

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Festal Prelude with Chimes"</i>	W. Spence
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 379		<i>"Now the Green Blade Rises"</i>
*Greeting		
*Glory to God		p. 213
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>"The Trumpet Shall Sound"</i>	G. F. Handel

Word

First Reading		Acts 4:32-35
Psalm Hymn 649		<i>"Behold, How Pleasant"</i>
Second Reading		1 John 1:1-- 2:2
*Gospel Acclamation Hymn 388		<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
*Gospel Reading		John 20:19-31
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 386 v. 4-8	<i>"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"</i>	
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
Anthem	<i>"Cheer up, friends and neighbours, now its Eastertide"</i>	arr. M. Shaw
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving		p. 219
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*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*)

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Recessional Hymn 389

"Christ is Alive"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"Christ is Alive"

D. Cherwien

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The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Kim Schaner

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

Vocal Solo: John Waterfield

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

Congregational Photo Directory Registration: 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. Portraits cost about 30% less than comparable studios. We need you! Please help us make this album as complete as possible! The more people in this album, the better of a resource it will be to everyone! Help us build community in this once-a-decade project! Sign-up can be done online (via our website <https://stmattskw.com/about-us/news/church-directory-registration/>), in-person on Sunday mornings, or call or email the office.

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28 following the 9.30 am service, in the lower level. All members are encouraged to attend!

Important Information for today's worship

- **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.
- **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. at the hallway.

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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