



# 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*

8:00 am said Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

## *Wednesday Services*

11:00 am said Holy Eucharist

**The Rev'd Gilles Haché** is  
in office by appointment.

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# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025



**Rector:** The Reverend Gilles Haché  
**Deacon:** The Reverend Cathy MacKendrick  
**Deacon:** The Reverend Glenda Fisher  
**Liturgical 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: Andante (A. Guilmant)

Processional: From All the Wind's Wide Quarters

Blue Book #43

### *The Gathering of the Community*

Green Book p. 185

Lord Have Mercy

Collect of the Day

Green Book p. 292

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalm: # 32

Green Book p. 742

**Refrain: Happy are they whose sin is put away.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Homily

Anthem: Come Back to Me (G. Norbert)

The Apostles' Creed

Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People

**Response: Lord, have mercy**

Confession and Absolution

Green Book p. 191

The Peace

### *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory: Amazing Grace

Blue Book #352

Prayer Over the Gifts

Green Book p. 293

**Eucharistic Prayer #3**

**Green Book p. 198**

The Lord's Prayer

Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Green Book p. 213

*Presider:* We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider:* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Lamb of God

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

Communion Procession: Jesus, Be with Us Now (David Haas)

Prayer After Communion

Green Book p. 293

Doxology

Green Book p. 214

Recessional Hymn: O God of Past and Present (G. Glen)

Postlude: Allegro Moderato (A. Guilmant)

**Welcome visitors** – we are blessed you are with us.

Please let us know how we can serve you.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God**  
and in loving memory of Alice & Albert McCabe, parents of  
Cynthia Murray, and grandparents of Albert McCabe's family.

**Next Sunday's Readings, April 6, 2025** – Isaiah 43: 16-21; Ps.  
126; Philippians 3: 4-14; John 12: 1-8.

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

**Cantors:** John Rossi, Danielle Richer, Jody Ness,  
Carol Caverzan, Beth Felet, Nicole Sussens

**Lectors:** Robert Weir, Danny Yascheshyn

**Intercessor:** Mary Bromley

**Communion Ministers:** Danny Yascheshyn, Bill McAdam

**Collection Supervisor:** Deb French

**Sidespersons:** Ginny & Bill McAdam

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

**Marlborough School Breakfast:**

**Cooks:** Cathy MacKendrick, Sue Trenhaile, Jean Muhleisen

**Muffins:** Cathy MacKendrick

## **Community Announcements**

**Soup lunches for Sundays in Lent** – Join us during fellowship time, after the 10 am service. Free-will offerings in support of Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF.) **Sign-up poster in the hall for:** donations of a pot of soup, or bread and butter; to prepare hot beverages; or set up and cleaning.

**Bake Sale – TODAY, Sun. March 30,** after the 10 am service, in the hall.

**Easter Flower Envelopes** – The envelopes for our special Easter Flower Dedications are now available at the back of the church, by the collection plate. Fill out the information on the envelope and return with your donation (cash or cheque to St. Matthew's Church) to the collection plate during services, **no later than next Sunday, April 6.**

**Lobster Dinner** - It is time to support our Mother's Day Dinner! Our annual Lobster Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are you now available. Please, contact Rev'd Gilles.

*Reflection of the Week*

*Sunday, March 30*

In today's Gospel, we are invited to reflect on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We all know this parable, but we are invited to rediscover it by focusing on looking at the face of God the Father, to learn to know God in our lives. So, what is the image we have of God? In this passage, Jesus truly wants us to know who God is. Jesus wants us to see that God is this Father who watches, who waits, opens his arms, and forgives. God always respects our choices, even the one to put him aside. He does not force anything. In the Book of Revelation, a beautiful image of this respect is offered to us: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..." (Rev 3:20) God never forces the door! Today, Jesus speaks to us of a Parable that shows us God's mercy and tenderness. God is the one who heals the lack of love and remorse. He is the one who restores broken bonds, who revives lost friendships, who unites what has been separated, who gives families the joy of seeing each other again and loving each other. God always offers his tenderness, his love and his forgiveness to those who need to return to him. The God of Jesus Christ, He is there for us too and he is waiting for each of us.

**This week, let us try to rediscover God's mercy for us. Let us take the time to allow ourselves to be seen by God as we are.**

**Blessings, Gilles+**

**Our Leadership Team**

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