

FIRST READING. Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

SECOND READING. Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL. Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

Flowers

The Easter flowers adorning the church are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the following people. May their beauty express our cherished memories of family members and friends.

- Linda and Ray Borland in memory of **loved ones**
- Beryl and Frank Bowen in memory of **loved ones**
- Lily Jasinskas in memory of her parents, **Alex and Lydia Jasinskas**
- Ruth Kiers in memory of **loved ones**
- Darlene Mackler in memory of mother, **Leona Carpenter**
- Inge Poetzinger in memory of her husband, **Gerhard Poetzinger**; and brother, **Horst**
- Marilyn Schultz in memory of **Clifford Schultz** and **loved ones**
- Sinikka and Brian Speck in memory of **Leila Stortz**
- Sylvia Tollar in memory of her husband, **Louis Tollar**

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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

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.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 — Tune: 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (Fred til Bod)

Reader: On this day the Lord acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**On this day the Lord has done
Such a deed of glorious might!**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Oh, rejoice with gladsome song:
It is wondrous in our sight!**

Let the people of God and all who gather to worship him proclaim, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

**Lo, the once-rejected one
Has become the cornerstone!**

Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God's people: "The Lord's mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory--his mighty power in battle!"

**On this day the Lord has done
Such a deed of glorious might!**

I shall not die but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. He punished me sorely, but did not deliver me to death.

**Oh, rejoice with gladsome song:
It is wondrous in our sight!**

I praise you, Lord, because you heard me; you have become my salvation!

**Lo, the once-rejected one
Has become the cornerstone!**

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Dates to Remember

April 23 Church Council Meeting after the service
May 5 6:00 PM — Ladies’ Night Out; proceeds to support Rose City Kids
May 5-7 Young Adult retreat in Beamsville. Contact the office for registration details.

It’s time to clean up our church records. We invite everyone to participate in our membership survey.

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SENDING

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Wondrous Love
Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.