

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Service of Worship with Holy Communion

April 24, 2022, at 10:30am

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Cathy Miller

This Joyful Eastertide

WORDS OF WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: Amen

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

As we sing our gathering song, we are sprinkled with holy water to remind us of our baptism.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 384, vs. 1+2

The Easter Day with Joy was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 362, VS. 1+2

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

EXPERIENCING RESURRECTION

A dialogue with Neil Sproue

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the singing of our gospel acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung 2X)

ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to

believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

Please stand as you are able for our hymn of the day.

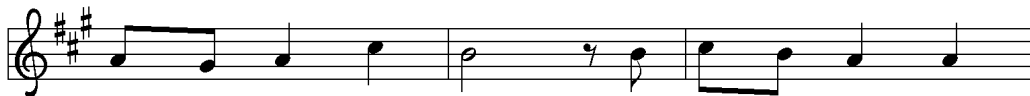
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 635, vs. 1+2

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer concludes with:

A: God in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Melanie Ronning

Please watch the screen.

OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 674, vs. 1+2

Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

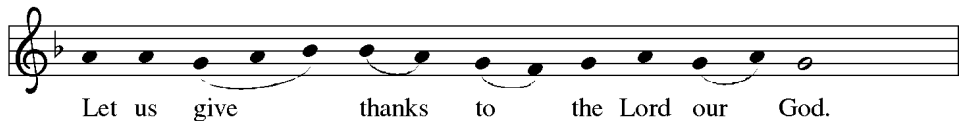
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

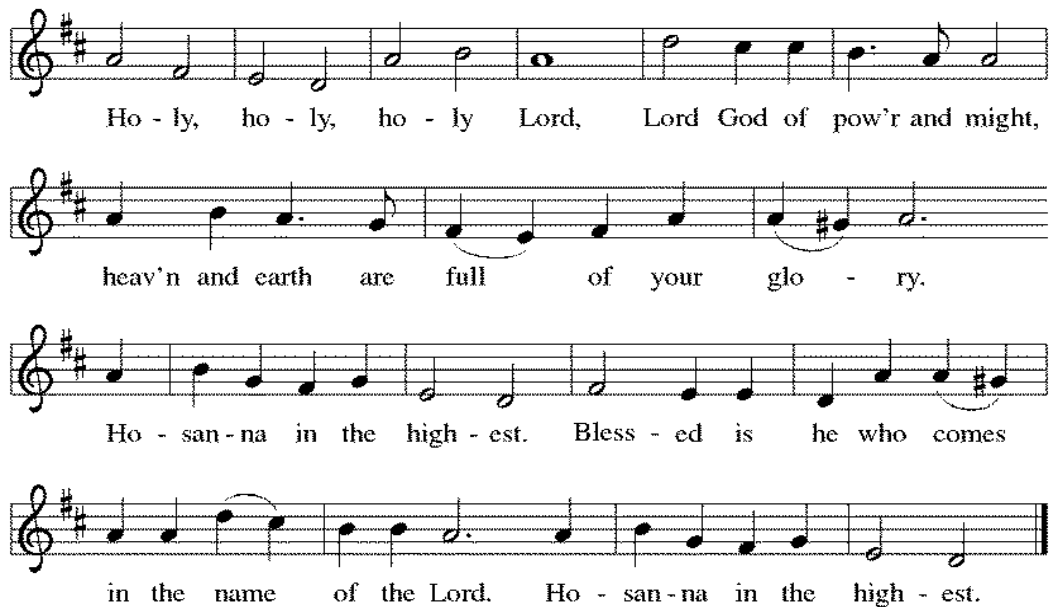


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

God's Pascal Lamb is Sacrificed for Us



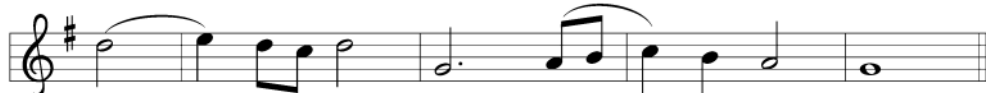
1 God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2 Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;
 3 In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him. Through
 though Ad - am's sin has doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.
 Christ we die to sin and live to God.
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

TFF 266

Victory is Mine

1 Vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry to-day is mine.
2 Joy is mine; joy is mine; joy to-day is mine.
3 Peace is mine; peace is mine; peace to-day is mine.

I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Vic-to-ry to-day is mine.
I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Joy to-day is mine.
I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Peace to-day is mine.

DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Cathy Miller, piano

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Breaking Bread

YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERINGS, & PRIOR WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

| <u>Week Ending</u> | <u>Attend.</u> | <u>Budget Total</u> | <u>Variance from Budget</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 04/14/22 | 33 | - | - | <i>MaundyT</i> |
| 04/15/22 | 28 | - | - | <i>Good Fri</i> |
| 04/17/22 | 84 | \$ 44,184.64 | \$ 387.35 | |

PRAYER LIST: Nancy, Ginger, Ann, Nilsa, Robert, Danae, Audrey, Mike, Charlotte, Myrna, Krystal, Davon, Eleni, Sink, Cathy, Milla, Mia, Gary, Ms. Kelly, Lindsay, Larry, Maggie, Julia and the Dewey Family, Lydia, Norma, Cathy, Ana, Cristal, Frankie, Maria Rosa, Donna, Leon, Novi Rae, and Dominick.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

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*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church celebrates God's grace through Christ,
embraces diversity, and empowers people to discover and develop their spiritual gifts to serve as agents of
healing and change.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER-SEASON COCKTAILS/MOCKTAILS @ the Jaeger's

Let's forge friendships and celebrate the Resurrection with some drinks and appetizers in the Jaeger backyard! Friday, May 6: 6-8 pm; Friday, May 13: 6-8 pm; Sun. June 5th, 6-8 pm Sun. June 12th, 6-8 pm. Sign up for these small gatherings of 8-12 ppl at church or by emailing or texting Leon: leon@stmatthewsnoho.org, [818.308.0463](tel:818.308.0463).

ADULT FORUM—Essential Bible Passages: Sundays, Noon to 1 pm

Adult Forum continues with a new project: participants will work together to identify and study essential Bible passages significant for understanding Christian ideas and thoughts. Meet in the Library or join on-line at: stmatthewsnoho.org/adultforum. Have a Bible on hand. NRSV available in the Library.

CARE AND COUNSELING WITH PR. STEPHANIE

You can now easily schedule time to meet with Pr. Stephanie for care, support and coaching. Go to: stmatthewsnoho.org/care There you will find a calendar with hours on 4 different days of the week. You can choose to meet in-person, on Zoom or by phone. You can of course also schedule time the "old fashioned way" by calling/texting: [310.968.7038](tel:310.968.7038) or emailing Pr. Stephanie at stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org.

BAG LUNCH on Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9-10:30am

Our long-standing and fun ministry of making PBJ sandwiches and bag lunches that we distribute during our programs, open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Following our program is our monthly "NoHo Free Market" event! If you are looking for more opportunities to volunteer, please see the announcement below. Contact Leon for additional information or with any questions: leon@stmatthewsnoho.org

NOHO FREE MARKET is Saturday, May 21, 2022, 10am-1pm!

Free fresh fruits and vegetables every third Saturday, 10am-1pm on our terrace. Volunteers needed 9:30am-1pm. Email Pr. Stephanie: stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org

HAVE TIME TO HELP WITH OUR DROP-IN PROGRAMS? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider helping out at our amazing drop-in programs for people experiencing homelessness. We could especially use some extra help on Fridays to help with our clothing distribution and meal service. Wondering what it is like? You can ask members like Erwin David, Don Rosenkjar, Lillian Parker, Art Figueroa and Melanie Ronning about how meaningful the work is. Contact Pr. Stephanie for info or to sign up: stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org 310.968.7038.

ST. MATT'S MEMORIAL WALL: Next Blessing of New Crosses TBA

If you would like to sponsor a cross for a St. Matt's member who has passed away, please contact leon@stmatthewsnoho.org. You can choose to purchase a cross yourself (we recommend crosses of weather-resistant material and approximately 8-10 inches tall). You can also ask us to select a cross. We ask, if possible, a donation of a minimum of \$50 if we are to purchase the cross; or a donation of \$30 if you provide the cross to cover the cost of the name plaque and installation.

SING TO THE LORD A SONG

There are many wonderful voices and musical talents in our congregation! You are ALL urged to share your musical gifts in two ways. JOIN IN WITH THE CHOIR or PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC. Contact our amazing choir director/pianist/organist Cathy Miller: cathy@stmatthewsnoho.org

CAN YOU HELP WITH BREAKING BREAD?

We are currently offering hospitality in the narthex before and after worship. Could you help? We need volunteers willing to sign up to do the following: purchase and bring a treat (i.e., muffins, a selection of cookies, danishes etc.), arrive early around 9:30am to set up table, coffee, water and pre-plate the treats; greet people who come to breaking bread; and clean up the hospitality around 12:15pm. Please text or email leon@stmatthewsnoho.org and tell him what day you are willing to serve. Thank you!

BE PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM!

In order to lead and live-stream our worship services we need volunteer song leaders, assistants and technical support to join Pr. Stephanie in leading worship, Cathy in providing musical offerings, and Leon and Clay Steely-Boehlke in coordinating the tech side of broadcasting. Sign up in the narthex or contact Pr. Stephanie by cell/text at 310.968.7038 or by email at stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org, and let her know what role(s) you might be willing to play: assisting minister, singer/musician, reader, and assist with videotaping and sound. Anyone familiar with PowerPoint and willing to be back-up for managing our PowerPoint display on Sundays, please contact Leon at leon@stmatthewsnoho.org.

ST. MATT'S DIRECTORY

St. Matt's 2021 Church Directory is available in our WEEKLY EMAIL.