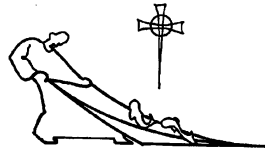


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Please join us online for **Morning Prayer**, Tuesdays, 9:00–9:30AM, and **Bible Study & Compline**, Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30PM.

Zoom info: Meeting ID: 625 721 4565.

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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.*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:00AM



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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 and Land Acknowledgement

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.

Opening Hymn: #393 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Collect for Purity

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(All Sit)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Sept. 29	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Sept. 30		National Day of Truth & Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day
Wed., Sept. 30	10:00-10:45am	Holy Eucharist
Wed., Sept. 30	10:45-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew's Room
Wed., Sept. 30	7:00-8:30pm	Online Bible Study & Compline
Sun., Oct. 4	10:00-11:15am	Holy Eucharist – Harvest Sunday
Mon., Oct. 5	10:00am-12:00pm	Monthly Meet & Mingle – Parish Hall
Sun., Oct. 11	10:00-11:15am	Holy Eucharist – Thanksgiving Sunday
Sun., Nov. 8	10:00-11:30am	70 th Anniversary & New Ministry Celebration

ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Maxine Sylvester & Jasmine Alexander
LECTORS: 1. Cindy Browne
2. Barbara Taylor
INTERCESSOR: Wilbur Anderson
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Alexandra Browne

CARIBBEAN NIGHT THANK YOU!

We extend a huge THANK YOU to Cherry Walters and the 2026 Caribbean Night Committee for organizing a highly successful event last night, September 26, 2026. It was a fabulous evening!

Children are invited to be a part of our 70th Anniversary Service on November 8! Next Sunday, October 4, following the service, those interested should stay in the church for a special meeting.



The flowers on the Altar today are given by Joyce and Chuck Myles, to the glory of God, and in memory of Loraine Wilson and Lynda Lennox who both gave so generously of themselves to our church. They are missed.

The Sanctuary Lights for the month of September are given by Richard Moriah, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my mother, Greta Celestine Moriah.



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Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
People: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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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".)

Communion Hymn:	#78 "Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness"
	<i>(All Stand)</i>

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of 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	<i>(All Sit)</i>
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Announcements

Sending Hymn:	#529 vv.1-3 & 5 "God, My Hope On You Is Founded"
	<i>(All Stand)</i>

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve the world God loves!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses*)

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. **I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.** That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children. **We will recount to generations to come * the praise-worthy deeds,** and the power of the Lord, * and the wonderful works he has done. **He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, * in the field of Zoan.** He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls. **He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.** He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep. **He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as

something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(All Stand)

Gradual Hymn:

#171 vv.1-2 "What Does the Lord Require"

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn:

#171 vv.3-4 "What Does the Lord Require"

The Homily:

Rev. Jake Cunliffe

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Filled with the gifts of the Spirit, 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:

#533 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.