

# *St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, Ontario*

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***"We are called to share God's love  
as we welcome and care for our community"***

April 5, 2015

## *Easter Sunday*

Presider: The Rev'd Andreas Thiel  
Deacon: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick  
Pastoral Musician: Michael Ricketts

**Welcome visitors** – we are blessed you are with us.  
*If you desire, there are "Visitor's envelopes" on the table in the narthex (foyer) for your use.  
You will receive an income tax receipt for your offering.*

Prelude: Voluntary in D (T. Alcock)

Processional: # 203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

### *The Gathering of the Community*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.  
People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### **Glory to God**

Collect of the Day  
Children's Focus: All I Want (David Haas)

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: # 118: 1-2, 14-24 ..... p. 866  
Refrain: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

Deacon: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
People: **Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel Reading:*

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.  
People: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Anthem: Christ Is Alive (B. Wren & L. True)

Nicene Creed

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People – *Response will be led by the choir*

Confession and Absolution

*Deacon:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

*People:* Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Greeting of Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn: # 242 This is the Feast of Victory for Our God

## *Great Thanksgiving*

(Please remain standing as you are able)

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
We give you thanks and praise  
For the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
For he is the true paschal lamb  
Who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again  
He has won us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices  
With the whole company of heaven,  
We sing our joyful hymn of praise  
To proclaim the glory of your name.

*People:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People:* **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant:* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new

covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread:

*Celebrant:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*People:* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant:* We were buried in your tomb.

*People:* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God, **you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.**

Communion Procession: Come and Eat This Bread (M. Haugen)

Prayer after Communion and Doxology

*Celebrant:* Glory to God

*People:* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Recessional: #210 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

*Deacon:* Alleluia! Church go into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Maccabaeus (G. F. Handel)

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### **Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:**

**Cantors:** Danielle Richer, Nicole Sussens, Richard Postovit, Margaret Kissau

**Lectors:** Gabriela Savva, Margaret Kissau **Servers:** Ted Felet, Rosalind Canty, Caitlin Henderson

**Collection Supervisor:** Patti Weir **Intercessor:** Shirley Cantle

**Sidespersons:** Chuck Boyd, Pat Lown, Bob Kissau, Kim MacKendrick

**Communion Ministers:** Jen McAlpine, Dennis Bernard, Josh Canty

**Hospitality:** Just coffee and tea

**Marlborough Serving Team** – Happy Easter Break!

**Next Sunday's Service (April 12)** – the Second Sunday of Easter: "Holy Humour" Sunday.

**Scripture readings for Sunday, April 12** – Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

**Wednesday scripture readings discussion** – Please consider coming to St. Matthew's on Wednesday at 10:00 am, for a weekly opportunity to engage in conversation about the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**People who are ill and/or in hospital** – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let either Rev. Andreas or Rev. Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

**Would you like a pastoral visit?** – Please let Rev'd Andreas know (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell) to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**Lenten Alms Offering** – This offering and the Maundy Thursday collection create the funds to purchase backpacks and their contents which are given to prisoners of the Southwest Detention Centre who are released “to the street” (homeless).

**Outreach Ministries** – Remember your gifts to Hiatus House, the Downtown Mission, the Marlborough Breakfast Programs, and the ministry to the Southwest Detention Centre.

**Craft Guild Meetings** – **Friday April 17, 6-9 pm, and Saturday April 18, 10am-2pm in the Parish hall.** Everybody is invited to participate and all helping hands are welcome!

## *The Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God*

### *And in Memory of Loved Ones by:*

*Margaret and Robert Kissau                      Helen Cahill  
Joan and Frank Geml                      Margaret Jemison  
Mary Davis                      Mary Louise and Gordon Drake  
Linda and Chuck Boyd                      Dorothy Knappett  
Carole Lawn                      Sue and Alan Frenhaille  
Pat and Peter Lown  
Cheryl and Ross Fields for Roger Fields & Anita Beaulieu  
Joan Mallender for David Mallender  
Mark Rene for Dianne Lynn Rene*

### *And as a Thank Offering by:*

*Cathy and Kim MacKendrick                      Marie and Ron Darrach  
Jane and Jeff Patterson                      Gwen and Paul Allsop  
Savva Family for the miracle of everything.  
Patti Weir and John Rossi for Rossi/Weir Family  
Lynn and Jeff Allsop for Kate and Sam  
Cora and Bob Braidford for  
Haylie, Maddie, Cael, Camden & Finlay  
Florence and Ladd Ritchie for our Children & their Families.  
Dianne and John Fannicello for our granddaughter Meadow who was baptized at the Easter Vigil*