

A Service of the Word

September 3, 2023

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: Robert Weir

Preacher: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

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

Prelude: Gavotte (W. Boyce)

Processional: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (Kirk Dearman)

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

Copyright 1984 Stamps Baxter Music/Universal Songs. Administered by CopyCare P.O.Box 77, Hallsham, East Sussex, BN27 3EF, UK. Used with permission. CCU #11392265

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: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God,

All: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

Hymn of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (Blue Book #1)

Collect of the Day Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm: 26:1-8 (Green Book p.734)

Refrain: Test me, O God, and try me; examine my heart

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Homily

Anthem: Come Follow Me Forever (P. Liebergen)

Presider: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, strengthen us

Offertory Hymn: Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (Blue Book #500)

Presider: As we acknowledge the many offerings of time, talent and treasure here at St. Matthew's, we offer our prayer of thanksgiving, saying together:

All: **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Presider: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said (Blue Book #431)

Postlude: Allegro (W. Boyce)

St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, Ontario

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

www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca (519) 969-1510

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” in the narthex/ foyer.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Mark Donlon

Cantors: Beth Felet, Nicole Sussens

Intercessor: Ann Hucal

Lector: Carol Caverzan

Collection Supervisor: Nadine Donlon

Sidespersons: Cora & Bob Braidford

Green Team for September 3-9: Jen McAlpine

Scripture readings for Sunday, September 10, 2023 - Ezekiel 33:7-11; Ps. 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

Community Announcements

Special Vestry at St. James' (Roseland) - A service of Holy Eucharist will be held at St. James' on Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am, with the Venerable Jane Humphreys officiating. **Immediately following the service, a Special Vestry will be held with a motion to close the church.**

Rector's Vacation – Rev'd Andreas will be on vacation from August 30 – September 5.

Fall Newsletter Deadline – If you would like your important dates (birthdays and wedding anniversary) added to the list for announcements in our newsletter, please see Sue Bernard or Irene Savva. Please give all your materials and contributions to them, or email to thejourneyatstmatthews@gmail.com by Sunday, September 17.

St. Matthew's Day – Mark your calendars, Sunday September 24. Hot dog lunch will follow the 10 am service. More details to come.

Fellowship Hour - We will be starting our fellowship hour today, with a new schedule. You may sign up by yourself or with a team to oversee putting on the coffee/tea with clean-up following. There will be a separate sign-up if you would like to be someone that brings a snack. Thank you! Jen

Allergies - Please help us care for those who have sensitivities or allergies to fragrances by refraining from the use of scented personal products. Thank you!

Green Team Appeal – We are still looking for volunteers to water the plants this month. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or talk to Jen.

Outreach Ministries – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, our Food Cupboard, the Marlborough Nutrition Programme, and the ministry to the Southwest Detention Centre.