

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 27, 2025

Easter 2

Sunday, April 27, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "O Sons and Daughters" W. Held

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Baptized into you, O Living One,

A: make us as one as you are one.

*Hymn 384 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 122

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "My Master from a Garden Rose" E. Daley

Word

First Reading Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 (see page 4) (sung responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

*Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 394 (vs. Easter 1, Easter 2, 5, 6) "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

*Nicene Creed p. 126

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 388	<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV	p. 133
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 646, 389	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	

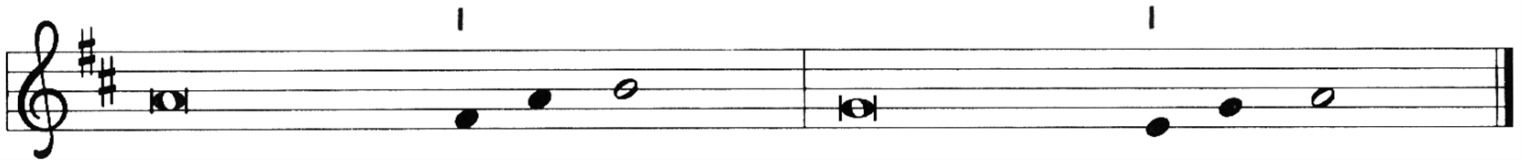
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General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 377	<i>"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Postlude	<i>"The Strife is O'er"</i> H. Willan

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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.

Tone 1



¹⁴The LORD is my strength¹ and my song,
and has become¹ my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents¹ of the righteous:
“The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷I shall not¹ die, but live,
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks¹ to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate¹ of the LORD;
here the righ-¹teous may enter.”

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have¹ answered me
and you have become¹ my salvation.

²²The stone that the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief¹ cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has¹ this been done;
it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;**
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and | I will thank you;**
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, | for the LORD is good;**
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Jim Treusch

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Jeanette Harrop

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert,
Drew Aarssen

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

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.
- **Downstairs 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.

General Announcements

Coffee Hour: There is no Coffee Hour this week. See you next Sunday!

This Sunday, April 27, please consider supporting future building improvements. For those of you who receive boxed envelopes, there is a special blue envelope to donate. For anyone else, you can use the white envelopes on the back of the pews and mark the donation for Building Improvements.

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ANNUAL MEETING

April 27, 2025



**following the
Worship
service**

*All voting members
please consider
attending!*



ST. MATTHEWS
presents

The Stillwater Trio



Cathy Anderson, cello
Bruce Skelton, violin
Joanne Bender, piano

*Works by Beethoven, Haydn,
Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann,
and Schubert*

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 3 pm



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saxophone & keyboard

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**AT MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
29 WESTMOUNT ROAD S. WATERLOO, ON N2L 2K4**

JOIN MARJORIE AND HENRIETTE ON AN ENGAGING JOURNEY TO DISCOVER THE RICH HISTORY AND VIBRANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN CANADA. TOGETHER, THROUGH INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS, HANDS-ON ACTIVITY, AND THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION, PARTICIPANTS WILL UNCOVER THE DIVERSE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES THAT FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU ON THIS ENLIGHTENING ADVENTURE!



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