



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**The First Sunday in the Great Fifty Days of Easter**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**Service Colour: White**

**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

The Greeting:

**M:** The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

**M.** Our Passover Festival is ready, now that Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

**All: Let us celebrate our Passover, then, not with the bread having the old yeast of sin and wickedness, but with the bread that has no yeast, the bread of purity and truth.**

Psalm 100 (in unison):

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

**Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn: 243 (after which all will be seated)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (in unison):

**Loving God, we look in awe at the mystery of the Resurrection of our Master and Friend. We rejoice that the raising of Jesus gives us new life both now and in the future and gives us the joy and comfort of his gracious presence. Glory be to you for your love which is more powerful than all the forces of evil in the world. Praise be to you for your peace which rests on us in sunshine and in rain.**

**O God, who desires love and obedience from us, we admit that some of our attitudes, words, and deeds go against the way of Jesus. O Passover Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world, mend what is broken, heal any wounded relationships that separate us from you and from one another, forgive what we have been, and grant us grace to**

**grow more and more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**All: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Grace

**M.** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C. And also with you.** *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294) will be sung.

The Passing of the Peace – say: "Peace" or "The Peace of Christ"

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 254 (**all seated**) Children's Time & Prayer

Anthem: This Day of Resurrection John of Damascus/Henry Smart

Lessons: Isaiah 25: 6-9 (p.612); Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-10 (p.155); Mark 16: 1-8 (p.47)

**Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

Hymn: 248 (unannounced)

Sermon - The Ascription of Glory

Prayer for the Church, our nation, the world and others

PWS&D Easter Day Reading

The Offertory; Hymn: 13; The Creed (hymn book 539) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving (beginning with)

**M.** Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

**M.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer...saying in unison:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer...and the Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

**All (sung): Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (2)**

The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the feast and for the faithful in the past

Hymn: 258 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Song: *Go Now In Peace* (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude; The Greeting of those nearby in the pews/aisles

**Greeting Elder:** Ian Murray  
**Beadle:** Kathy Sloan  
**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron  
**Reader:** Ian Murray  
**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse

**Usher:** Lesley Waugh  
**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald  
**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks  
**Accompanist:** Helen Martin

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

**Today:** 7:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Breakfast; 4:00 p.m. Holy Communion in Chancel  
**Wed:** 6:30 p.m. Choir; 7:00 p.m. Refugee Family Committee  
**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word: Risen/Resurrection  
**Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

Ladies' Guild 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 12

Communion Today: Please come forward to receive the bread and wine/juice. Dip the bread in the Chalice. Metal Chalices contain wine; glass Chalices contain grape juice. The server at the Chancel stairs has gluten free crackers and grape juice. Servers will come to those who are unable to come forward.

Calendar:

Today 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service & breakfast; 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 4:00 p.m. Holy Communion (½ hour service)

April 8 10:30 a.m. Mission Awareness Sunday

April 15 10:30 a.m. Rev. Professor Dr. John Vissers, Principal Knox College

April 21 2-4 p.m. Spring Tea & Sale – Hall

April 28 8:30 a.m. Annual Mission Breakfast sponsored by Youth Group  
Theme: Refugee Family Ministry. The family will be present. Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

There is a Prayer Board on the chime cupboard door beside the elevator door in the upper lobby. Please feel free to place prayer requests on this board e.g. person for whom you desire prayers. The minister will find a discreet way to include these requests in the intercessions/prayers for others in the last prayer at services. Persons may view this Board and add the requests to their daily prayers. The Session has made arrangements for this Board as a way of enriching the prayer life of our congregation. Paper and pencil are there for your requests.

The minister will be at meetings in Toronto April 6-10.

Knox College: The College is seeking 15 million dollars for renewal of its 100 year old building and program expansion and enhancement. The session chose a goal of \$50,000 for St. Andrew's. \$40,000 of this was donated from the Mission, Outreach and Benevolence Fund. Donors have contributed \$6,000. Thus \$4,000 is needed to reach this goal. Please consider making a gift in 2018. The Principal will preach here on April 15, 2018. Perhaps we can reach \$50,000 by then!

Our Sponsorship of a Refugee Family: The family arrived in July 2017: Moamar Ahmed, his spouse: Sabah Durra and their 2 children: a girl – Zainab (3) and a boy - Hussam (2); if you wish to help with this project by making a gift of money, please mark your envelope/PAR envelope clearly: REFUGEE FAMILY.

There is a sheet in the lobby for persons to sign who would be willing to take the family on an outing to the following places: e.g. Discovery Centre, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, hockey game, bowling or Play land.

Camp Geddie is looking forward to receiving registrations for 2018 summer camps. The minister has details or check the website.

### World Health Day April 7

To foster a more sustainable, compassionate and just world, good health and well-being for all is vital. Through PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan, our church is helping women and babies access the care they need to survive childbirth and stay healthy. With her son Moses on her back, Rhoda Nyoni tends to a community vegetable garden in Malawi. Many mothers with young children now know the importance of cultivating fresh, healthy produce to feed their families because of nutrition education sessions offered through the program. Pregnant with her second child, Rhoda feels a sense of comfort and hopeful anticipation—she has the support and knowledge to embrace a healthy, hopeful future with her family.

*PWS&D helps mothers and babies lead healthy lives*