

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, APRIL 6, 2025 • 10:30 a.m. 5th Sunday in Lent • Seasonal Colour: Violet

(* Please stand if able. Masks are not mandatory but recommended.)

Prelude: The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer

Approach to Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration See & Hear

(The children & Youth are invited to go to their classes.)

* Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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E. McNeill

Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Liturgy

(See PWS&D insert below)

The Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation & Unison Prayer of Confession:
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts
so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives
- that which is beautiful and good, and that which is
hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

- Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: Simple Thanks

N. Price/D. Besig

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (See below for readings & responses)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us in the Truth of your Word, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abiding in Christ we pray. Amen.

- From "Get Lit Worship Resources"

1st Scripture Lesson: John 12:1-8 (All readings NRSV)

2nd Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126

Additional Scripture: Philippians 3:4-14

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

Sermon: Lent 5: Wasteful Generosity Rev. Byron Kappes

* Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus 348

Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement: For more on giving to St Andrew's, please visit: https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/

Offertory: Air I. Chambonieres

* Presentation of Offering

* The Offering: (sung) 661 v 1 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 new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

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: Lord of all power

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Returning to Service

Commission & Benediction

* Choral Amen Postlude: *Ayre*

G. P. Telemann

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

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In Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman Senior Choir

Lenten Liturgy & Scripture Reader: Ray Scanlan Duty Elder: Grace Brewster-Yates Sound & Video: Peter Shepherd

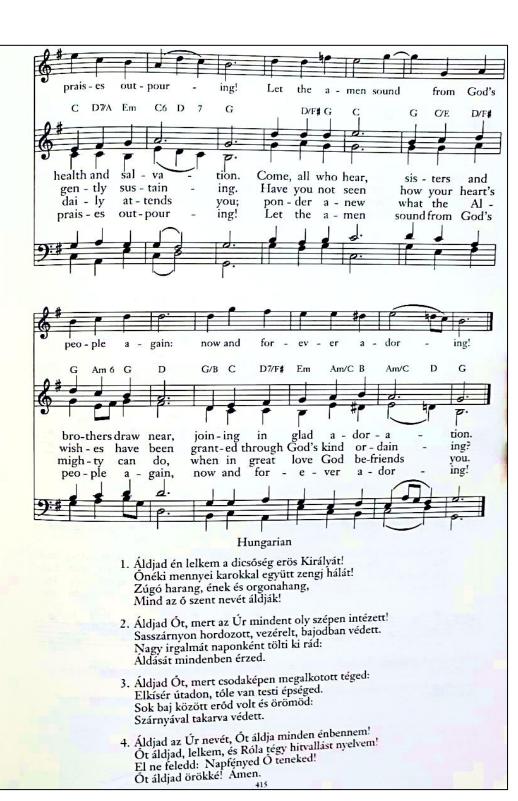
Worship Next Week

If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us for our livestreamed services: St. Andrew's YouTube Channel

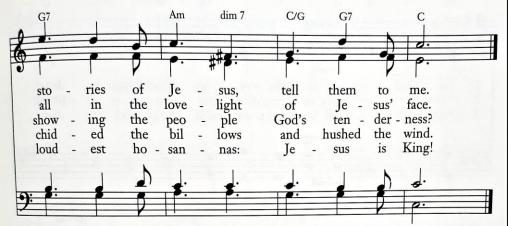
Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:30 am Palm Sunday "Palm Sunday: Christian Victory" Minister: Rev. Byron Kappes

Hymns for Sunday, April 6, 2025:











Readings for Sunday, April 6, 2025:

1st Scripture Lesson: John 12:1-8

Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

2nd Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord gives water in the wilderness

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126 God does great things for us

- R: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- R: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- All: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

<u>Additional Scripture</u>: Philippians 3:4-14 *To know Christ and his resurrection*

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I

may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Holy Week & Easter at St. Andrew's

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday 10:30 am The Sunday School children will participate in a Palm Parade as we celebrate *Christian Victory*.

Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm *A New Commandment*. This Holy Week service includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction.

Friday, April 18 Good Friday 11:00 am Finished. This moving service reminds us that, even though it often appears otherwise, the darkness can never put out The Light.

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday 10:30 am You will be *Upside-down* with joy as we take Holy Communion by distribution and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: Anointed before his death by a faithful

woman disciple,

All: but betrayed by a self-serving disciple,

Jesus confronted death.

One: But through his death on the cross and the

power of the resurrection,

All: in faith we believe that Christ has made us

his own.

One: And so with shouts of joy we declare

God's praise

All: for the Lord has done great things for us.



Lilawati Stands Against Child Marriage



Sixteen-year-old Lilawati Kumari is an active participant in the Adolescent Girls Group classes in her village. Facilitated by the Duncan Hospital in northern India, these sessions explore crucial gender justice issues. In one class, Lilawati learned about early marriage, its effects, prevention, and the helpline number people could call for help.

At the same time, her parents were considering arranging her marriage. When Lilawati found out, she stood her ground, "I aspire to pursue my education and fulfill my dreams, not to have my life predetermined in this way."

Through conversations with her parents about child marriage, the laws against it, and its effects on girls, Lilawati helped them understand the negative impact of early marriage on a child's life, and on the broader society. They are now supportive of Lilawati as she pursues her education.

"I have taken the first step in my family and will be a role model to other girls so that they can take a stand against child marriage in their homes and work towards fulfilling their dreams," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to raise awareness on gender issues and create a more equitable and just world for girls.

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Announcements for Sunday, April 6, 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

We're glad you chose to join us for worship today! Please recycle your bulletins in the Great Hall blue bins. St. Andrew's is a scent-free zone; for the health and comfort of those with allergies, please refrain from wearing perfumed products when in the building. Thank you.

Minister's Availability & Pastoral Care

Rev. Byron Kappes is in the Vestry every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. He can be reached at 226-998-5606 or rev.byronkappes@gmail.com.

Youth Group

The Youth Group study series continues in Room 207 today.

Elders & Volunteers: We Need YOU!

Active and supporting Elders are asked to sign up for Elder Duty on Sunday mornings. We also need volunteers to serve refreshments during fellowship time after the service. If you can help – even if it's one time – please sign the sheets on the bulletin board in the Great Hall.

Stewardship Moment

Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness.

- David Steindl-Rast



Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship service. 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 13, 2025.

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 at 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 to t | he CHURCH OFFICE | by APRIL 13: |
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··· Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ···