

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND
GROWS

April 24, 2022

Easter 2

Sunday, April 24, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Up From the Grave He Arose"</i>	J. Ferguson
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism		L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
*Hymn 363		<i>"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Aleluya! Cristo Resucito"</i>	L. Bojos

Word

First Reading		Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150: Hymn 731		<i>"Earth and All Stars"</i>
Second Reading		Revelation 1:4-8
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		John 20:19-31
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 646		<i>"The Peace of the Lord"</i>
Music for Reflection	<i>"Pastorale"</i>	A. Hollins
*Nicene Creed		p. 126
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father; who art in heaven...*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 361 *"The Day of Resurrection"*

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"An Easter Alleluya"* G. Slater

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In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholar: Dylan Siebert

Radio: Jason Smolak

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers: 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!**

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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