

HOLY TRINITY

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St. Matthews Church

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May 31, 2026

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Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

A: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

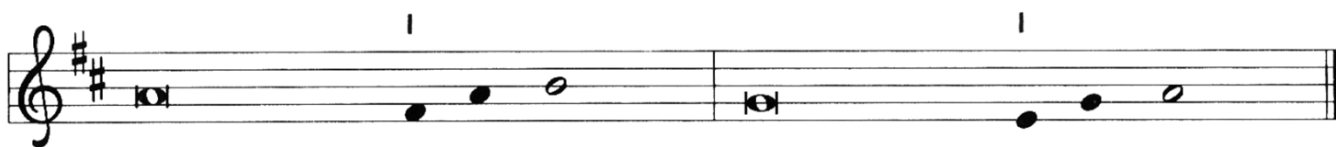
A: Amen.

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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **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.

Psalm 8

Tone 1



¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths
of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Profession of Faith and Greeting of the Peace (abridged from the Athanasian Creed)

P.: We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One in Glory, one in Majesty, coeternal. We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

A.: God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.

P.: As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father. Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.

A.: One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God; truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person.

P.: For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the Triune God be with you always.

A: And also with you.

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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Bob Loeb sack

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Lynda Karn

Choral Scholars: Hannah Swiderski, Nicole Hamilton, Dylan Siebert, Drew Aarssen

Sanctuary Choir members: Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner

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

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Marjorie, Kevin, Betty, Anneke, Judy, 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.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Sunday, May 31: Spring BBQ, Sunday School & Confirmation

Sunday, June 7: Pride Sunday & Summer Hymn Sing resumes

Sunday, June 14: Volunteer Recognition Worship & Breakfast

Sunday, June 21: Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Friday, June 26: PD Day Camp

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Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at www.stmatthewscentre.ca.

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

