

Upcoming Worship Services

We have moved our livestream worship services to YouTube!

If you are unable to attend services in person, please join us online for worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. Click here:

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Lent & Easter 2023

Join us for

A Journey Through Lent: Holy Week 2023

Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:30 am

Palm Sunday; Reception of Youth Confirmation Class

"Who is This...?" Rev. Geoff Ross

Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday: Communion

"Service & Love." Rev. Geoff Ross

Friday, April 7, 2023 11:00 am

Good Friday: A Passion Drama

"Were you there...?" Rev. Geoff Ross

Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Sun-rise service with Communion

10:30 am Service with the Leap of Faith Band

"Do Not be Afraid...." Rev. Geoff Ross

*We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory
of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat,
and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples.*

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A COMMUNITY LOVING GOD
BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS**

*At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we:
learn together to know God's love through worship, study and prayer;
put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other;
use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.*

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

A Joint Service • 5th Sunday of Lent

(* Please stand if you are able, and remain masked while singing)

Prelude: *Lament*

H. Purcell

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn: *Breathe on me, breath of God* 389

Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy

(See Insert below)

Choir Anthem: *Rise on Wings of Hope*

arr. D. Allen

Reception of New Members

Invitation and Affirmation of Baptism (See Insert below)

Public Profession of Faith and Questions

Declaration, Prayer and Blessing

(The New Members are invited to return to the pews.)

The Word Proclaimed

(For the Prayer & Reading click: <https://youtu.be/aGaB4MPXp-Q>)

Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)

**God of call, God of transformation, God of the Lenten journey;
move us to respond to your Word, and guide our footsteps as
we seek to live lives worthy of the Cross. Amen.**

Main Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Additional Readings: John 11:1-45; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "Lenten Journey: Into Life."

Rev. Geoff Ross

* Hymn S-EAOM Music Team

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement: *For more on giving to St Andrew's,*

please visit: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>

* The Offering: (sung)

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We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

**God of the Lenten journey, from call to Cross to resurrection:
as pilgrims with sins forgiven, souls redeemed, we pray;
gifted by you, we offer to you, ourselves, and our praise:
Receive our gifts in answer to your call to serve you by loving all.
Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* Hymn: *In suffering love*

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude: *Gavotte*

H. Purcell

In Worship this Week

Ministers: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross
Pastor Babar Allahditta
Samina Babar

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman
Senior Choir
S-EAOM Music Team

Reader: Debbie Warwick

Sound & Video

Peter Shepherd Simpson Ross

Hymns for Sunday, March 26, 2023:

God the Holy Spirit

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Breathe on me, breath of God

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F Bb/F Bbm/F F /A C7/GF Bb6 Dm/BbC F Bb/FGm6

1. Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new, that I may
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure, un - til with
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine, un - til this
4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die, but live with

F/A F Bbmaj7 Bb6 Gm /Bb F/C (C F/C) C7 F

love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.
thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.
earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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Love

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In suffering love

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G D7 Em Bm C(sus4-3) /E Gsus4 3

1. In suf - fering love the thread of life is
2. There is a rock, a place se - cure with -
3. In love's deep womb our fears are held; there
4. Lord, to our hearts your joy com - mit, in -
5. In suf - fering love our God comes now, hope's

D/F# G Cmaj9 Am Em/C# G/D D D7/F# G D7 Em Bm

wo - ven through our care, for God is with us:
in the storm's cold blast; con - cealed with - in the
God's rich tears are sown and bring to birth, in
to our hands your pain, so send us out to
vi - sion born in gloom; with tears and laugh - ter

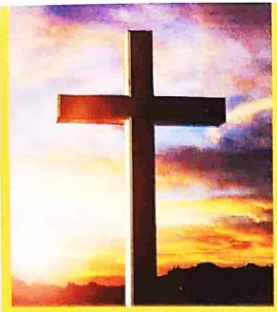
C(sus#4-3) /E Gsus4-3 /B Csus2-1 C Am/C G D7 G

not a - lone our pain and toil we bear.
suf - fering night God's co - ve - nant stands fast.
hope new - born, the strength to jour - ney on.
touch the world with bless - ings in your name.
shared and blessed the des - ert yet will bloom.

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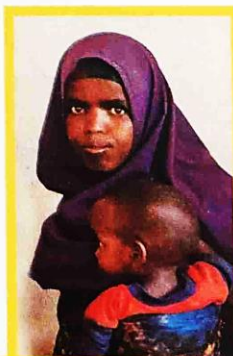
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Here we are taught to pay attention to those calling out for care.
- P: Jesus knew that God is revealed at unlikely times.
- L: Like him, sometimes we arrive too late,
when tragedy has already occurred:
- P: after the war has torn lives apart, after the earthquake
has crumbled homes, after the drought has killed crops.
- L: With Lazarus already in a tomb, Jesus cared for the grieving
before turning his attention to his dead friend.
- P: Let us pray for and support the medics as well as the injured,
the aid workers as well as the homeless,
the food providers as well as the hungry.
- L: Tragedies may show us the worst of humanity,
when greed and malice flourish.
- P: Yet, we celebrate those who respond with
love and compassion, bringing Christ to the
places where death has brought devastation.



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Responding to Drought in Somalia

"The weather is harsh; life is more difficult for the children, they are very thin and sick due to lack of food," says Siman Sokorow.

In Somalia, the general humanitarian situation is worsening, with famine alerts being declared in some parts of the country—needs are extremely high.

Siman's eight-month-old son, Farhan, is one of the many Somali children under five who has been admitted to hospital for treatment this year. Farhan was dehydrated due to vomiting and diarrhea. At hospital, he was admitted for severe malnutrition and started medication and rehydration treatment.

Farhan is now receiving the treatment he needs to recover, including therapeutic milk, antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs.

"He had been sick and weak, but after the treatment he has improved, he can now play and run around. Thanks to all those involved for the invaluable support," shares Siman.

This life-saving project, which PWS&D supports through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is helping treat severely malnourished children under the age of five, and lactating women.

**This Lenten season,
help ensure that
children have access
to critical food and
medical care.**

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of The Presbyterian Church in Canada*



Reception of New Members

March 26, 2023

We would like to welcome the friends and families of those being admitted into the church this morning as new members.

Reception of New Members

Today we welcome the following people
whom God has sent to us
so that we might grow to know God together.

By Profession of Faith

Jesse Bashir

Urooj Younis

Amos Masih

Aneeqa Amos

Gul Amos

Adha Amos

*By grace you have been saved through faith;
and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.*

As Rev. Geoff Ross and our Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw,
offer our new Sisters and Brothers in Christ
the right hand of fellowship,
in light of COVID protocols, we invite you to give them
a warm St. Andrew's welcome – by way of applause!

Readings for Sunday, March 26, 2023:

Main Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The Valley of Dry Bones*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "*Mortal, can these bones live?*" I answered, "*O Lord GOD, you know.*" Then he said to me, "*Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.*" So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "*Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.*" I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "*Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.*"

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

New Testament: John 11:1-45 *The Death of Lazarus*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the

Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "*Lord, he whom you love is ill.*" But when Jesus heard it, he said, "*This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.*" Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "*Let us go to Judea again.*" The disciples said to him, "*Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?*" Jesus answered, "*Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.*" After saying this, he told them, "*Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.*" The disciples said to him, "*Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.*" Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "*Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.*" Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "*Let us also go, that we may die with him.*" When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.*" Jesus said to her, "*Your brother will rise again.*" Martha said to him, "*I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.*" Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?*" She said to him, "*Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.*" When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and

told her privately, *"The Teacher is here and is calling for you."* And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, *"Where have you laid him?"* They said to him, *"Lord, come and see."* Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, *"See how he loved him!"* But some of them said, *"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"* Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, *"Take away the stone."* Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, *"Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."* Jesus said to her, *"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"* So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, *"Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."* When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, *"Lazarus, come out!"* The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, *"Unbind him, and let him go."* Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Psalm: Psalm 130 *Waiting for Divine Redemption*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. 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 redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Epistle: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Are you eligible?
Already a member?



