



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
KING & SIMCOE | TORONTO
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, April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday – 10:30 am Service



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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 *The Cathedral Brass*

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

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #243 † *Jesus Christ is Risen today*

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

Opening Responses †

1 Corinthians 15: 54-55

One: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

All: Where, O death, is your victory?

One: Where, O death, is your sting?

All: Christ is risen from the dead;

One: Christ is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

Introit

Fanfare for Easter

Pfautsch (1921 – 2003)

Christ the Lord breaks the bonds of death, lives again and will forever reign!

He is here in all his risen glory. Let all men lift their voices.

To the Lord we will sing the blessed song of the angels; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Adoration

Confession

A time for the silent confession of sin will be observed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

KYRIE (MERBECKE, 547, BOP)

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Supplication and Choral Amen

K. Klassen

Hymn #247 † ***Christ the Lord is risen today***

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

'Christ the Lord is risen today,'

all creation join to say.

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,

fought the fight, the battle won:

lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er;

lo! he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ hath burst the gates of hell.

Death in vain forbids him rise;

Christ hath opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King:

where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once he died our souls to save;

where thy victory, O grave?

Continued/...

Soar we now where Christ hath led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given;
every knee to thee shall bow,
risen Christ triumphant now.

Children's Time

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Indra Narayansingh

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (816, OT)



S. H. Nicholson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 †

O give thanks unto the Lord for / he is / good:
His steadfast love en/dures for/ever.
Let / Israel - now / say,
that his love en/dures for/ever.

The Lord is my / strength - and my / song, *
And is be/come - my sal/vation.

Continued/...

There are glad songs of victory in the / tents - of the / righteous.

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; *

The right hand of the / LORD - is ex/alted!

I shall not / die but / live,

And recount the / deeds - of the / Lord.

The Lord has / punished - me se/verely,

But he did not give me / over - unto / death.

Open to me the / gates of / righteousness;

I will enter them; *

I will offer / thanks - to the / Lord.

This is the / gate - of the / Lord; *

He who is / righteous - may / enter.

I will praise you for / you have / heard me *

And have be/come - my sal/vation.

The stone which the / builders - re/jected

Has become the / headstone - of the / corner.

This is the / LORD'S / doing * /

And it is / marvelous - in our / eyes.

This is the day which the / Lord hath / made *

We will re/joice - and be / glad in it.

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.

Hebrews 12:1-2, (243, NT)

Matthew 28:1-10 (34, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Rise up my love

Willan (1880 – 1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away, for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come.

Sermon

“For the sake of joy”

Rev. Dr. William G. Ingram

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith †

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering

Anthem

Joy is come

Trad., German arr. Carter (1939 –)

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide, see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison. Let the sound ring around, and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen! Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay, Christ the Lord lights our way, From the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking. Let the song echo long, Shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen! Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn, He endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unfailing. Tidings tell, Chant it well, risen Christ in us dwell, O'er the cross prevailing. Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's King, Winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking. Praises flow, voices grow, sounding far 'Gloria in excelsis Deo!'

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Everyone who seeks to love, honour and serve Christ is welcome
to partake in communion today.*

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

One: Hear the gracious words of our Saviour, Jesus Christ: Come to me, you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Hymn #13 † Ye gates, lift up your heads

ST. GEORGE'S, EDINBURGH

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this:
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.
Even that same Lord that great
in might and strong in battle is.

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Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? Who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

The Lord of hosts, and none but he
the King of glory is.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, amen, amen, amen.

The Words of Institution

One: In obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of him we do this, who, on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." As our Lord gave thanks and blessed, let us draw near to God and present our prayers and thanksgivings.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The sections in italics will be sung.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. You called light to shine out of darkness, fashioned the stars and galaxies, and set us in this world to love and serve you. When we chose to disobey your call to us, you did not abandon us, but made covenant with your people Israel, entrusted to them the Law and called them to righteousness and justice through the words of the prophets. In the fullness of time, you sent your own beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we have caught sight of your glory. When he ascended into your presence, you sent your Holy Spirit to bless us with comfort and with inspiration. Therefore, we praise you with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.***

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. With joy, we celebrate that though he knew the glory of heaven, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. With joy, we celebrate that you did not abandon him in death, but exalted him and raised him into a new and glorious life, to reign with you forever. In his life, in his death, in his resurrection, we have seen your glory revealed. We proclaim the mystery of our faith:



One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may draw us into communion with your Son, Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfil your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

One: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray together:

All: 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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

One: We break this bread, communion in Christ's body once broken.
We share this cup, communion in Christ's blood once shed.

