

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 7, 2023

Easter 5
Sunday, May 7, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Cantilène religieuse"</i>	T. Dubois
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see pg. 4)		
*Hymn 758		<i>"You Are the Way"</i>
*Greeting		
*Glory to God		p. 213
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Jubilate Deo in B flat"</i>	C. V. Stanford

Word

First Reading		Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (see pg. 5)		<i>(sung responsively by full verse)</i>
Second Reading		1 Peter 2:2-10
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading		John 14:1-14
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 729	<i>"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"</i>	
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving		p. 219
*Thanksgiving for the Word		p. 220
*Lord's Prayer (<i>"Our Father in heaven..."</i>)		p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fanfare”

G. Eldridge

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As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

P.: Blessed ...

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honour to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

A: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

...

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.



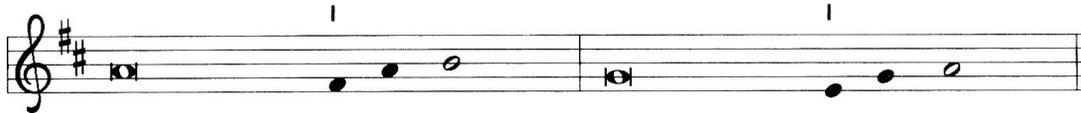
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Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Tone 1



1In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

2Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de-| liver me.

3Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag| and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

4Take me out of the net that they have secretly |set for me,
for you are my tow-| er of strength.

5Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

15My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.

16Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Sonia Groh

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann, Grace Mason Soucie

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice and John.

General Announcements

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **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.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

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