

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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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

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

Prelude: Voluntary (W. Croft)

Processional: **Come Let Us to the Lord our God**

Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return:
our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

His voice commands the tempest forth, and stills the stormy wave;
and though his arm be strong to smite, 'tis also strong to save.

Long hath the night of sorrow reigned, the dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise with gladness in his sight.

Our hearts, if God we seek to know, shall know him, and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be, like morning songs his voice.

As dew upon the tender herb diffusing fragrance round,
as showers that usher in the spring and cheer the thirsty ground,

so shall his presence bless our souls and shed a joyful light,
That hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.

John Morison 1749-1798
Scottish Paraphrases 1781

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Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Psalm 103.8-18

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Homily

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Distribution of the Ashes

Music during Distribution of the Ashes: Make Us Turn to You (P. Inwood)

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words:

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return”

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling or sitting.

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God,
the work of your salvation,

All: **That we may show forth your glory in the world**

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord

All: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Absolution

Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: #361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 p.198

Breaking of the Bread #7..... 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.**

Communion Procession: Take, O Take Me as I Am (J.L. Bell)

Prayer after Communion and Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Postlude: Siciliana (W. Walond)

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) for your use.

Cantors: Danielle Richer, Richard Postovit, Beth Felet

Clarinet: Gordon Drake

Special Lenten Offering – During the season of Lent donations will be gratefully accepted to support our Backpack Ministry for the inmates being released from the Detention Centre.

Would you like a pastoral visit? – Contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell) to arrange a convenient time.

People who are ill and/or in hospital – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let either Rev'd Andreas or Rev'd Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit.