



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

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

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

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

Easter Victory

Callahan (1951 – 2023)

Lasst uns erfreuen: Chorale, Duo, Reflection

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #255 ‡ ***Now let the vault of heaven resound***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Opening Responses ‡

One: O sing to the Lord a new song:

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,

All: God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

One: For great is the Lord,

All: and greatly to be praised.

Introit

Peace I leave with you

Daley (1955-)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid

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 #248 †

At the dawning of salvation

NETTLETON

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: Claire Lemiski

Isaiah 55:6-12 (761 OT)



Psalm 16 ‡

Preserve me O God: * for in / thee - do I / trust.

**I have said to the Lord, * "You are my Lord, *
my / good a/bove all / other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land.

Upon those who are / noble - a/mong the / people.

O Lord, * you are my / portion - and my / cup; /

It is / you - who up/hold my / lot.

The lines are fallen to me in / pleas-ant / places;

Yea, * I / have a / good-ly / heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has / given me / counsel:

My heart in/structs me / day and / night.

I have set the Lord / always - be/fore me:

Because He is at my / right hand * - I / shall not / fall.

Therefore my heart is glad, * and my / soul re/joices:

My flesh / also - shall / rest in / hope.

For you will not a/bandon me - to the / grave:

Neither let your / Holy - one / see the / Pit.

2nd Half

You will show me the / path of / life: *

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

and in your right hand are / pleasures - for/ev-er / more.

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.

1 Peter 1:3-9 (250, NT)
John 20:19-31 (119, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Now the green blade riseth

arr. Lindley (1948 - 2025)

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain. Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain. He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Sermon

“Hope and the End of Faith”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #677 †

My faith looks up to thee

OLIVET

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith †

Adapted from “A Brief Statement of Faith,” PC: USA.

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, creator of all life, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, who delivers us from death to life. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *Surgens Jesus*

Philips (1561 - 1628)

*Rising (from the dead), Jesus our Lord, standing in the midst of his disciples, said:
"Peace be unto you." Alleluia! The disciples rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Alleluia!*

Presentation of the Offering †

***Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name.
Bring an offering and come into His courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Choral Amen

Hymn #249 † *The day of resurrection*

ELLACOMBE

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.

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

Organ Postlude *Now the green blade riseth*

Malcolm Archer (1952 -)

*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

Announcements

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on 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 where we have begun a short study of the books of Jonah and Nahum.. 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 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 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

Our Friday Noontime Recital on April 17 will feature Jin Wantanabe, piano. Music by Bach, Beethoven, Pathétique Sonata, Liszt, Chopin, Polonaise #6, Hisaishi

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



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THURSDAY MAY 7
7:30 PM

TICKETS:
\$15
AT THE DOOR

An Evening of Choral Music with

SingTO Community Choir

CONDUCTOR:
**Daniel
Bickle**

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST:
**Carol
Ross-King**

Lean on me



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CATALYST

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

SPRING
2026

Friendly Reminder — Deadline
is Next Week!

We'd love to include your voice!

Submit by April 17

mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org





Out of the Cold

Thanks to Chris Montgomery and his team from National Bank for their generous donation and support of the March 30 dinner. We served approximately 265 people with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Peter and his team.

As a heads up, we are once again planning on doing a “*High Tea*” as a special treat for our OOTC female guests and this event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 in the Great Hall. Thank you to the women in our congregation, who have already responded to our call to donate hats, jewelry and scarves for this event.

Along with Summer clothing, hat and costume jewellery, we are also hoping for toiletries, as these items are ever more expensive and very much appreciated. If you are thinking of doing a Spring clear out at home, then there may be items that would be appropriate for this occasion and we would gratefully accept them. A separate donation box is now available in Rev. Byassee’s office on the second floor.

Others have also indicated a willingness to donate sweet treats and we will provide details closer to the date for these to be donated.

Thank you all for your continued support for Out of the Cold.

Just a reminder, the last supper of the Spring session will take place on Monday, April 13th, while our Tuesday breakfast continues all year round.

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>

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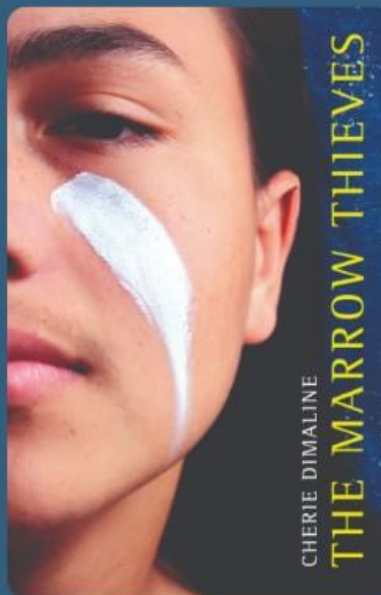
BOOK CLUB

Join us for a relaxed and thoughtful evening of conversation about this wonderful Canadian novel.

In-person, Wednesday

April 22

7- 8: 30 pm



In a future ravaged by climate change, humanity has lost the ability to dream—a "dreamlessness" that is driving the world mad. Only North America's Indigenous people still hold the power to dream, but the cure lies within their marrow, and harvesting it is fatal. A fifteen-year-old Frenchie and his companions flee "recruiters" determined to bring them to marrow-stealing factories.

Can they survive long enough to find home?



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/
- 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



St. Andrew's Young Adult
Social Group Presents:

Board Game Afternoon



APRIL 12

4:00-6:00pm

**SNACKS
PROVIDED**

Please RSVP:



St. Andrew's Church Great Hall, 73 Simcoe St.

Childcare available

Calendar of Events

Mon. April 13

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

Tues, April 14

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

7:00 pm Session Boardroom

Thurs. April 16

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

Fri. April 17

Noon Noontime Recital Sanctuary

Sun, April 19

9:00 am Library opens Library

9:00 am Bible Study Boardroom

9:30 am Nursery opens Day Care Centre, 2nd 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 Leslyn Henry at: : leslynloh@gmail.com
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