



**ST. ANDREW**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*A Creative Spiritual Community*

Holy Eucharist



Ascension Sunday  
May 17, 2026  
10:00 a.m. service

Welcome to St. Andrew's!  
 All are welcome here.



Sunday Ministries	8:00	10:00
Sidespersons/Greeters		Kathy, Irene, Ruth, Dennis
Server	David Smethurst	Haven Duncan McLean
Readers	Valerie Smethurst	Shirley Salkeld
		Vicki Huxtable
Intercessor	David Smethurst	Lois Ainey
Chalice		Janice Varga
Coffee		Judith Bradshaw and Patricia Hatt
Altar Guild	3	3

**Altar Flowers** - Given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessings of family, especially my sons. - Barbara Uibel

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

**Land Acknowledgement**

We gather on lands which have been the homes of SENĆOTEN and HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn (CP#379) *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.

***Refrain:*** Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

***Refrain***

3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.

***Refrain***

4 He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.

***Refrain***

*(Opening hymn continued over)*

*(Opening hymn continued)*

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the judge, shall come  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

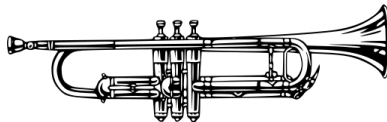
***Refrain:*** Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Presider* God of the resurrection, we gather this morning  
as a community of believers. We come with joy to  
greet one another and to tell again and again the  
amazing news:

***All*** Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death!  
You have given us new life in the name of your Son!

*Presider* May our singing, praying, listening, and  
proclaiming be a testimony  
to the power of your love,  
***All*** to make us a new creation as a community of faith.  
We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.



*Refrain* *to Verses*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1. You are God: we praise you. You are Lord: we ac - claim you.

*to Refrain*

You are God e - ter - nal; all cre - a - tion wor-ships you.

2. All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your praise in end - less song!

*to Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly. God of pow - er and might.

3. The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the proph - ets ac - claim you.

*to Refrain*

All the mar - tyrs and your faith - ful peo - ple wor-ship you.

4. God, cre - a - tor, we praise you. Je - sus the Christ, we a - dore you.

*to Refrain*

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, we wor-ship you.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Holy God,  
*All* send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,  
 so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,  
 we may witness to the grace of forgiveness  
 and sing with joy to the One who makes us one.  
 Amen.

## Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Acts (1:1-11).

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- <sup>2</sup> For the Lord Most High is to be feared,  
**the great sovereign over all the earth,**
- <sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us  
**and the nations under our feet;**
- <sup>4</sup> who chooses our inheritance for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
**with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our sovereign, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is sovereign of all the earth;  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations  
**and sits upon the holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered together  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
**who is highly exalted.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading**

*Reader*     A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23).

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (CP#69) *We Who Live By Sound and Symbol*

1 We who live by sound and symbol,  
we who learn from sight and word,  
find these married in the person of the one we call our Lord.  
Taking bread to be his body,  
taking wine to be his blood,  
he let thought take flesh in action;  
he let faith take root in food.

2 Not just once with special people,  
not just hidden deep in time, but wherever Christ is followed,  
earthly fare becomes sublime.  
Though to sound this seems a mystery,  
though to sense it seems absurd,  
yet in faith, which seems like folly,  
we meet Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel Reading**

*Presider* May God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (24:44-53)

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Gradual hymn continued)*

3 God, our Maker, send your Spirit  
to pervade the bread we break.  
Let it bring the life we long for and the love which we forsake.  
Bind us closer to each other,  
both forgiving and forgiven;  
give us grace in this and all things  
to discern the hand of heaven.

**Sermon**     The Ven. Penelope Kingham

**Anthem**     *You Raise Me Up* arr. R. Emerson

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*All*            We believe in an Easter God who transforms darkness into light and despair into hope. We believe God is working for good, changing the darkness of the tomb into a vision of Easter joy!

We believe in the risen Christ who touches us through song and silence, word and witness; who calls us by name to enter the promise of paradise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who invites us to leave behind the empty burial clothes and walk in resurrection power. We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us people who act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

We believe we are Easter people, welcoming everyone, and although we are not perfect, we are, by God's grace, a sign that with God, all things are possible. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Peace**

*Presider*     My friends in Christ, may the peace of God be always with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

Offertory hymn (CP#427) *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

3 Highest heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

4 See! He lifts his hands above, Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!



**The Holy Eucharist  
Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.  
*All* Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and  
to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Presider* May God be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to God.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*Presider* It is indeed right that we should praise you ....  
... to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of po - wer and might;  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bles - sed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Presider* Holy God, source of life and goodness ...  
... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

*Congregation:*



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en.  
Christ will come, come a-gain.

*Presider* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection...  
... all glory is yours, All-loving God, now and forever.


*All*



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray as Jesus taught us.



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your  
name; your\_ king-dom come, your\_ will be done on\_  
earth, as in heav'n. Give us to-day our\_ dai-ly bread; for -  
give us our sins as\_ we for - give those who\_ sin a - gainst  
us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from\_  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours; now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Fraction Sentence

*Presider* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Presider* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Presider* Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Presider* These are the gifts of a gracious God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Communion

Communion hymn (CP#74) ***For the Bread which You Have Broken***

1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By these pledges that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to realms above us,  
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

3 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
help us to obey your word;  
in the world to which you send us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord!



Communion hymn (CP#528) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time like an ever-rolling stream  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.



Communion Hymn (CP#60) *I Come With Joy*

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world,  
the love that makes us one.

