



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025**

**Service colour: White**

**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

10:30 a.m.

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: (*standing if able*)

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

**Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

**Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!**

All people, in heaven and on earth, together!

**With one voice, let us praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 466 "Praise the Lord"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions. We pray in Jesus' name. 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: 373 "Jesus loves me" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Acts 11:1-18 (p.113), Responsive Psalm 148,

Revelation 21:1-6 (p.230), John 13:31-35 (p.94)

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 Revelation 21:1-6

Hymn: 371 "Love divine"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 643 "Lift high the cross"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Bob Armstrong **Elevator:** Mike Barkhouse

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Placing the Bible:** Dave Campbell

**Reader:** Marg Bingley

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**This week at St. Andrew's**

Wed: 6:30pm Search Committee

Sun: 10:30am Worship, conducted by the Rev. Kenn Stright

On Saturday, May 10, Calvin Burt, our Interim Moderator, graduated from Atlantic School of Theology; he was granted the Master of Arts (Theology and Religion) Degree. Congratulations Calvin!

**Upcoming Event: Picnic Lunch Social**

Hosted by The Ladies' Guild, Saturday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per box, cash or cheque. You are required to preorder by May 31 by contacting Darlene Cossaboom, [dmcboom54@outlook.com](mailto:dmcboom54@outlook.com) 506-321-9016

OR Sandi Kennedy, [sandi.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:sandi.kennedy@gmail.com) 902-462-7908

Tables will be set up in the Church Hall if you wish to enjoy your lunch in the Hall rather than taking it out. Coffee & tea will be provided.

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

### **Hymn 466**

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

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### **Hymn 373**

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! (3 times)  
The Bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

3. Jesus loves me, still today, walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

### **Hymn 371**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

### **Hymn 643**

#### **Refrain:**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. (R)

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (R)

3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (R)

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. (R)

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! (R)

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