



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.

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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For general inquiries, to submit or update your personal contact information, or to subscribe to any of our electronic newsletters, please contact the Church Office at: info@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 the Church Office.

Please respect each other by refraining from using strongly scented products while at St. Andrew's Church. A scent-free area has been designated in the southwest corner of the sanctuary.

Please note that photography/filming may be taking place within the Sanctuary and/or Great Hall for promotional and archival purposes. The photographs and recordings are likely to appear on our website and our social media platforms.

If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the photographer know.

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.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church

The people of St. Andrew's are called, by God, to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto.
We believe that we are called to be an inclusive community and to welcome all with open arms
and hearts of love. We are glad that you are here today!



Gathered in God's Presence

‡ = *please stand if able*

Preparation for Worship

Prayer, Meditation and Quiet Visiting

Organ Prelude *Salvation now is come to us
Shall we gather at the river?*

*Anon (17th Century)
Arr. Hobby (1962 -)*

The congregation is invited to rise during the entry of the Bible

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #371 ‡ *Love divine, all loves excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Opening Responses †

One: Let us see you this day, O God,

All: Come to us as light.

One: Let us hear you this day, O God,

All: Come to us as truth.

One: Let us sense your presence, O God,

ALL: Come to us as love.

One: Let us worship you this day O God,

ALL: We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

Introit

A new commandment

Shephard (1949 -)

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Adoration

Confession

A time for the silent confession of sin 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.

Hymn #516 †

A little child the Saviour came

ANGELUS

Children's Time

Children and youth, ages 4 to 17, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.

Words of Welcome

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the waters of baptism, we welcome Ayla Rai Narayansingh, daughter of Michelle Karen Kuisma and Kiran Paul Narayansingh into the Body of Christ.

The Aaronic Blessing

(619, BOP)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Indra Narayansingh

Acts 10: 44-48 (135, NT)



Psalm 98 †

O sing to the / Lord a - new / song,
For / he has - done / marvell-ous / things.
His right hand and his / holy / arm
...../ Have / gained him / victory.

The Lord has made / known his / victory;
He has revealed his vindi/cation - in the / sight of - the / nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the / house of / Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the /vic-tory / of our / God.

Continued/...

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the / earth;

Break forth into joyous / song and / sing / praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the / sound of / melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise be/fore the / King, the / Lord.

Let the sea roar, and / all that / fills it;

The world and / those who / live in / it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing to/gether - for / joy

At the presence of the Lord, for he is / coming - to / judge the / earth.

2nd half

He will judge the / world with / righteousness,

..../ **And the / peoples with / equity.**

Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son

And / to the / Holy / Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be

World / without / end, A/men.

1 John 5: 1-6 (261, NT)

John 15: 9-17 (113, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ubi caritas

Durufié (1902 - 1986)

Where there is love and charity, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together as one body. Let us rejoice and be glad in that love. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love from a pure heart. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith †

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Love of the Father

Bancroft (1904 – 1988)

Love of the Father, love of God the Son, from whom all came, in whom was all begun; who formest heavenly beauty out of strife, creation's whole desire and breath of life: thou the all holy, thou supreme in might, thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh right; thou with thy favour all things doth enfold, with thine all-kindness free from harm wilt hold. Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid, that dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid: to all that cry thou dost all help accord, the angels armour, and the saints reward. Eternal glory, all do thee adore, who art and shalt be worshipped evermore: us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might, and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Presentation of the Offering †

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Choral Amen

Hymn #459 †

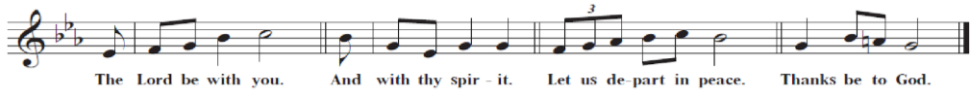
O servants of God

LAUDATE DOMINUM

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



Benediction †

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

Organ Postlude

Two settings of All glory be to God on high

Walther (1684 – 1748)

Vetter (1666 – 1734)

*Following our worship service, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for Coffee Hour.
Please use the blue doors to the left of the pulpit at the front.*

We extend a special welcome to those of you visiting St. Andrew's for the first time, and to those who have visited us in the past. If you would like more information about life here at St. Andrew's church, we encourage you to complete our new Welcome Card that can be found in each pew. You may drop it off in the collection plate during the offering, or in the designated box found in the Narthex as you leave.



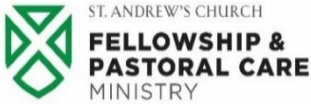
St. Andrew's Choristers:

The Choristers will rehearse at noon today in the Nave. If you are interested in joining this ensemble, please speak with Dan Bickle.

Greeters and Ushers Needed

Greeters and Ushers are needed each Sunday, before and during worship, to welcome people, hand out bulletins, and at times, to assist with the collection of the offering. This is a simple way to volunteer your services to St. Andrew's but it is also much needed and much appreciated. Reece Hodgson has taken up the challenge of organizing the rota for each Sunday so if you can assist – even just once a month – it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Reece directly at:

rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org



New Members Information Meeting – May 9th

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on May 26th. If you are thinking about becoming a member of this congregation, please join us at an information meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th in the Boardroom. Learn more about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of this active congregation in the heart of Toronto. Speak to either of the Ministers for more information.

