

FIRST READING. Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

SECOND READING. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL. Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.



The Time Is Near

Sunday, November 13, 2022

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We strongly recommend that everyone wears a mask.

Remembrance Day

Last Friday was Remembrance Day, and today we will take time to pause and remember those who sacrificed their bodies and lives for the sake of peace.

🌸 "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 🌸

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbours. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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How Can We Be Better Together?

Your Shared Ministry Team of First and St. Matthew's invites you to Coffee and Conversation

One Time Commitment

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 1:45 - 2:45 pm
St. Matthew's, Welland**

To share your hopes and dreams, your insight and ideas for: Growing in Faith, Enriching our Worship, Building Relationships, Reaching Out, Supporting Each Other, Engaging with our Young People, Sharing God's Love, Using our Buildings and more.

Please join us as we look for ways to be better together. Let us know that you will be coming by calling Dianne 905-735-1152

Psalm 98 - Tune: 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (Fred til Bod)

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**To the Lord a new song sing;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

By his own power and holy strength he has won the victory.

**He has done a wondrous thing;
All the earth, your songs employ.**

The Lord announced his victory; he made his saving power known to the nations. All people everywhere have seen the victory of our God.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing!**

Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our king.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy before the Lord.

**He has done a wondrous thing;
Let the earth its songs employ.**

He comes to rule the earth. He will rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing!**

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Dates to Remember

Nov 22 1:45 pm - Coffee and Conversation with Shared Ministry Team
Nov 27 Council Meeting after the service

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.
OAM Donation focus for November: Canned meat

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