

St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, Ontario

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

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March 19, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*We gather for worship on the traditional lands of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations,
which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie*

Presider: The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Deacon: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Deacon: The Rev'd Glenda Fisher
Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

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

Prelude: Chaconne (J. Pachelbel)
Processional: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (Blue Book #393)

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***All:* And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,

***All:* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: # 23 (Green Book, p. 731)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Homily

Anthem: Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell)

Apostles' Creed (Green Book, p. 189)

Prayers of the People **Refrain: Have mercy upon us**

Confession and Absolution Make Us Turn to You (P. Inwood)

Refrain: *Make us turn to you, God of love and compassion,
Bring us home to you to be with you forever.*

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: God Whose Almighty Word (Blue Book #560)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #1 (Green Book, p. 193)

The Lord's Prayer (Green Book, p.211)

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Lamb of God

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

Communion Procession: Jesus, Be With Us Now (D. Haas)

Prayer after Communion (Green Book, p.214)

Parish Announcements

Recessional: Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming (Blue Book #465)

Postlude: Fantasia in E Minor (J.S. Bach)

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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.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Greeters: Cora and Bob Braidford	Lector: Jen McAlpine
Communion Minister: Ted Felet	Intercessor: Jen McAlpine
Cantors: Beth Felet, John Rossi	Collection Supervisors: Mark Goldspink

Marlborough Breakfast Programme – Audrey Goldspink, Mark Goldspink, Sue Trenhaile. **Muffins** – Pat Lown.

Scripture readings for Sunday, March 26, 2023 – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps. # 139:1-9; Ephesians 4:7, 11-16; Gospel: Luke 4:16-21.

Community Announcements

Spring Cleaning – Let us all try and participate in the spring cleaning of our church home! On March 23 and March 24, we are intending to complete a cleaning blitz. We will begin on Thursday March 23 at 10:00 a.m. and continue on Friday March 24 at 6:00 p.m. Many hands to help would be appreciated. **Hope to see you then!**

Soup lunches for Sundays in Lent – Join us for soup during fellowship time after the 10 am services in Lent. Free-will offerings in support of PWRDF.

Choir Practice – We are pleased to announce that in March our full choir will resume leading the music at our liturgies. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Liturgical Musician, Michael Ricketts, at 519-996-1049. We thank our cantors, who have enhanced our liturgies the past seven months, and during the time of Covid restrictions.

Volunteer Opportunities – We are in the process of forming a **Property Committee**. In addition, we would gladly welcome someone to join the team of **Bulletin Preparers** (knowledge of word processing and an eye for detail are required.) If you have an interest in either of these opportunities, please speak with our Rector or Wardens.

Parish Hall Use – There are two Al-Anon groups meeting in the Parish Hall (Sunday, 7-9 pm, and Wednesday, 11:30 am – 2 pm). Thank you for respecting confidentiality and not entering the hall at those times.