



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter Day April 20, 2025

Service colour: White

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship:

Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

Christ has led us from death to life.

O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 243 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession:

Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy. this we ask in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Declaration of forgiveness

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 254 (vs 1,5,6 & 7) "Jesus is risen" PWS&D Easter reading (insert) (all seated)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Isaiah 65:17-25 (p.655), Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p.155), Luke 24:1-12 (p.78)

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

Sung Response: 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.

Sermon: based on Isaiah 65:17-25

Hymn: 249 "The day of resurrection"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; Offertory Hymn: 13 "Ye gates"; gifts will be brought forward during the hymn

The Apostles' Creed (539 Book of Praise)

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others (Response: Jesus, our Risen Saviour,

Hear our prayer)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

.... mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebration of Communion

Hymn: 247 "Christ the Lord is risen today"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ricky Sloan **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Sunday: April 27 10:30am Mission Awareness Sunday; The Atlantic Mission Society members of St. Andrews's Auxiliary will conduct the service.

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 254

1. Jesus is risen from the grave (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
5. Jesus will meet his people (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
6. Jesus is here in bread and wine (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!
7. Jesus will live forever (repeat twice)
Hallelujah!

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Hymn 249

1. The day of resurrection: earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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.
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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 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?

3. Soar we now where Christ hath led, following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given;
every knee to thee shall bow, risen Christ triumphant now.