



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

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



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**Please note that our extensions have now changed**

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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 the Church Office at: [info@standrewstoronto.org](mailto: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**     *Oh God, hear my prayer*

*Krebs (1713 – 1780)*

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

### **Call to Worship ‡**

**Hymn #200 ‡**     *Lord Jesus, who through forty days*

*ST. FLAVIAN*

**Opening Responses ‡** Please see the Fifth Sunday in Lent Insert

## Introit

### ***Out of the depths***

*Daley (1955- )*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice, Lord hear my voice.*

## Prayers of Approach and Confession

Adoration

Confession

*A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed*

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

*KYRIE (WILLAN, 552, BOP)*

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

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 Sacrament of Baptism

*Through the waters of baptism, we welcome Leilani Bosire 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.***

## Hymn #512 †

***At the dawning of creation***

*STUTT GART (521, BOP)*

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

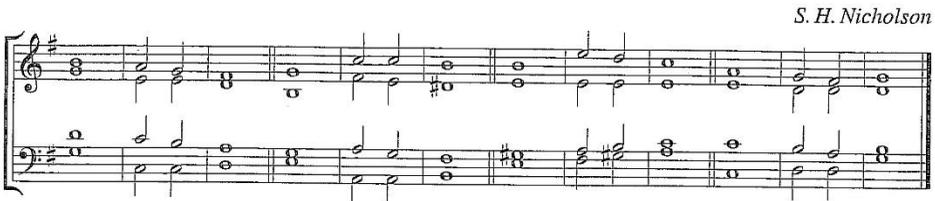
**Words of Welcome**

## ***The Word Proclaimed***

**The Holy Scriptures**

*Reader: Verna Ross*

**Ezekiel 37:1-14 (898 OT)**



**Psalm: 130 †**

Out of the depths I cry to / you, O / Lord.

**Lord, / hear my / voice!**

Let your ears / be at/tentive

**To the voice of my / suppli/cations!**

If you, O Lord, should / mark in/iquities,

**Lord, / who could / stand?**

But there is for/giveness - with / you,

**So that you may / be re/vered.**

*Continued/...*

I wait for the Lord, / my soul / waits,

**And in his / word I / hope;**

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who / watch - for the / morning,

**More than those who / watch - for the / morning.**

O Israel, / hope - in the / Lord!

**For with the Lord there is / steadfast / love,**

And with him is great / power - to re/deem.

**It is he who will redeem Israel from / all - its in/iquities.**

**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.**

**Romans 8:6-11 (164, NT)**

**John 11:1-6; 17-27; 38-44 (108, NT)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

***O Lord, increase my Faith***

*Loosemore (1607 - 1670)*

*O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience, in all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.*

**Sermon**

**“The Valley of Promise”**

Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

**Hymn #389 †**

***Breathe on me. breath of God***

TRENTHAN

## ***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 *Down to the river to pray***

*American Traditional, arr. Naylor (1999 - )  
Sung by the St. Andrew's Choristers*

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way! Oh brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down! Come on brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray! As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way! Oh sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down! Come on sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray! As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way! Oh fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down! Come on fathers let's go down, down in the river to pray! As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way! Oh mothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down! Come on mothers let's go down, down in the river to pray!

### **Presentation of the Offering †**

*661 Franconia*

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.***

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

## Choral Amen

Hymn #368 † *Let Christian faith and hope dispel*

ST. MAGNUS

## The Sending

Dismissal †

*Bodle (1923 - 2022)*



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

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second measure contains a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The third measure contains a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The fourth measure contains a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note E3. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the third measure.

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

**Organ Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* *Micheelsen (1902 - 1973)*

*Thank you to our pianist, Carol King for accompanying the St. Andrew's Choristers*

*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](mailto:dbickle@standrewstoronto.org)

## **Announcements**

### **In Memoriam**

We will once again decorate the sanctuary for our Easter worship service. Donations in memory of loved ones that are received by **today, March 22** will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Please use the envelopes included with today's bulletin.



### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5 and Sunday, May 24.

### **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.

### **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 available 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.

### **The Church Library is Open!**

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](mailto: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>



## **Music at St. Andrew's**

Our Friday Noontime Recital on March 27 will feature Asher Armstrong, piano. Luminaries: Music by Chebotaryan, Herz, Coulthard, Franck, (Prelude, Chorale, & Fugue), Schubert (arr. Armstrong)

Recitals begin at 12:10 and are free with an opportunity for donations. Please plan to join us. A list of the Spring performers is now available on the website.

## **SingTO**

SingTo meets each Thursday evening at 7pm in the Great Hall. If you are interested in joining our Community Choir, please contact Dan Bickle at: [singto@standrewstoronto.org](mailto:singto@standrewstoronto.org)

## **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 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/>

## **SAGA**

SAGA, a fellowship group for members of the LGBTQI2S+ community and their friends and supporters, will meet on Friday, March 27 th at 6:00 PM in the Great Hall. As usual, we'll have a potluck supper. Everyone is welcome...there's no cost—just bring something for the potluck.

Judy Neal will give a presentation on “Using AI to Make Everyday Life Easier — A Session for Seniors”. Artificial intelligence tools such as ChatGPT can be surprisingly helpful for everyday tasks. This short session will introduce a few simple ways seniors can use AI language tools (e.g. Chat GPT, Gemini) to make life easier. It is intended for seniors with little or no experience using AI.



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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](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewstoronto.org) All correspondence and concerns will be kept confidential.



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**OUTREACH**  
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## **Out of the Cold**

Serving the less fortunate people in our community is truly a privilege and blessing. While we cannot change their circumstances, we can certainly help to alleviate their stress and anxiety.

We are thankful for our volunteers who continue to give of their time on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. We are thankful for the companies who support us both financially and practically by encouraging staff to volunteer their time to assist us.

Thank you to the women who make 300 plus sandwiches every Monday morning. We are blessed to have such tremendous support.

Please note that the boutique will only be available on Monday evenings during dinner. The boutique currently has some very specific needs:

- Men's boots/shoes – size 10 through 13
- Men's t-shirts – especially size large or X-large
- Hoodies and/or sweatshirts – size large or X-large
- Sweat pants or athletic pants – size large or X-large
- Duffle bags/tote bags
- Socks are always needed but must be new

While donations are greatly appreciated, for both our male and female guests, we do need to advise that casual type clothing best suits their needs. If you have more formal or office wear clothing may we suggest that you donate to an organization such as "*Dress for Success*" who will put it to good use.

As always, we ask that donations be in good repair and either washed or dry cleaned. Thank you.

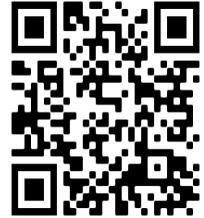
Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to join our team, please begin by completing the online registration form: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/standrewstoronto>

## Stewardship and Giving

As a congregation, we are blessed in so many ways. Congregation givings are one of the key pillars that 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 at [standrewstoronto.org/donate/](https://standrewstoronto.org/donate/)
- Sending an E-transfers to: [donations@standrewstoronto.org](mailto: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](mailto:graeme@hepburn.to) or John Matheson at: [jmatheson@rogers.com](mailto:jmatheson@rogers.com)

## Health & Wellness Class

Room 207: 4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, March through June.



**Summer Camp Registration Open for Camp Cairn:** Camp Cairn is a summer camp in Baysville, ON that operates with the support of the Presbyterian Church. Their camping ministry is open to children and youth from 5 – 16 years. The activities that kids participate in include rock climbing, paddling, swimming, singing, and games! Registration for the Summer 2026 program – July 5 through August 29 is now open at [lovecamp.org](http://lovecamp.org)

## **2026 Study Award Winners**



Auctavio Sun and Spencer Ingram

## Calendar of Events

### Mon. Mar. 23

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

### Tues, Mar. 24

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

### Wed, Mar. 25

7:00 pm HOTC Speakers Series Great Hall

### Thurs. Mar. 26

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

### Fri. Mar. 27

Noon Noontime Recital Sanctuary

### Sun, Mar. 29

9:00 am Library opens Library

9:00 am Bible Study Boardroom

9:30 am Nursery opens Day Care Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.

10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary

1:00 pm OOTC Prep Kitchen/Great Hall

*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](mailto:rhodgson@standrewstoronto.org) if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at: [selenatke@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.standrewstoronto.org)*

**"I am the  
resurrection  
and the life..."**

JOHN 11:25

**Easter  
Sunday  
APRIL 5  
10:30 AM**

**TRADITIONAL  
COMMUNION  
SERVICE**

**Sunrise  
Service  
8:30 AM**

# Celebrate Easter Sunday With Us

*All are welcome*



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## *Holy Week Services*

**Palm Sunday** – March 29

Worship Service at 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday** – April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Chancel) at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday** – April 3

Worship Service at 10:30 am

**Easter Sunday** – April 5

Early Chancel Service at 8:30 am – a light breakfast will follow

Traditional Communion Service at 10:30 am