

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 23, 2023

Easter 3
Sunday, April 23, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Now the Green Blade Rises"</i>	S. Vann
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see pg. 4)		
*Hymn 377	<i>"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"</i>	
*Greeting		
*Glory be to God		p. 204
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Risen Indeed!"</i>	J. Martin

Word

First Reading		Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4,12-19 (see pg. 5)		<i>(sung responsively by full verse)</i>
Second Reading		1 Peter 1:17-23
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 205
*Gospel Reading		Luke 24:13-35
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 374		<i>"Day of Arising"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 885	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 206
*Holy. Holy, Holy		p. 207

*Thanksgiving at the Table IV		p. 133
*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in heaven...")		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 208
Communion Hymns 495, 522		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 535	<i>"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"</i>	
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	<i>"Allegro vivo"</i>	O. Bolck

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Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P.: Blessed ...

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

A: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

...

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

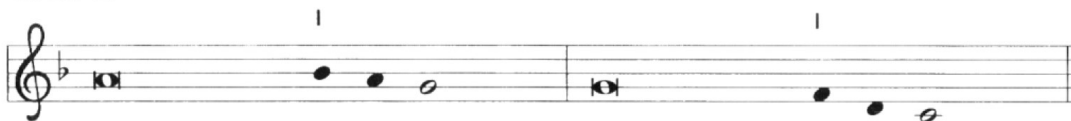
Amen.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

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.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Tone 2



1I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

2for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.

3The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

4Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

12How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

13I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.

14I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.

15Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.

16O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

17I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

18I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people,

19in the courts of | the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

General Announcements

This afternoon, Sunday, April 23 at 3 pm the St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir will join in singing for the blessing of the organ newly installed at St. John's Catholic Church on Strange Street. This Casavant instrument was played by Mr. Harry Urstadt at First United Church, Galt before he came to St. Matthews. The organ was stored for several months during 2021 at St. Matthews while St. John's prepared the gallery space for the pipework. We rejoice to see this organ take on a new life in a different location. Thanks to Trinity Centres Foundation for making the organ available and connecting communities to enable this project.

John McLellan has been looking after the gardens along Benton and Church Street for quite a while. Paul Gross would assist him sometimes. John has informed me he will no long volunteer the time to look

after these gardens. He will continue to look after the flower bed at the sign.

We all need to thank John for all the time he spent keeping the gardens well kept and beautiful during the year, when you see John, please thank him for his years of hard work.

This leads to a request to find someone to look after these gardens during the year. If you enjoy gardening and would like to volunteer to look after these two gardens it would be appreciated.

If you are interested contact the church office or myself (519-895-6833 or ronder30@outlook.com). Thank you, Ron Roeder

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **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.

- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.



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