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**ALTERED**

March 31, 2024

# Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day / Life Altered

Sunday, March 31, 2024

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" M. Tucker

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*Processional Hymn 365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

\*Greeting

\*This is the Feast p. 101

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Living Christ" S. Knarr

Children's Message

## Word

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Anthem "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" G. Walshaw

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 102

\*Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 366 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

\*Nicene Creed p. 104

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

## Meal

Offering Duet	<i>“Andante”</i>	F. Mendelssohn
*Offering Hymn 885	<i>“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 108
*Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112
Communion Hymns 362 v.1-4, 361, 377		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Recessional Hymn 367	<i>“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”</i>	
*Dismissal		<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>“Trumpet Voluntary”</i>	W. Boyce

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**Christ is risen! Jesus is alive,** and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnerreit

**Lector:** Sonia Groh

**Communion Servers:** Linda McLellan and Ivan George

**Guest Choir Conductor:** Corey Linforth

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Caroline Schmidt, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield.

**Choir Members:** Julia Crnko, John McLellan, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Jim Sattler

**Trumpets:** Paul Mitchell, Garry Page

**Celebration Bells:** Julia Crnko, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Linda McLellan, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Michelle Stelter, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler

**Broadcast:** Gary Pootz

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## **Worship Notes**

**In our prayers** Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

**All are welcome at the meal** where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there are two common cup stations and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Offering plates will be passed out today during the Offering duet.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Lower Level Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

### Alpha Course coming to St. Matthews!

Sharing your faith can be scary... but Alpha creates a space where you can simply invite a friend to explore their questions over some food, a video talk, and small group discussion. The rest is up to God.

**Who is this for?** Non-regular churchgoers (e.g. attend church 0-3 times a year), people interested in what Jesus and faith is about. But if you're an active member you can attend if you bring a friend!

**When:** On Sundays 12-2 p.m., starting April 7th at 560 Queen Street South, Kitchener  
Plus a **Retreat** at Crieff Hills Centre in Puslinch: Sat. June 8th 10 am - 4 pm. Lunch provided. No cost.

Register/ more information: Talk to Pastor Sebastian or [pastorsebastian@stmattskw.com](mailto:pastorsebastian@stmattskw.com) or 519-742-0462 x 2

All members are asked to prayerfully consider who they might invite to join the Alpha Course this Spring!

## Congregational Photo Directory Save-the-Date:

**Wednesday April 24- Saturday April 27, 2024**

It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since our last congregational photo directory and so much has changed since then! Professional photos will be taken (at no cost to you) in the Chapel on the following dates:

**Wednesday April 24: 2.30-8.30 pm**

**Thursday April 25: 2.30-8.30 pm**

**Friday April 26: 11.30 am-5.30 pm**

**Saturday, April 27: 9.30 am-3 pm**

There is no obligation to purchase any prints, and everyone who participates gets a free directory. Together, let's make a pictorial record of who St. Matthews was in 2024! Prices are 30-40% less than private studios, and there are no sitting fees. The entire process takes between 30-45 minutes. Sign-up (starting April 2nd) can be done online (via our website), in-person, or call or email the office. More information will follow, or you can check out <https://www.ipcphoto.ca>.

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**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.



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FREE ADMISSION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14th | 7PM**

Paul Mitchell Dixieland Band

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28th | 7PM**

Larry's Jazz Guys



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