The **Century Club** is a celebration of our members and adherents whose age plus the number of years attendance at St. Andrew's is equal to or greater than 100 years.

We will honour all new members of this illustrious group with a commemorative certificate at our Easter service on April 9.

If you are eligible for membership in the Century Club, **and have not previously registered or received a certificate**, please email us the information below. If you think you're eligible but don't know the date you started attending St. Andrew's, let us know!

*** All ages will be kept confidential.*

Send the information below to standrewsoffice@rogers.com by **Sunday, April 2:**

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number and/or Email
- Your age ____ + Years attended ____ = Total Years ____



Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship services. The Worship Committee invites you to give cut flowers in memory of a loved one this Easter.

Please give \$20 to cover the cost of the flowers. All names and payments must be received by Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.

TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of THESE WAYS:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked **"Easter Flowers"** on the offering plate during in-person worship. Please include donor information (see #2 below) in the envelope. **OR**
- Pay online using your bank's website or app: Select Interac e-Transfer, use treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. **In the message area, indicate your name and "Easter Flowers"**. **OR** you can pay via our website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>: **be sure to mark your payment "Easter Flowers"**. For both methods, please email standrewsoffice@rogers.com with your donor information (see #2 below) after making your payment.

2. SUBMIT the FOLLOWING INFORMATION by SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: (Name of loved one[s], for the bulletin)

FROM: (Name of donor[s], for the bulletin)

PHONE #: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

... Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ...

Announcements for Sunday, March 26, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Online!

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today. We hope you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm. A **Chili Luncheon** will be held after the in-person worship service this morning, and everyone is invited! This is an opportunity to celebrate Rev. Geoff Ross' ministry at our church. Vegetarian chili will be available.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed by the Urquhart family in loving memory of Jo-ann's mother.

Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation Class will be held after worship this morning. A Reception Service to welcome these youth into St. Andrew's membership will take place **next Sunday, April 2**.

The Church Office Has Reopened!

The Church Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett, can be reached at standrewsoffice@rogers.com or 905-451-1723 ext. 0. **All material for the weekly Sunday bulletins is due by 9:30 am Thursdays.**

We've Moved to YouTube!

The online service has switched to YouTube. The following link will be published in the bulletin and on the website each week: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewspresbyterianchur5179/streams> You can also go to our YouTube channel (no membership required) and navigate to the "Live" tab.

Change Her World

Change Her World is once again asking for full cotton briefs (Girls - Size 4 and up and Women - Size S/M/L) to send to their girls in Malawi. There will be a bin put on the edge of the stage each Sunday for collection. If you are not able to get them to the church, please contact Susan Jess at 905-846-8143.

Giving to St. Andrew's

1. Give by Interac e-Transfer: We recommend one of two **Electronic Giving options**. The first is via your **bank's website or app**: select Interac e-Transfer, use the email treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the designation for your donation, and enter the amount you wish to donate. **It is very important that in the message area, you indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed.**

2. Give Online: The second online option is via the **Online Donation page** on the church website at <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. For this donation method, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from the Church. Please print and keep your own receipts.

3. Mail It In: You may **mail** your donation (cheques – no cash, please) directly to: Envelope Secretary, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3. Or, if you wish, you can drop your envelope off in the **mailbox outside the Church Street entrance**. If you choose this option, and have an envelope number, please include it with your cheque.

4. Join PAR: You can sign up for PAR, our Pre Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to give in pre-arranged monthly amounts. To register for PAR, click here: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>.

5. Have Your Offering Picked Up: If you are unable to give online, mail in or drop off your offering, you can have it picked up! For this option, please email the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca, or contact your Elder.

