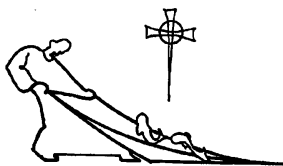


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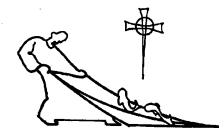
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The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations. This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnabek Nation and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the life of the Great Lakes. The Treaties that were signed for this Territory are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties. We recognize how settlers and our church have continuously broken the sacred covenant of this Treaty, and offer this land acknowledgment as a first step on the path of reconciliation, recognizing the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and their continued leadership on this land.

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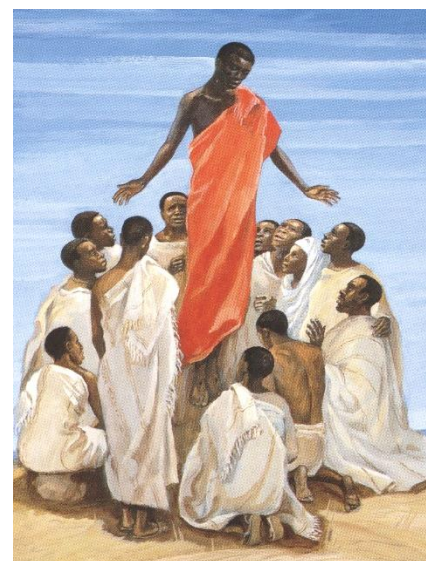


*To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ;
to extend this love into Christian action in the community.*

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:00AM



Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
By being here, you have enriched our community.
We pray that you find the service meaningful.

We hope that you sense God's presence and His love for you in our midst, and that you consider the Church of St. Andrew a place where you can belong and call home.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Welcome from Rev. Jake

Opening Hymn: #247 vv.1-4 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Hymnal #679

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(All Sit - children are invited to join Rev. Jake at the front)

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 1.1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., May 19	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer - Rogation Day
Wed., May 20	10:00-10:45am	Holy Eucharist - Rogation Day
Wed., May 20	10:45-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew's Room
Wed., May 20	7:00-8:30pm	Online Bible Study & Compline
Sun., May 24	10:00-11:30am	Holy Eucharist – Day of Pentecost
Sat., June 27	2:00-4:00pm	Annual Royal Tea Celebration

The Church Office is closed on Monday, May 18 for Victoria Day, and will re-open on Wed., May 20.

Readers Requested - Non-English Speakers

To observe the special Day of Pentecost on **Sunday May 24**, when all present were able to hear the apostles speaking in their own language, we are asking members of our congregation who can speak non-English languages to get in touch with Rev. Jake or Richard Moriah. Thank you!

ANNUAL ROYAL TEA CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 – 2-4PM

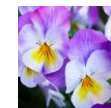
Adult: \$40 / Child under 12: \$25

Volunteers needed!!! Please contact

Barbara Sinsnett 416-751-2327.

The Network newsletter - submissions due June 7. Please email to Noreen Basso or Rev. Jake, and speak to one of them if you have questions.

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Marcia Holder, to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dear husband, Ken Holder.



The flowers on the Altar today are given by Yvonne Francis to the glory of God, and in celebration of the birthday and graduation of my granddaughter, Ahmani Palma.

The Sanctuary Lights for the month of May are given to the glory of God by Paulette Athill and family. May the candles shine bright for my dear sister-in-law, Judith Rich, as she continues her battles with courage and grace.



🌸 BIRTHDAY 🌸 - May 18 – Yves Marcelle Raymond

The Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion - please indicate to the Celebrant if you require a gluten-free wafer. All may receive a blessing; please cross your arms to indicate that this is your wish. To receive Communion or a blessing at your pew, please notify a sidesperson.

(During Communion, the Choir sings #63 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup")

(All Stand)

Communion Hymn: #405 "Alleluia No. 1"
#52 "O God Unseen Yet Ever Near"

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

(All Sit)

Announcements

(All Stand)

Sending Hymn: #491 "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Thelma Tappin & Fay Hamilton
LECTORS: 1. Barbara Taylor
2. Vince Woodruff
INTERCESSOR: Lethel Shand
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Kathyann Sandiford

*Sunday Bible Study continues TODAY,
11:45am-12:45pm in the Parish Hall.*

*We are discussing [John 2:13-25](#) and [John chapter 3](#) today.
All are most welcome!*

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (*prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses*)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, * the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15–23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(All Stand)

Gradual Hymn: #246 vv.1-2 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24.44-53

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: #246 v.3 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

The Homily: "Jesus has Gone Up, but not Gone Away."
Rev. Jake Cunliffe

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Prayers of the People

Response: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Rejoicing in our Saviour's resurrection and ascension, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, **we need your healing. Give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us. Set us free to hear your word to us. Set us free to serve you.**

Celebrant: God the Creator bring you to new life, forgive and redeem you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Celebrant: God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

(All Stand)

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" (sung) by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours: a wave or a handshake are common ways to share the Peace.)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #84 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour"

A collection is taken during the Offertory. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews, or e-transfer to envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sanctus (sung) Hymnal #683

(Sit or Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer (sung) Hymnal #684

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung) Hymn #685