
Fr. Gilles+

Community Announcements

Please remember your support to the **Angel Tree Program** for Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents, see Deacon Glenda for details.

Also remember to bring back your ornament tags and gifts for the Children's Aid Society's Adopt-A-Family program - The tree in the Narthex had ornaments with the requested items – parishioners picked an ornament, then had to purchase the item, and deposit it in the box 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 by next Sunday, 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 – The envelopes for our Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please include your offering (cash only, suggested donations \$10 to \$20), then fill out with your dedication and name(s). Place in the collection plate during services, **no later than TODAY, December 3**. 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.

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)

Next Sunday's Readings (Advent II)

ISAIAH 40:1-11 PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 2 PETER 3:8-15A MARK 1:1-8