



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

The People of St. Andrew's are Called by God  
**TO SERVE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**  
in the Heart of Toronto.

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2020 | FAITH  
HOPE  
& LOVE

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship, this day, on the traditional territory of the First Nations peoples of this land.*

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**Welcome to St. Andrew's Church!** God calls on St. Andrew's to be an inclusive community and to welcome all with open arms and hearts of love. If you are a visitor, please feel free to speak to either of our Ministers or the Greeting Elder at the end of today's service and to join us at Coffee Hour in the Great Hall.

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### ***Connect with us...***

For general inquiries, to submit or update your personal contact information, or to subscribe to any of our electronic newsletters, please contact Executive Ass't Judy Neal at [jneal@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:jneal@standrewstoronto.org).

If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic congregation, in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. William Ingram, or Judy Neal.



Free Parking is available until 1:30 pm in the underground City parking garage at the foot of University Avenue at Front St. Please ask one of the ushers to validate your parking voucher. Limited parking is available on Emily Street on Sundays.

### ***As you prepare for worship...***



Please turn off the sound on your mobile phones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment without prior permission from the ministers.



## ***Gathered in God's Presence***

‡ = Please Stand if Able

### **Preparation for Worship**

*Prayer, Meditation and Quiet Visiting*

**Organ Prelude**      *Chorale and Fugue*

Willan (1880 - 1968)

**Little Entry** ‡

**Call to Worship** ‡

**Introit**

**If with all your hearts**

Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

*Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments, for your transgressions;  
the Prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God.  
I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for he is slow to anger, and merciful,  
and kind and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.*

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God.  
Oh that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.  
If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God.*

**Words of Welcome**

**Hymn**

**O Servants of God**

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad that wonderful name:  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
whose reign, ever glorious, shall rule over all.

God rules from on high, almighty to save;  
yet ever is nigh, whose presence we have.  
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, give God what is right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

## **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

Adoration  
Confession

*A time of silence for the personal confession of sins will be observed.*

Assurance of Pardon  
Supplication and *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Word Proclaimed

## Introduction to Today's Scripture Readings

### The Holy Scriptures

#### Exodus 16: 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but" against the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

## **Psalm 105: 1-2, 37-45**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,  
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.  
Egypt was glad when they departed,  
for dread of them had fallen upon it.  
He spread a cloud for a covering,  
and fire to give light by night.  
They asked, and he brought quails,

and gave them food from heaven in abundance.  
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.  
For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.  
He gave them the lands of the nations,  
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,  
that they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws.  
Praise the LORD!

## **Philippians 1: 21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **Matthew 20: 1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Organ Interlude**

**Sermon**

**"Telling Tales"**

The Rev. Dr. Robert N. Faris

## ***Our Response***

**Affirmation of Faith †**

*"A New Creed," UCC 1968, alt 1998.*

**We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn

***Lord, dismiss us with your blessing***

TANTUM ERGO

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,  
traveling through life's wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
May your presence, may your presence  
with us evermore be found,

so that when your love shall call us,  
Saviour, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
live in you in endless day.

## ***The Sending***

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - )



The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. Let us de-part in peace. Thanks be to God.

**Benediction †** *The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Ministers recess.*

**Organ Postlude** *Be Joyful Now*

Quehl (1694 - 1739)



## **Announcements**

Thank you to today's soloist Keith Klassen.

Thank you also to everyone who assisted with today's service, ensuring that all COVID-19 protocols were followed and that everyone remained safe.

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## **Bible Study Classes Resume**

The Thursday evening Bible Study began on September 10 at 6:30pm via ZOOM. We will continue our study of the books of Amos and Daniel as representative of prophetic and apocalyptic literature. We will complete this study on October 8. An outline of each study and how to connect to the meeting will be sent out weekly. New participants are welcome.

The Sunday morning Bible Study began on September 13 at 9:00am via ZOOM (please note the earlier start time). We will continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. Information will be sent out weekly by email, including updates on when we will be able to include in-person, in addition to, online possibilities. New participants are always welcome.

