

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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December 24, 2016

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Eve

Presider: The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Deacon: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Organist: Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Medley of Carols

Processional: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words of Welcome & Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain;
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain:

(Refrain) **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

(Refrain)

Christmas Collect

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 6-12

Psalm #98:1-6

Second Reading: Titus 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20

Homily

Nicene Creedp.188

Prayers of the People Response: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Confession & Absolutionp.191

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offering Hymn: # 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer # 3p. 198

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread: #6p. 213

Presider: We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Communion Procession: Gift of God (M. Haugen)

Post-communion Hymn: #119 Silent Night

Prayer after Communionp.214

Recessional Hymn: #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Postlude: Silent Night, Holy Night (S. Mitchell-Wallace)

Welcome visitors –we are blessed you are with us for this Christmas service. Please join us again for worship.
We wish you a blessed Christmas season!

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: Margaret Kissau, John Rossi, Jane Patterson

Trumpet: Beth Felet Clarinet: Gordon Drake Server: Matt Bulley

Lectors: Vicky Paraschak, Dianna Iannicello Intercessor: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

Communion Ministers: Vicky Paraschak, Doug Warford, Louise Davis

Christmas Day – 10am Holy Eucharist with Carols

January 1, 2017 (First Sunday after Christmas) – normal service times

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of loved ones by:

Michael Ricketts

Flora Smith

Mary Davis

Helen Cahill

Carole Lawn

Beverly Chantler

Bob & Margaret Kissau

Alan & Sue Trenhaile

Frank & Joan Geml

The Allsop Family

The Rossi Family

Margaret Jemison for John Jemison

Joan Mallender for David Mallender

Helen Jones for Stan Jones

John & Dianne Iannicello & Family for Sam & Anna Ikonov, Joe & Jane Iannicello

Janet Srebro for Isaac Srebro & Ruth & David Freeman

As a thank offering by:

Gordon & Mary Louise Drake

Peter & Pat Lown

Ron & Marie Darrach

The Savva Family

Dorothy Knappett

Tim Schoof

Jeff & Lynn Allsop for the blessing of Kate & Sam

Cora & Bob Braidford for our family

The Paraschak family for Liam Garland and Scarlett & Barrett Hudec

Ladd & Florence Ritchie for our wealth and health and happiness, our sons & their families! We are blessed!