The Communion

As you are served the elements, please feel free to partake of them.

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.***

The Peace

One: May the grace, mercy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #153 † *Joy to the world*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Sending

Dismissal †

Bodle (1923 - 2022)



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

Organ Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V*

Widor (1844 – 1937)



We extend a very special “Thank You” to the Cathedral Brass Quartet for their contribution to today’s service:

Margaret Wolf
Trumpet

Tim Birtch
Trumpet

James Chilton
Trombone

Eric Zhang
Tuba

*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.



Easter Flowers

***Among the many donations toward Church decorations this Easter Day,
gifts were made to the glory of God and the loving memory of:***

Margot Aird, Paul Barbeau, Gordon and Tina Bickle; J. Gardiner & L. Jane Brown; Tom Brown, Dorothy Boyce, Mary Brockenshire, , Yao Ming Chen, Austin Clarke, Ruth Darling, Sharon Deering, Janet Deering, Graham Down, Anne Lever Gebhart, Margaret & Kenneth Hall, Andrew, Olga, Helen & George Knight, Bernice Lemiski, Archie & Margaret Macnab, Jean & Charlie McGregor, Stella Moulton, Diane Paddon, Neal Paddon, Hazel Paddon, Natalie Pyszlak, Rosa Mary, Joel and Francisco Sanchez, Ju Sung Sheng, Rosa Vergara, Rev. Dr. Maj. Ian and Jean Wishart, Eleanor Lever Young,

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. No background or understanding of the Bible is necessary to participate in this study group – all are welcome!

Please join us on Sunday, April 12th as we begin a short study of the books of Jonah and Nahum.

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>



Music at St. Andrew's

Our Friday Noontime Recital on April 10 will feature Megan Chang and Emily Chiang in four-hand piano repertoire.

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

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/>



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.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a reflection, story, poem,
or short essay to share with the
St. Andrew's community?

Whether it's about your experience of
faith, thoughts on our church life,
or hopes for the future, we invite you
to contribute to the Spring issue of
The Catalyst—coming out in April.

We'd love to hear what's in your
heart and mind!

Please email the church's office for a submission template
mvillalobos@standrewstoronto.org

submission deadline is April 17





Out of the Cold

Sincere thanks to Morley Conn and his Scotia Bank team for the sponsorship of the Monday, March 23, 2026 dinner. We were also grateful for the invitation to join his team for refreshments following the dinner.

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. The support from the congregation and the volunteers at last year's Tea was greatly appreciated by our guests and we hope that we can once again count on your support.

We are asking for Summer clothing & hats, along with such items as toiletries and costume jewellery. 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.

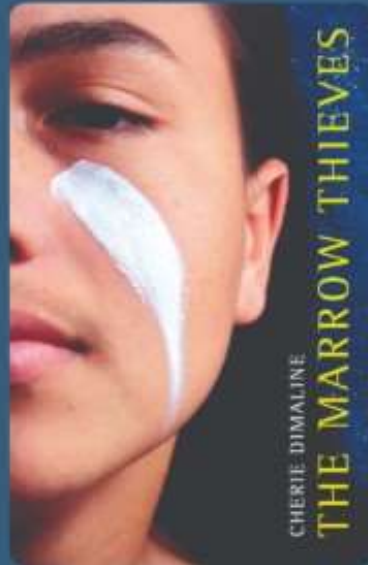
Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to join our team, please begin by completing the online registration form: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/standrewstoronto>

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BOOK CLUB

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

**In-person, Wednesday
February 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-transfer 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 upon request

Calendar of Events

Mon. April 6

5:00 pm OOTC Dinner Sanctuary

Tues, April 7

7:30 am OOTC Community Breakfast Great Hall

7:00 pm Better English Café Great Hall

Thurs. April 9

Noon Chancel Communion Sanctuary

7:00 pm SingTO Great Hall

Fri. April 10

Noon Noontime Recital Sanctuary

Sun, April 12

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

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 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



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