



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

Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third 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 *Christ lay in death's dark prison*

G. Boehm (1661 – 1773)

Buttstedt (1664 – 1727)

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #299 ‡ ***Holy, holy, holy***

NICAEA

Opening Responses ‡

One: O Lord, open our lips,
All: and our mouths shall declare your praise.
One: Your word is a lamp to our feet,
All: and a light to our path.
One: The Lord of hosts is with us;
All: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Introit

I am the resurrection and the life

Daley (1955-)

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. "Whosoever believeth in me shall never, never die."

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 #634 †

Will you come and follow me

KELVINGROVE

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: Bina Ratna Devavaram

Genesis 18:1-15 (15, OT)

S. H. Nicholson



Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 †

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my / cry for / mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as / long - as I / live.

The cord of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by dis/tress and / sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: / 'Lord, / save me!'

What shall I return to the Lord for all his / goodness / to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the / name - of the / Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of / all his / people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his / faithful / servants.

Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my / mother / did;

you have freed me / from my / chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the / name - of the / Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of / all his / people,

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In the courts of the / house - of the / Lord—

In your midst, Jerusalem. / Praise the / Lord.

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 Peter 1:17-23 (250, NT)

Luke 24:13-35 (92, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesu, the very thought is sweet

arr. Wood (1866 - 1926)

Jesu, the very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart joys meet. No word is sung more sweet than this, no sound is heard more full of bliss, than Jesus, Son of God most high.

Sermon

“A Chat, a Walk and a Dinner Guest”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Hymn #262 †

Come to us, beloved Stranger

BEACH SPRING

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.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *Take my life and let it be*

Keesecker (1956 -)

Sung by the St. Andrew's Choristers

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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 #642 † *O Master, let me walk with thee*

MARYTON

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 Minister recesses*

Organ Postlude *The strife is o'er*

Willan (1880 - 1968)

Thank you to Carol Ross King for accompanying the St. Andrew's Choristers today.

*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



Please join us next Sunday, April 26th when we will be joined by members of the 48th Highlanders for their annual "Act of Remembrance" ceremony.

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 24 will feature Tim Beattie, guitar. Co-sponsored by the Guitar Society of Toronto.

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

Sing TO Community Choir

CONDUCTOR:
Daniel Bickle

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST:
Carol Ross-King

Lean on me



@singtochoir



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Out of the Cold

The 2025-2026 OOTC dinner came to an end on Monday April 13, and what a night to remember. Our 260 guests were entertained from the moment the doors opened at 4.00 pm to their closing at 7 pm. Music and entertainment included our favourite street musician, Chao Wang, followed by the sweet voices of the Sing TO Choir, led by our own Dan Bickle and Carol King.

Guests were also treated to a delicious Caribbean meal, sponsored by JP, in memory of his dear friend who passed away two weeks ago.

Special thanks to Tara Madden and her team of volunteers from TD bank, who sponsored 3 dinners during this past season and who also gave generously to the boutique.

Thanks to the many volunteers, who gave of their time and donations to the boutique, the dinner, and who continue to assist with our Tuesday breakfast, which continues all year round.

Thanks to the many corporate sponsors, without whom we would not be able to accomplish as much as we do.

Thanks to our church members, who volunteered and supported us, both financially and in other ways to ensure that we give our guests the best experience possible.

We look forward to your continued support, suggestions and feedback as we move forward towards our next season.

The Boutique

As the seasons change the needs of our OOTC guests also change. The boutique is currently in need of the following:

Men's shoes size 10 -13

Men's t-shirts size large and X-large

Men's hoodies and sweatshirts size large and X- large

Sweatpants and athletic pants

Duffle bags, knapsacks

While not all items need to be new, we do ask that they be clean and in good repair. Donations may be dropped off at the church Tuesdays through Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Please come to either the Emily Street or Simcoe Street entrances. A phone number is posted so that someone can let you in.

Thank you.

Ladies' Tea for Out of the Cold Guests

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, hats 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.

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>



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.

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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