If you wish to attend, contact the church office at 416-593-5600 ext. 220 or email Marcela at: mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org

The Boardroom is located on the first floor of the St. Andrew's Offices. Please use the door at 73 Simcoe St. The Boardroom is the first door on the right.



Thursday Noon-time Communion Service

Join us Thursdays for our Noon-time Communion Service. Doors will open at noon and the service will begin at 12:15 PM. All are welcome.



Nursery & Church School

The Nursery is available in Room 206 for children up to 2 years of age. The Nursery can be accessed by taking the elevator to the 2nd floor, then turning right. Parents and/or guardians may take the children directly to the Nursery before worship begins and collect them from the same location afterwards. Church School is available for children 3 and above. The children should stay in the Sanctuary at the start of worship but will leave once children's time is announced. Parents or guardians may pick them up from Church School on the second floor (Room 207) after worship.

Sunday Adult Bible Study – Parables – Stories for Life in God’s World

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the boardroom for our latest Bible study series. This time we turn to those timeless stories that speak to our faith, and influence the decisions we make, while discovering what makes a parable unique. Appreciate how Jesus used these short and seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought.

We will return to our hybrid format so if you would like to join us via Zoom please email Marcela Villalobos in the Church Office at mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org by Fridays at 2pm so that she can send out the weekly link. Childcare will be made available for those attending Bible Study but we do ask that you notify us ahead of time.



Music at St. Andrew’s

Violin and piano will be featured this week in our May 10th Friday Noontime Recital. Jin Lee Youn, violin, and Su Jon Higuera, piano, will play Chopin, William Bolcom, and the famous Sonata in A by Franck. Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary contributions.

The Better English Café

The Better English Café meets Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm in the Great Hall and we welcome all those seeking to improve their English speaking skills.

For more information, please the church website or checkout our Meetup Page at:

<https://www.meetup.com/Better-English-Cafe/>

Volunteers Needed for the Better English Café – with more and more participants each week, we are once again in need of more volunteers. Facilitators are always needed to keep the conversation flowing. You don’t need to be a teacher as we mainly work to keep everyone chatting away and to be there to answer questions or explain some of the quirks of the English language.

We also need one or two people who could help by taking over more of the “running of the evening work” – directing people to tables, refilling coffee pots, directing cleanup etc. It wouldn’t necessarily have to be every week – if more than one person was interested then they could alternate weeks.

Please consider this need and if you are able to help contact bec@standrewstoronto.org

Stewardship and Giving

Weekly and monthly offerings are one of the most significant sources for the support of the ministries of St. Andrew's Church. These regular givings help to cover a range of expenses including staff salaries and benefits, congregational ministry initiatives, and local and national mission and ministry commitments, including *Presbyterian Sharing*.

The congregation also depends on an annual grant from St. Andrew's "Heritage Trust", as well as on rental revenues from the use of our facilities, which help to support administrative costs, support staff salaries, repairs, maintenance and capital costs for the upkeep of the church facilities.

As a congregation, we are blessed in so many ways. Let us continue to work together to support the life and ministry of this wonderful community of faith.

Methods of giving:

- Signing up for PAR plan (pre-authorized remittance)
- Placing your offering in the collection plate during worship service.
- Mailing a cheque to the Church Office at 73 Simcoe Street, Toronto, ON M5J 1W9
- Donating online by Credit Card at standrewstoronto.org/donate/
- Sending an E-transfers to: donations@standrewstoronto.org OR
- Clicking on the QR code below:



We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!

For those who requested givings envelopes, they are now available in the Narthex.

The Faces of St. Andrew's

We're a growing church and to help us continue as a welcoming congregation, we're creating a book called The Faces of St. Andrew's as part of our Radical Hospitality initiative. Not only would it help the congregation to get to know each other but what a welcome gift for our new Associate Minister when he/she arrives.

We want it to be fun, informal, and easy to keep current. Members of staff have gathered pictures over the years that we can use as a starting point and we're thinking of starting with St. Andrew's Members as a pilot. We'll publish it when we have about 70 photos and share it with you for your comments and feedback. It will only be available during Sunday coffee hour and in the church office. If you have a photo that you would like to submit, please to send it to inf0@standrewstoronto.org

It will be a work in progress, continually being updated with new Members as they arrive. Look for the pilot edition today, Sunday, May 5th.



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Our Semi Annual Book & Cookie Sale in support of Out of the Cold & Refugee Support, will take place on Friday, May 31st and Saturday June 1st. The need for the OOTC breakfasts, suppers and boutique seems to increase each year and your support is greatly appreciated by the less fortunate in this city.

Our Refugee Sponsorship Committee is currently awaiting confirmation on when the next three family members will be arriving in Canada – which could be at any time. Fundraising to support them during their first year in Toronto is ongoing and our very popular cookies to aid these efforts, always sell out.

We look forward to your participation and know that we can rely on your support. Donations of books are now being accepted and can be dropped off at the church on Mondays through Thursdays, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

STARS has now been informed that the three family members will be arriving shortly. We are currently in need of three beds to assist them. Bunk beds, a futon or even single beds would be welcomed. If you can be of assistance, please contact Betsy Nieuwland at: betsy.nieuwland@gmail.com

2024 Toronto Bach Festival
May 24 – 26

As part of this year's festival an Organ Recital will be held at St. Andrew's Church
on Saturday, May 25 at 12pm

For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to:

<https://www.torontobachfestival.org/2024-festival>



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