



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

LXV Te decet hymnus

*Lord in your shining wisdom, make us wise.
Morning and evening turn to you in praise,
Your glory stands where steadfast mountains rise.*

*Your presence girds us like the sea. The days
Arrive as gifts from you. The starlit nights
All manifest the beauty of your ways.*

*Your love touches the earth itself, alights
Not just in rain and growth and plenteousness
Or in the crowning goodness, which delights*

*The eye at harvest, but you visit us
And bless us far more deeply in your Son
Who came, a grain of wheat, sown deep for us*

*Into the furrowed grave, planted alone
That we might die and rise again with him
In the rich valley of the resurrection.*

A paraphrase of Psalm 65 by Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We acknowledge that we gather to worship, this day, on the traditional territory of the First Nations 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 *Our Father in heaven*

*Boehm (1661 – 1733)
J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #386 ‡ *Come down, O Love divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

Opening Responses ‡

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence.

All: from God comes our salvation.

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence;

All: for our hope is from God

Introit

Thou visitest the earth

Greene (1696 – 1755)

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it and crownest the year with Thy goodness.

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 #645 ‡

Follow me, the Master said

FOLLOW ME

Children's Time

Children ages 3 to 12, are welcome to go into Church School at this time.

Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Indra Narayansingh

Joel 2:23-32 (944, OT)



Psalm 65 ‡

Praise is due to you, O / God, in / Zion;
and to / you shall / vows - be per/formed,
 O you who / answer / prayer!
To / you all / flesh shall / come.

When deeds of iniquity / over/whelm us,
..../ you for/give - our trans/gressions.
 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to / live - in your / courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your / house, your / holy / temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O / God of - our sal/vation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and /of the / farthest /seas.
 By your strength you esta/blished - the / mountains;
.... / you are / girded with / might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the / roaring - of their / waves,
the / tumult / of the / peoples.
 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are / awed - by your / signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the / evening / shout for / joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you / greatly - en/rich it;
the river of / God is / full of / water;
 you provide the / people - with / grain,
for / so you / have pre/pared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, / settling - its / ridges,
 softening it with showers, and / blessing / its / growth.
You crown the / year - with your / bounty;
 your wagon tracks / over/flow with / richness.

The pastures of the / wilderness - over/flow,
 the / hills - gird them/selves with / joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck them/selves
with / grain,
 they shout and /sing to/gether - for / joy.

**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 / with - out / end. A/men.**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (230, NT)
Luke 18:9-14 (83, NT)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

View me, Lord

Lloyd (1933 – 2021)

View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night? Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light. Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and white; They that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight. Worldly joys, like shadows, fade when the heavenly light appears; But the covenants thou hast made, endless, know nor days, nor years. In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly. Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Sermon

“Abundance From Above”

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite

Hymn #423 ‡

Sing your praise to God eternal

ARFON (MAJOR)

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith ‡

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

***With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image,
Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of
humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and the wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.***

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *Sing my soul His wondrous love*

Rorem (1923- 2022)

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to man extends his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made,
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore his name,
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home,
Trust his love for all to come.*

Presentation of the Offering ‡

OLD 100TH - THE DOXOLOGY

***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

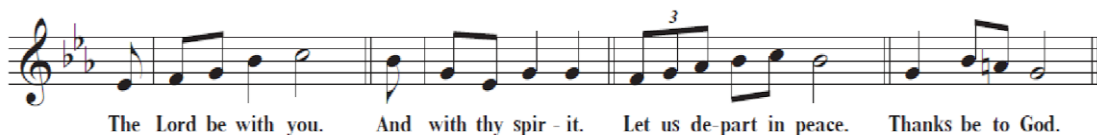
Hymn #315 ‡ *A mighty fortress is our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

The Sending

Dismissal ‡

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Ein feste Burg*

Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

Reger (1873 – 1916)

*Following our worship service, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship.
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 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.



The St. Andrew's Choristers will rehearse today in the Nave. If you are interested in singing in this group, please speak with Dan Bickle or contact him at:
dbickle@standrewstoronto.org

Communion Services for Fall 2025

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on November 30.

Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Study Group meets at 9am in the Boardroom. No background or understanding of the Bible is necessary to participate in this study group – all are welcome!

Church School

Church School is now back in session for children 3 to 12 years of age. To register your child, please complete the form found on our Faith Formation page at:

<https://standrewstoronto.org/connect/christian-education-events/>

The Nursery is available for those up to 2 years of age and may be found on the second floor.



GUEST PREACHER - MALCOLM GUITE

Malcolm Guite is an English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest, and academic. Guite earned degrees from Cambridge and Durham universities. His research interests include the intersection of religion and the arts, and the examination of the works of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and Owen Barfield, and British poets such as Samuel Taylor Coleridge. He was a Bye-Fellow and chaplain of Girton College, and associate chaplain of St. Edward King and Martyr, Cambridge. On several occasions, he has taught as visiting faculty at several colleges and universities in England and North America.

Guite is the author of five books of poetry, including two chapter books and three full-length collections, as well as several books on Christian faith and theology. Guite has a decisively simple, formalist style in poems, many of which are sonnets, and he stated that his aim is to “be profound without ceasing to be beautiful”. Guite performs as a singer and guitarist fronting the Cambridgeshire-based blues, rhythm and blues, and rock band Mystery Train. He also has a YouTube channel where he shares his passions and musings with his viewers.

“Spirituality in a Digital Age”

Congregational Retreat

November 8, 2025

We are living through fascinating times in relation to the impact, influence and transformations in technology. The experience of the COVID Pandemic, the advent of Artificial Intelligence, and the changes in the ways that we learn and communicate are unprecedented in human history.

