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March 29, 2024

Good Friday “Violence Altered”

Friday, March 29, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

All Gather in Silence

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem “Responsory for Good Friday” M. Reger

Reading Isaiah 52:13--53:12

*Hymn 351 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Reading Hebrews 10:16-25

*Gospel Acclamation “Look to Jesus...” p. 263

Gospel Reading John 18:1--19:42

Music during the Reading

“Buß und Reu” J.S. Bach

“Gladly will I, fear distaining, drink the cup” J.S. Bach

“O, My Soul, What Darkness” M. Hayes

Reflection

*Hymn of the Day 349 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Bidding Prayer p. 263

At the conclusion of each bid: “...through Christ our Lord,” the assembly responds:

Amen.

*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*) p. 264

All depart in Silence

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Guest Choir Conductor: Corey Linforth

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

Lector: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

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

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.

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.
- **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.



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Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am

Celebrate with us Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palm branches and song in an Intergenerational Service.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

Soup Supper at 5:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm

Gather to commemorate the Last Supper and the Footwashing.



Good Friday

Friday, March 29 at 9:30 am

Join us to observe the most solemn day of the church year; the day Jesus was crucified.



Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 pm

Come join us for the most important service of the entire year...celebrated for the first time in a long time here at St. Matthews!



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy!

Easter Vigil Service: Saturday March 30th at 8 p.m. at St. Matthews, Kitchener



Come for this special multi-part service that bridges the gap between Good Friday and Easter Morning!

Each section will be in a different part of the building as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage to the great proclamation of the resurrection of Christ.

Highlights will include the lighting of the Easter Fire, handheld candles, a baptism, and a reflection on Old Testament stories foreshadowing the salvation that is to come.

Sonja Schweter (seminary placement student at St. Luke's) will be preaching and a variety of songs from old to new will be sung. The roughly two-hour-long service is jointly organized between St. Matthews, Kitchener, St. Luke's Kitchener and St. Paul's Bridgeport.

Use the Office Entrance (off the parking lot) to enter.

"Like the children of Israel who watched and waited through the night for the Lord of the Exodus, we too come together this night to watch and wait for the Lord of the Resurrection. We come, as Christians have come since the first century, to keep vigil and to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the one who is our host and guest at the Easter feast to come."

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 or 519-742-0462 x 2

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

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