



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**March 31, 2024**

**Service colour: White**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on You Tube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830)

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 (vs. 1,2 & 4) "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Prayer 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 also 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. 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 into your likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Hymn: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon

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

**Hallelujah** (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 247 (vs. 1&2) "Christ the Lord is risen today"

Lessons: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Isaiah 25: 6-9 (p.612); Acts 10: 34-43

(p.113), John 20: 1-18 (p.100)

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.**

Solo: "This joyful Eastertide" 259

Hymn: 248 "At the dawning of salvation"

Sermon

Affirmation of Baptism

The Offertory & Hymn 13 "Ye Gates"

The Creed (539) & Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

The Lord's Supper 564; The Lord's Prayer (831; debts/debtors)

Solo: "Jesus is risen" 254

Hymn: 423 "Sing your praise to God eternal"

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Benediction & Choral Amen

Address/Presentation

Postlude

Reception in Church Hall

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**Welcoming Worshippers:** Wade & Sheila MacDonald

**Elevator Guide:** Jim Kennedy

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Bill Langley

**Pianists:** Jake Barkhouse,

**Reader :** Ian Murray

Luke Rogers, Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse

**Soloist:** John Bartlett-Visser

**Offering bearers:** Wade & Sheila MacDonald, Alex Bruce, Megan Douglas

**Today:** 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Communion Service and Breakfast

Affirming their Baptismal vows and becoming professing members of St. Andrews: Michael Barkhouse, Livia Barkhouse, Jessica Murray

**A Land Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

We welcome those visiting our congregation today as we mark the conclusion of the ministry of The Rev. P.A. Sandy McDonald at St. Andrew's. It began on August 25, 1968.

### **Hymn 243**

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, hallelujah!  
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
Who endured the cross and the grave, hallelujah!  
Sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
Praise eternal as his love, hallelujah!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

### **Hymn 247**

1. 'Christ the Lord is risen today,' all creation join to say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.  
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won:

lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er; lo! he sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ hath opened paradise.  
Lives again our glorious King: where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

### **Hymn 248**

1. At the dawning of salvation, in the morning of the world  
Christ is raised, a living banner by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the darkness  
Christ leads on His great array:  
All the saints and all the sinners he has gathered on His way.

2. He is risen in the morning; he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness; he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered; he has triumphed; life is His alone to give;  
as he gave it once, he gives it evermore, that we may live.

3. For the glory of salvation in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father; we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.

Lead us on Your great array, saints and sinners celebrating your triumphant  
love today. *words:* © 1979 Josef Weinberger Ltd; used by permission CCLI license  
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### **Hymn 13**

1. Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;  
ye doors that last for aye,  
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.  
But who of glory is the King? The mighty Lord is this:  
even that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.  
Even that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.

2. Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,  
doors that do last for aye,  
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.  
But who is he that is the King of glory? Who is this?  
The Lord of hosts, and none but he the King of glory is.  
The Lord of hosts, and none but he the King of glory is.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, amen, amen, amen.

### **Hymn 423**

1. Sing your praise to God eternal,  
sing your praise to God the Son,  
sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.  
God has made, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true;  
God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

2. Join the praise of every creature; sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear the heavenly antiphon.  
Praise God for the light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

3. Praise God on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice;  
praise God in our times of sadness, for the calm, consoling voice.  
God our Maker, strong and loving Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, Creator Spirit, be your holy name adored!