For more information or to join either of these studies, please contact Rev. Faris at:

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## **Church School Updates for Fall/Winter**

Please note that there will be no in-class Church School or Nursery services available on a Sunday until further notice. However, we will continue with our online services. Please sign up children (ages 3-10) to receive our Church School Fall/Winter package. Please register before September 25<sup>th</sup> as our Church School virtual lessons will start on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

A bi-weekly Youth Zoom Gathering (ages 11-17) will begin on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

For both of these programs please register with Shara Benavidez at: [shara.b@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:shara.b@standrewstoronto.org)

## Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon

A promotional poster for the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon 2020. The background is a dark purple with a silhouette of a runner. The text is in white and yellow. The Scotiabank logo is in the top left. The main title is 'VIRTUAL RUN / WALK / SUPPORT' in large yellow letters. Below it is 'OCT. 1-31 2020'. To the right, it says 'IN SUPPORT OF:' followed by a list of programs. At the bottom right, it says 'SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON' and 'REGISTER ONLINE' with a URL.

ST. ANDREW'S  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

IN SUPPORT OF:  
/ St. Andrew's Out of the Cold  
/ Better English Café  
/ Music Program  
/ Heart of the City Speakers Series

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**OCT. 1-31**  
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**SCOTIABANK**  
**TORONTO WATERFRONT**  
**MARATHON**

REGISTER ONLINE  
<https://raceroster.com/27138?aff=3A7DF>

All of you Walkers and Runners out there will be pleased to hear that the annual Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon is still on for 2020 - but with a twist of course, due to the Pandemic. This year there are actually even more options for you to be a part of the "St. Andrew's Community Services" Team and all of you who have spent the past few months out walking with family and friends will be in great shape to participate!

Beginning Oct. 1 and lasting all through the month, team members may choose both the distance and the date(s) to join in. Walk the 5km in one day or 5. Run the 10km at a convenient time or as the weather cools down. Please check out the website at: [www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com](http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com) for more information on the options available.

But - if you would enjoy walking with other team members then join us on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> as we walk the 5km together (while social distancing of course). We will leave St. Andrew's at 8:30am and plan to be back in time for Sunday Worship at 10:30am.

To register for any of the options available please sign up at: <https://raceroster.com/27138?aff=3A7DF> Remember to choose "St. Andrew's Community Services" as your team from the drop down menu option offered after your personal information is input. Then, encourage your friends and family to support your efforts or perhaps they would like to join you on and walk or run with you! This is the year for all of us to participate and raise funds for all of the wonderful programs we support here at St. Andrews.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for the Out of the Cold Breakfast Program on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you are able to assist us or if you require more information, please contact [info@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:info@standrewstoronto.org)

## **Catalyst**

The next issue of Catalyst is planned for early November, with submissions due Sunday, October 4th. Please consider how you might contribute to this issue: an update about your ministry or committee's efforts to restart/maintain its activities during the pandemic; suggestions on new ways to contribute to the work and life of the St. Andrew's community; and contributions in the form of poetry or brief reflections are most welcome.

The deadline for submission to the issue is Sunday, October 4. Please email your contributions to editors Yvonne Pigott at [ypigott@yahoo.com](mailto:ypigott@yahoo.com) and Jane Martin [janemartin@pagemartin.com](mailto:janemartin@pagemartin.com)

Contributions of 500 to 800 words should be in Word format and photos should be in jpg format.

If you are contributing for the first time, please include a photo of yourself to accompany your article..

Consent: When your submission includes photos of others, please consider whether you need to get consent to publish. Generally, for church events, a disclaimer is posted indicating that persons attending may be included in photos taken during the event, and consent to publication is presumed to be given. However, for other articles in which an individual is featured prominently in a photo, please contact them for permission prior to submission. For children featured in photos, written parental consent is always required.

## **Stewardship and Giving Options**

Due to COVID-19 protocols, collection plates will no longer be passed during our morning worship services. In order to make contributions and offerings, please consider one of the following:

A donation box will be available as you exit.

Cheques may be mailed to the Church Office

Online donations can be made by Credit Card at [standrewstoronto.org/donate/](https://standrewstoronto.org/donate/)

E-transfers can be made to [donations@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:donations@standrewstoronto.org) and please use the password *standrews*

*We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!*

