

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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September 22, 2019

St. Matthew's Day

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

Prelude: A Simple Air (E. Thiman)

Processional: We Sing Praises

We sing praises to your name, O Lord,
Praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised. (repeat)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.
ALL: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: The plants and trees show God's presence.
ALL: Let us join with creation in praising God.

Presider: God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season, we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good created world. Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives that we may honor you among all peoples and nations, create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures, and work for the healing of this world that you created. Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys, and rivers, so that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation. We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise # 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Collect of the Day..... p. 379

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6

Psalm # 119:33-40..... p. 870

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Homily

Anthem: Summoned and Sent (S. Janco)

Apostles' Creed p.189

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

Confession and Pardon:

Deacon: All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin to God and one another. (*silence is kept*)

Generous God,

you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth. Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Priest: Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ. Today, salvation comes to this house. Know that we are forgiven and live in peace with one another and with the earth.

The Peace p. 192

Offering Hymn: # 423 How Great Thou Art

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, birch and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ meets us at this table. Today, salvation comes to this community.

ALL: As bread is broken, and wine shared, we are thankful.

Communion Procession: Within the Reign of God (M. Haugen)

Departing Prayer & Blessing

Deacon: As we depart, a Prayer for our Earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

All: You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Priest: Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

**All: O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.**

Deacon: Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

**All: Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.**

Priest: Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. **Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Recessional: # 450 You Call Us, Lord, To Be

Postlude: Trumpet Air (B. Van Der Hoek)

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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:

Cantors: Nicole Sussens, Margaret Kissau **Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

Worship Assistant: Max Hahn **Servers:** Nicole Sussens, Abbey Yu, Doug Warford

Lectors: TBD **Intercessor:** Cathy MacKendrick **Collection Supervisor:** Andy Hahn

Communion Ministers: Vicky Paraschak, Doug Warford, Louise Davis

Sidespersons: Andy Hahn, Mary Davis, Bob Braidford, Margaret Jemison

Green Team for this week: TBA

Marlborough Breakfast Team: Janet Williams, Doug Warford, Mark Goldspink, Cathy MacKendrick

Making Muffins: Janet Williams

Scripture readings for Sunday, September 29, 2019 – Genesis 28:10-17; Psalm 103:19-22; Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51

Would You Like a Pastoral Visit? – Please contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell).

People Who Are Ill and/or in Hospital – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let our clergy or churchwardens know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

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

Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief – Please refer to the bulletin insert. Thank you for supporting our Primate's Fund as we respond with love!

St. Matthew's Day Collection for the Marlborough Breakfast Programme – We will accept loonies & toonies & folding money & change to purchase bread, cheese, fruit, chocolate milk, socks and underwear to support the children at Marlborough School to enhance their ability to learn. Blessings to everyone for supporting this outreach ministry of St. Matthew's. If you forgot, don't worry – we'll take your money next week too!

Rev'd Andreas' trip to Palestine/Israel – special offering envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Blessing of the Animals – Sat. Oct 5, 11:30 am at St. Matthew's – in partnership with Glenwood United and St. James Roseland churches

Baptismal Living: A Discipleship Workshop – Sat. Oct 19, 10 am – 3:30 pm with Rev'd Jay Koyle at St. Mark's by the Lake (\$10 for lunch)

Capacity Assessments and Power of Attorney One-Day Course (Canterbury Elder College) – Wednesday November 13, 10 am – 12 pm. How to navigate through the process of mental capability assessments and POA options; instructor: Carol A. Caverzan; at Amica Mature Lifestyles, 4909 Riverside Dr. E. The Cost is \$28; register on line to this and other interesting courses at www.uwindsor.ca/canterbury/eldercollege or call (519)253-3000 ext. 4944.

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Departing Prayer: Pope Francis, encyclical on ecology, June 2015, *Laudato Si', On Care for our Common Home*