



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

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fourth 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 *O God, thou faithful God
My heart rejoices*

*Brahms (1833 – 1897)
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The congregation is invited to rise during the entry of the Bible

Call to Worship ‡

Hymn #321 ‡ ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

LOBE DEN HERREN

Opening Responses ‡

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**All: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;
our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**All: to tell others of God's love,
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely,
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

Introit

Father, I adore you

Coelh-Strom (1952-)

Sung by the St. Andrew's Choristers

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you. Jesus, I adore you.....Spirit, I adore you...

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.

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

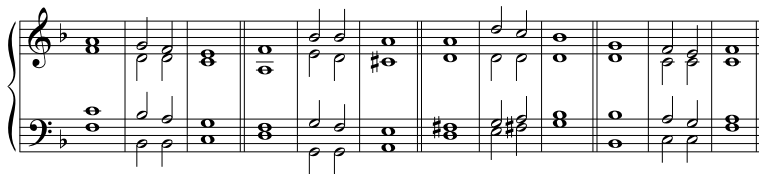
Words of Welcome

The Word Proclaimed

The Holy Scriptures

Reader: Reece Hodgson

Acts 7:55-60 (130, NT)



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 ‡

In you, O Lord, / I seek / refuge:

Do not let me ever be / put to / shame;

in your / righteousness - de/liver me.

Incline your ear to me; / rescue - me / speedily.

2nd Half

Be a rock of / refuge / for me,

A strong / fortress - to / save me.

You are indeed my / rock and - my / fortress;

For your name's sake / lead me - and / guide me.

Take me out of the net that is / hidden - for / me,

For / you are - my / refuge.

2nd Half

Into your hand I com/mit my / spirit;

You have redeemed me, O Lord, / faithful / God.

My times are/ in your / hand;

Deliver me from the hand of my / enemies - and / persecutors.

Let your face / shine up-on your / servant;

Save me in your / steadfast / love.

Glory be 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 2:2-10 (251, NT)

John 14:1-14 (112, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The call

Jennings (1925 - 2015)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life such a Way, as gives us breath such a Truth, as ends all strife Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength such a Light, as shows a feast such a Feast, as mends in length such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart such a Joy, as none can move, such a Love, as none can part Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Sermon

“Eyes Fixed on the Son”

Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

Hymn #96 †

Let us with a gladsome mind

MONKLAND

Our Response

Affirmation of Faith †

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction † *The congregation is invited to remain standing until the Minister recesses*

Organ Postlude *Two Easter Chorales from the Orgelbuchlein* *J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

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

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! For May and June, Rev. Jaylynn will lead the group in a study of the Psalms.

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 May 8 will feature the Jordan Klapman Quartet, Kalua Ramu, vocals, Glenn Anderson, drums, Ron Johnston, bass, and Jordan Klapman, piano. They will play swinging jazz favourites from the Great American Songbook.

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 is now on break until November however, our Tuesday morning breakfast continues all year round beginning at 7:30 am. Thank you to all those volunteers who continue to assist with the breakfast program.

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.



Our Book & Cookie Sale, in support of the St. Andrew's Young Adult Outreach program, will take place Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23. This is a new initiative within the St. Andrew's community and we hope that we can count on your support. We are now accepting donations of books, CD's, DVD's and Albums so if you are looking to do a Spring clear out – please keep us in mind.



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

For those seeking financial assistance in order to participate, please complete this form: [Financial Assistance form](#) or scan the QR code.



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.

Young Adult Social – Sunday, May 17th

The Young Adults will be heading to the cinema for an evening at the movies! Registration details are coming soon, in order to sit together and get tickets. We'll be seeing the movie "*Hail Mary*".

Book Club

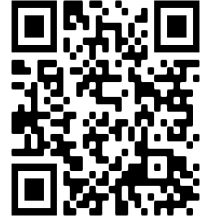
The next meeting of the St. Andrew's Book Club is Wednesday, June 17 at 7pm in the boardroom. We will discuss "*Two Solitudes*" by Hugh MacLennan, a Canadian classic.

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, May 5

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

Thurs. May 7

Noon	Chancel Communion	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	SingTO Spring Concert	Sanctuary

Fri. May 8

Noon	Noontime Recital	Sanctuary
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Sun, May 10

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



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