But what does this mean for our spiritual lives? How does it affect our relationships and sense of community? How can it deepen and enrich our understanding of the call of Christian Discipleship and our experience of the mystery of God?

Please join us for a day of reflection and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Register

SCAN ME



10 am - 4 pm
\$25
Lunch
provided

KNOX COLLEGE
59 St George St,

Free Childcare will be available (with advanced notice).

You will also find a link to the registration form at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/StAndrewsChurch1/SpiritualityInADigitalAgeNovember82025>

The Church Library is Open!

Looking for a great summer read? The church library is open and ready to welcome you! Feel free to browse the bookcases and discover something inspiring. The library hours will be every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Visits outside these hours can be arranged by appointment. Please email lorianncomeau@gmail.com at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your visit. Happy reading, and thank you for supporting our church library!

Materials available in the library are listed in St. Andrew's online catalogue 'StAndrewsTO' at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/StAndrewsTO>

Better English Café

The Better English Café meets Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Great Hall. This is an opportunity for newcomers, International students and even visitors to this city, to improve their conversational English. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please let them know.

For all Updates please checkout our Meetup Page at:

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



Music at St. Andrew's

The Friday Noon Recitals of October 31st will feature Koichi Inoue, piano, music by Faure, Liszt, Szymanowski, Chopin.

Admission is free with opportunity for voluntary donation.

A list of the October and November performers is now available online at our website:

www.standrewstoronto.org

Out of the Cold

While our Out of the Cold Community Breakfast continues on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am, we are also gearing up for the resumption of our Out of the Cold Monday dinner program on November 3, which will run through to April 13, 2026. Doors will open at 4:00pm and dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the orientation meeting held on Monday October 20th. It was well attended. If you would still like to join our team of volunteers please begin by completing the online registration form: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/standrewstoronto>

Please note that the boutique will be open during breakfast on October 28th but once the Monday dinner program resumes on November 3, the boutique will only be available on Monday evenings and not during Tuesday's breakfast.

As the colder weather arrives, the needs of our guests change. At the moment, the Boutique is in need of the following items:

- Men's jackets - L, XL and XXL
- Sweatpants - M, L, XL
- Sweatshirts - M, L, XL and XXL
- Shoes - size 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Please note: Dress shirts, pants and shoes will not be required for our guests.

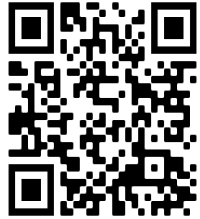
We wish to thank all our friends for their past contributions, and look forward for their continued support. With that in mind, we have decided to designate November as **November Givings Month**.

We are asking for your assistance in helping to resupply the boutique and ask that items for donation be brought to the church during worship services in November, when they will be gratefully received by our Out of the Cold volunteers.

Two of the most in demand items are men's Winter Socks and Winter Gloves – we give out many, many pairs over the Winter months. In addition, toiletry supplies are also running low and we are asking for donations of toothpaste, tooth brushes and soap. These may seem like small items to most of us but to our Out of the Cold guests, they are priceless. We hope that we can count on your support.

Stewardship and Giving

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 – forms can be found in the Narthex)
- 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
- Scanning the QR code to donate online.
- Or by our latest method of donation – Contactless tap. A floor stand device will now be available in the Narthex each Sunday, allowing you to give a pre-set amount of \$10.00. This charge will appear on your statement as “*St. Andrew’s Church.*” Please note, no receipt will be issued for amounts given via this method.

We appreciate your ongoing and faithful support!

PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

If you are considering making a legacy bequest to St. Andrew's Church, here is suggested wording for your will:

“I give and bequeath to St. Andrew’s Heritage Trust (charitable registration number BN: 119163566RR0001), _____ % of the residue of my estate [or the sum of \$_____] to be used for such purposes and designs as deemed appropriate by the Session of St. Andrew's Church.”

For more information you may contact Graeme Hepburn at graeme@hepburn.to or John Matheson at: jmatheson@rogers.com



The Christmas Pageant December 14, 2025 – Volunteers Needed

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of the season, we are inviting anyone who would like to help out or participate in our upcoming Christmas pageant on **Sunday, December 14th to sign up now**. Whether you'd like to be part of the cast, assist behind the scenes, or help with costumes and props, your involvement would be greatly appreciated and will help make this event meaningful for our community. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Chang at cchang@standrews.org. Thank you for sharing your gifts and enthusiasm to make this festive celebration shine.



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**FELLOWSHIP &
PASTORAL CARE**
MINISTRY

St. Andrew's Church seeks to be a caring community for all people. If you – or someone you know – are in need of prayer or caring contact with a minister or member of our congregation's pastoral care team, please send a note to: pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org. All correspondence and concerns will be kept confidential.

Calendar of Events

Tues, Oct. 28

7:30 am	OOTC Community Breakfast	Great Hall
7:00 pm	Better English Café	Great Hall

Thurs, Oct. 30

12:15 pm	Chancel Communion Service	Sanctuary
7:00pm	SingTO	Great Hall

Fri., Oct. 31

Noon	Friday Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, Nov. 2

9:00 am	Bible Study	Boardroom
9:00 am	Library opens	Library
10:00 am	Nursery opens	Day Care Centre, 2 nd Fl.
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Assistance during worship service is needed and appreciated. If you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher please contact Reece Hodgson at : rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at: selenatke@gmail.com

To list a meeting or event in this calendar, or to include an announcement in the bulletin, please send details to maggiem@standrewstoronto.org by 9:00 am on Thursday 10 days before the Sunday to which it pertains.

More information about many of the activities listed above, may be found on the Church website at www.standrewstoronto.org

TCS Walk/Run Team

Thank you to all those who walked on Saturday, October 18, 2025 and to all those who supported them with their donations. A total amount of \$12,500 was raised and this will support many of our outreach programs here at St. Andrew's.

