

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND
GROWS

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands

** indicates singing is encouraged)

Gathering

Prelude *“Sinfonia & Gavotte”* G. F. Handel

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Greeting L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn 365** *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

*Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message

Anthem *“Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound”* G. F. Handel

Word

Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia”* p. 124

*Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Anthem *“Witnesses”* S. Knarr

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 935** (to tune 659) see page 4

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 885** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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| *Offering Prayer | |
| *Great Thanksgiving | p. 129 |
| *Holy, Holy, Holy | p. 130 |
| *Thanksgiving at the Table I | p. 130 |
| *Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father; who art in heaven...</i>) | p. 134 |
| Lamb of God | p. 135 |
| Communion Hymns 619, 376, 379 | |
| Table Blessing | |
| Prayer after Communion | |
| Sending | |
| General Announcements | |
| *Blessing | |
| *Hymn 382** | <i>"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"</i> |
| Postlude | <i>"Rondeau"</i> J. Mouret |

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"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

- 1 Woman, weeping in the garden,
who has pushed the stone aside?
Who has taken Jesus' body,
Jesus Christ the crucified?
- 2 Woman, waiting in the garden,
after men have come and gone,
after angels give their witness,
silently you watch the dawn.
- 3 Woman, walking in the garden,
Jesus takes you by surprise;
when the gard'ner calls you, "Mary!"
faith and joy meet in your eyes.
- 4 Woman, weeping in the garden,
weep for joy, for you have seen
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.
- 5 Woman, dancing from the garden,
find the others and proclaim
Christ is risen as he promised;
tell the world he knew your name!

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Euphonium: Roseanna Rigo

Bass Trombone: Susan Follows

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Vocal Ensemble: Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Jim & Erika Sattler

Radio: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Communion: For those wanting to receive, you will be given Communion in one kind (host only). You will be ushered to the front starting with the side aisles. Leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. Stop 2 meters from the pastor, at which point the pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you." Step closer to the pastor and a wafer will be dropped into your outstretched hands with tongs, taking care not to touch you. **Take the wafer back to your seat to commune there. Remove your mask briefly and then put it back on.**

Those seated on the side aisles will come up first, followed by those on the centre aisles. Those in the balconies can come whenever they want (although not using the radio tower staircase). The directional flow will stay the same (up the front aisle, and back down the side aisles). Those on the piano side aisle must circle around the pulpit side to return to their pew as the **choir area is off-limits.**

Alternately, you may choose to bring your own bread and wine and consume these in your seat (at the same time as those at home are invited to).

Worship Notes

In our prayers: Danuta, John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

General Announcements

Church Parking. Members should now park either at our main lot beside the church or in the Parking Garage on Charles Street. Parking at the garage is free on Sundays. Please consider using the parking garage if you are able, in order to keep space available at the 54 Benton St. parking lot for those who need to park closer. Thank you for understanding!

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to our church's current protocols, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones

in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.

- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water coolers** are currently disconnected.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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