Prayer after Communion

*Presider*  
*All*

Life-giving God,  
**in the mystery of Christ's resurrection,**  
**you send light to conquer darkness,**  
**water to give new life,**  
**and the bread of life to nourish your people.**  
**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,**  
**so that we may show your glory**  
**to all the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## Closing Responses

*Presider* We go out into the world as people of God in this place,  
*All* **and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant us grace,  
the Son who gave his life for us give us peace,  
and the Spirit who is with us day by day,  
inspire us to great service both now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Closing Hymn (CP#598) *Go to the World*

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia!

2 Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"  
Alleluia!

## Dismissal

*Presider* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our God.  
*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Voluntary:** *Fanfare* J-N Lemmens

### *Weekly Cycle of Prayer*

**In our parish,** we pray for Marj Nelson, Marion O’Byrne, David Olsen, John and Susan Ormesher, and Heather Paterson.

**In our community,** we pray for School District 63 Saanichton Learning Centre, the Administration, the staff, and the students.

**In our Region,** we pray for the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, The Rev. Blair Haggart and the other clergy who offer supply, and the people of the neighborhood.

**In our Diocese,** we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of the Abbey Church and Emmaus Community.

**In our Ecclesiastical Province,** we pray for The Very Rev. Dr Vincent Genga, the new Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon.

**In Canada,** we pray for The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario.

**In the world,** we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

### *Looking Forward*

May 23, 2026	New Members Welcome Tea at 2pm in the Hall
June 4, 2026	Erin Burton Baby Shower at 2pm
June 13, 2026	Evensong with Christ Church Cathedral at St Andrews at 4pm
June 14, 2026	Bill Judge 100th Birthday Party—directly after the 10am service
June 28, 2026	Parish Barbeque

**\*\*\* This Week at a Glance \*\*\***  
**(May 17–May 24 2026)**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 17 Ascension Sunday</b> <b>8:00 am Holy Communion BCP</b> <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>*Office Closed for Victoria Day*</i> 10:00 am Labyrinth Walk 1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery 3:30 pm Zoom Prayer Gathering 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 pm Friendship Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30 am Neighbours Lunch 2:00 pm Line Dancing
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am Eucharist 10:45 Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
<b>Saturday</b>	11:30 am Brunch Bunch 2:00 pm New Members Welcome Tea
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 24 Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>8:00 am Holy Communion BCP</b> <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS</b>



***Quarterly Mission***  
**April-June 2026**  
**Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF )**

## ***Announcements***

**WELCOME TO VISITORS** - Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your offering over \$20? Please pick up an offering envelope from the stand on the credenza at the entrance to the church. All are welcome!

### **COUGH, COLD, FLU, COVID SEASON PROTOCOLS AT ST**

**ANDREW'S** - If you feel at all unwell, please do not come to church. Consider joining in the livestream of the 10am Sunday morning service through the web-site here: <https://www.standrewssidney.ca/blog>. If you feel that you may be coming down with something, please wear a mask to church. Thank you for thinking of the vulnerable in our community!

**BURSARY COMMITTEE MEETING** - The Bursary committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss bursary applications. The forms are available on the church website, and the funds are available to the following: **A.** Parishioners or family members of parishioners who are graduating from high school and/or those involved in post-secondary studies, or **B.** Parishioners interested in taking a course, workshop or retreat. The closing date for Application is July 31st.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS** - Dear friends of the Friends of St Andrew's: We are in need of new men's boxer shorts in sizes medium and large, new women's underwear size small and medium, as well as ongoing need of gently used jeans size 28 to 34 waist and gently used women's leggings size small and medium. Our Friends appreciate the support from the parish and community to make their lives a little easier. Thank you!!!



### **Readings for May 24, 2026**

First: Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm: 104:24-34, 37  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Gospel: John 20:19-23

**RADIO SIDNEY PRESENTS: BEWARE MYSTERIOUS MARK** - Join Radio Sidney for a 10 part miniseries about Elder Financial Abuse. An elderly man welcomed someone into his life. Gradually, trust from his family was eroded, followed by the takeover of his home and finances. This documentary delves into the mechanisms behind this manipulation and the reasons it succeeds, featuring interviews with experts to help you prevent a similar fate. Episodes began on April 30 and continue at 7:30pm. <https://www.radiosidney.ca/>

**AND THEN THERE WERE NONE** - Susan Anderson will be performing in an adaption of Agatha Christie's novel. Ten people are invited to a secluded island for a weekend of work or play. The charming house seems a wonderful getaway, until the guests start to pass away! Mary Winspear Centre, Charlie White Theatre, Friday, May 22 - 7:30PM, Saturday, May 23 - 2:00PM and 7:30PM and Sunday, May 24 - 2:00PM. Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$25 for Seniors and Students. Tickets are available from the Mary Winspear Center: <https://marywinspear.ca/events-and-programs/and-then-there-were-none/>

**CHORAL EVENSONG JUNE 13 AT 4PM** - Choral evensong's roots are from the ancient English monasteries. The present format began in the 16th century. Today this old and beautiful service is sung every day of the week in many places around the globe. With its inspiring ethereal music and eloquent language, Choral Evensong can provide a peaceful, restful end to the day. Join us at St Andrew's for a Choral Evensong on Saturday, June 13 2026 at 4pm sung by the Youth Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. Freewill offering—all are welcome to attend.

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**Affirmation of Faith:** Found at [http://www.gracechurchpc.com/Bulletin\\_3-31-13.pdf](http://www.gracechurchpc.com/Bulletin_3-31-13.pdf).

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), alt..

**Eucharistic Prayer:** BAS #1.

**Prayer after Communion:** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), alt.

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**Voluntary:** *J-N Lemmens* Fanfare

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**and the nations under our feet;**
- <sup>4</sup> who chooses our inheritance for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
**with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
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- <sup>7</sup> For God is sovereign of all the earth;  
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- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations  
**and sits upon the holy throne.**
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**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
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**Glory be to 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. Amen.**



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