Calendar of Events

Tues, April 21

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

Thurs. April 23

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	SingTO	Great Hall

Fri. April 24

Noon	Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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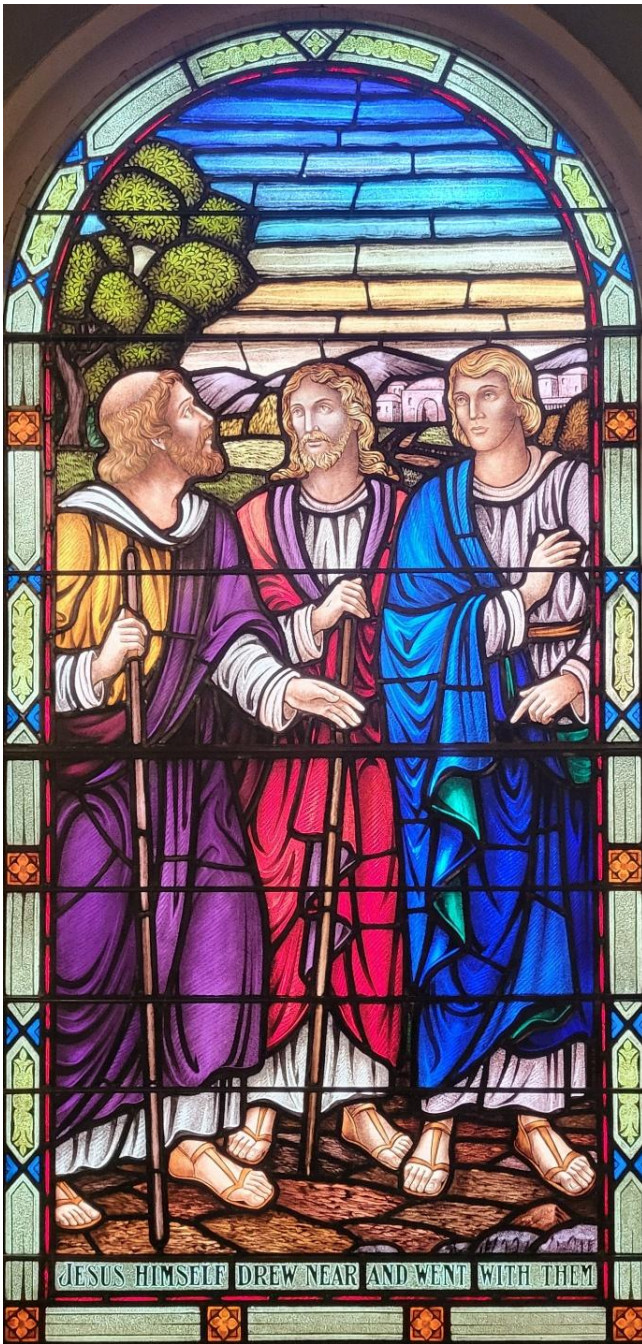
Sun, April 26

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

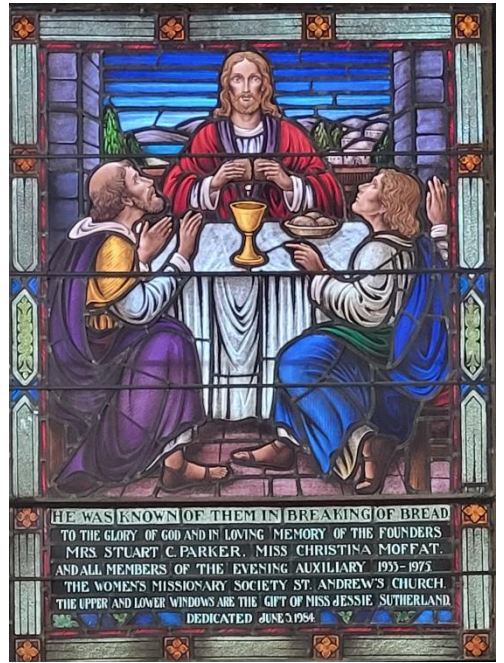
*Assistance during worship service is needed and appreciated. If you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher please contact Leslyn Henry at: : leslynloh@gmail.com
if you would like to be a Lay Reader during the service, please contact Selena Eng at:
selenatke@gmail.com*

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.

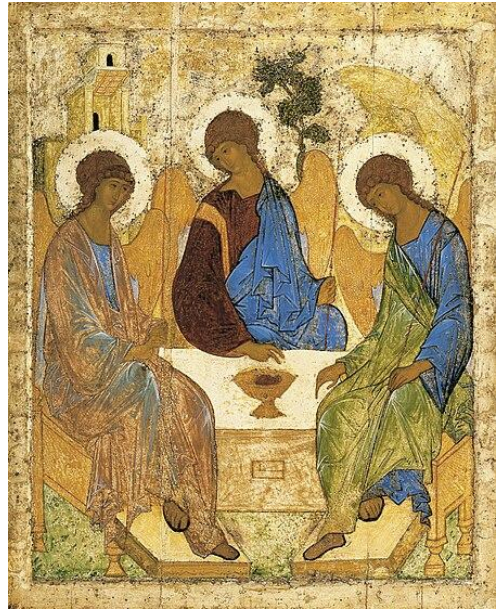
More information about many of the activities listed above, may be found on the Church website at www.standrewstoronto.org



*On the road to Emmaus
The Sutherland Window, Upper Gallery*



*The Breaking of the Bread
The Sutherland Window, Lower Gallery*



*The Holy Trinity
Icon by St. Andrei Rublev*