

# EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

## **St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 25, 2025

**Easter 6**  
**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Gathering**

Prelude	<i>"Fantasy on Hyfrydol"</i>	H. Hopson
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 361		<i>"The Day of Resurrection"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Okâwîmâw Askiy (Mother Earth)"</i>	S. Sewepegaham

**Word**

*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		John 14:23-29
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 804		<i>"Come Down, O Love Divine"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		
*Peace		

**Meal**

*Offering Hymn 753		<i>"Dona Nobis Pacem"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table II		p. 130
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 135

Communion Hymns 482, 403

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

**Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 392

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“Fanfare-Trumpet Tune”*

F. Ashdown

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**Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter.** Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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**Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Communion Server:** Lynda Karn

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

**Celebration Bells:** Julia Crnko, Jamie Cross, Mikala Hunt, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Linda McLellan, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Kim Schaner, Simon Thompson

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

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

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## Worship Notes

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

**Sherryl Sewepegaham** is a Cree-Dene music teacher, choir director and composer from Little Red River Nation in Northern Alberta. This morning's anthem text is in Woodland Cree Y-dialect and honours Creator God as expressed through Mother Earth who takes care of all of our needs.

Okâwîmâw Askiy (Mother Earth)

Niyanân kitawâsimsak (We are your children)

Kisâkihitanan (We love you)

### 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.
- **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

**Town Hall Workshops:** Our Pastoral Team and the Board of Directors invite you to two important Workshops:

**Today! - Values**—after Worship in the Community Hall – Lunch Provided. We will be exploring our Values as a congregation and discuss the results of the Values portion of the survey.

**June 1st - Purposes** - after Worship in the Community Hall – Lunch Provided. We will follow-up from the previous week and discuss the Purposes portion of the survey.

These sessions will be participatory and we want your input in how you envision St. Matthews' future.

In the Fall, we will continue with two more workshops to work on Principles and Priorities.

**Did you miss it?** Did you miss a worship service? The Broadcast Committee would like to share that recordings of Sunday services are now being uploaded to the Church website. The services are found in the [Worship Audio Archive](#) in the Worship section of the website. You may listen by clicking play on the audio player or download to your device to save and listen later. Services will normally appear on the website shortly after they conclude.

**Harry S. Urstadt Scholarship:** The recipient of the 2024-2025 Scholarship, awarded by the Executive of the Sanctuary Choir of St. Matthews, is Sarah Hu-A-Kam. Established in 1988 in memory of St. Matthews' former Director of Music, Mr. Harry S. Urstadt, the scholarships provide financial assistance to deserving students of music who are enrolled in music studies in a Canadian post-secondary institution, or enrolled in a local formal music competition. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the capital of the Scholarship Fund should contact the Church office.

**Do you have a green bin you are no longer using?** The church is in need of some replacement green bins. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please speak with Ron Roeder or reach out to the church office. Thank you!



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**ST. MATTHEWS**  
*presents*

**ANIMA**



featuring

Daniel Cabena, Luke Hathaway,  
Henry Oswald Peirson & Lesley Emma Bouza

*Mouth minstrels & Soft minstrels*

*Wedded Pride*



**Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm**

Including musical works by Roark, Cabena, Lang  
de Castro, Dufay, Lymburgia and non Papa



A unique celebration in word & music, ancient & modern,  
of queer love, friendship & marriage,  
in honour of Pride and of the 20th anniversary of the Civil Marriage Act.

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The St. Matthews Centre, our community hub, has a website which links all upcoming events, especially concerts of the KW Symphony and the Grand Philharmonic Choir.

Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at <https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.



**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.



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