

**Sunday April 20, 2025,
10:30am, Easter
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting:

Christ is risen

Hallelujah!

Christ is risen

Hallelujah!

Christ is risen

Hallelujah!

Land Acknowledgement

Community Update

Moment To Gather Ourselves

As the candle is lit, the choir will sing

MV115 Behold, Behold I Make All Things New

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

my promise is true,

for I am Christ the way. *Repeat*

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Opening Prayer

Christ is indeed risen, Hallelujah to the risen Christ!

We come together this Easter morning acknowledging the miracle and mystery of our faith: life in Christ conquers death, in Christ's death, we have new life.

All things are made new on this day.

May our time here today remind us of that truth in our souls, in a way that is deeper than words can describe. And in our new certainty, may we be your agents of change in a hurting world.

Hallelujah Christ is risen! Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU 155, Jesus Christ is Risen today

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen 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 grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

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Prayer Of Confession

Holy and risen Christ, hear our prayers this morning.

In the midst of hallelujahs and cries of joy,

We acknowledge that our day to day experience
doesn't always lead to new life.

This morning we ask you to help us carry the weight of our decisions that have caused
harm to other people, the planet, or ourselves.

Show us a new way in your love.

We ask you to help us release all the anger and shame that does not serve us, does not
serve you and does not serve the world.

Show us a new way in your love.

We ask you to help us now, to acknowledge the wrong turns, the apathy, the sin of our
days, and to lead us into new life with you.

(Silent confession)

With gratitude, we offer our deepest truth, and deepest desires:

Show us a new way, risen Christ!

Amen.

Words of assurance

Christ is indeed risen today, and the promise of new life is ours.

The sins of betrayal, denial, fear and apathy are erased with the resurrected One, who
calls us into new life with him. Hallelujah, Christ is risen, and we are a forgiven people.

Holy Wondering: Welcoming New Members!

Litany For Passing The Faith Onto Generations

Those professing their faith today:

(Abby Clitherow, David Richards, Stephanie Richards, Phyllis Campbell, Veronika Roy)

Adapted from Wellspring Worship Group, based in the north of England, by [Rev. Christine Jerrett](#) and [Susan Woodhouse](#).

In Response: VU 509, Here I Am Lord

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

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A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Introduction Of New Member by Baptism:

Promises of Veronika

Promise Of Congregation

Do you, the people of Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Brighton Ontario, promise to celebrate with Veronika she deepens her relationship with Christ, to support her in times of struggle, and to welcome and encourage her as the Holy Spirit works through her in new ways?

We are grateful to God for calling Veronika to this place, and we greet her with open arms and hearts. We promise to value her creative ideas, to include her in decision making, and to accompany her on her own particular journey with the risen Christ. We promise to lean on her when we need support as well, and to trust the new things that the Spirit works within her. Thanks be to God.

Blessing Of The Water/Prayer of Thanksgiving/ Act Of Baptism

Laying on of Hands and lighting of candle

Introduction Of New Members by Confirmation:

Abby Clitherow, David Richards, Stephanie Richards

Promises Of The Candidates

Promise of the Community of Faith

Do you, the people of Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Brighton Ontario, promise to celebrate with these people as they deepen their relationship with Christ, to support them in times of struggle, and to welcome and encourage them as the Holy Spirit works through them in new ways?

We are grateful to God for calling Abby, David & Stephanie to this place, and we greet them with open arms and hearts. We promise to value their creative ideas, to include them in decision making, and to accompany them on their own particular journey with the risen Christ. We promise to lean on them when we need support as well, and to trust the new things that the Spirit works within them. Thanks be to God.

Laying On Of Hands (*Abby, David & Stephanie*)

New Member *Phyllis Campbell*

Promises

Promise By Congregation:

Do you, the people of Trinity St Andrew's United Church, promise to accompany and support Phyllis in this new path of her journey with Christ?

Grateful for God who created and is creating, we welcome Phyllis with open arms; we promise to make space for the ideas the Spirit works through her, to accompany her in times of struggle, and celebrate with her in times of joy. Welcome Phyllis!

Laying On Of Hands

The Asperges

Presentation Of Gifts

Sing: VU 958, Halle Halle Halle

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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(Holy Wonderers are welcome to go to the hall as they continue their ministry)

Trumpet Duet: Morning Has Broken

Ken McClintock and Earl Park

Gaelic Melody arranged by Derek Haydn

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12

We give praise O God, to the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God: Christ is risen!

Message: What is your deepest desire?

Offering song: VU 158, Christ Is Alive

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

but saving, healing, here and now,

and touching every place and time.

- 3 In every insult, rift, and war, where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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Blessing

Christ, make Easter my home.

Shelter me from apathy with a desire to do good.

Let the rhythm of my days

pulse with your call to live justly.

Set the table of my soul with the generosity of your Spirit.

Furnish my life with such hope that, while I have breath,

I might not only share good news but also be a source of it.

God, make Easter not only my home but also my mission.

May these gifts today be a blessing to your global home, in the name of the risen Christ.

Amen.

**adapted from the United Church of Canada Website*

Special music: Come to the table of the Lord,

by Jay Althouse and Sally Albrecht

Invitation To Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks.

With gratitude, we remember God's saving work.

We remember the prophets who saw us giving into selfishness and greed, and called us back to compassion and love;

We remember the disciples who left their nets on the shoreline, answering Christ's radical call to leave everything behind and follow.

And so we continue follow today, not always staying true to the path, but trusting that when we are lead astray, the patient voice of Christ will call us back.

We remember all that Jesus did for us. He loved us so much even the threat of death could not move him from compassion and faith in his father in heaven, and in the hearts of those who accompanied him.

We remember the example of his love. On the night he was arrested he shared a meal with his closest disciples.

Even though he knew one was betraying him:

even though he knew they would deny him and abandon him when he needed them.

We remember that at the end of the meal, he lifted a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke and said:

Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.

We remember that at the end of the meal he raised a glass of the fruit of the vine, blessed it, and shared it with his friends saying:

Take, drink, for this is the new promise of heaven, poured out in my blood.

It is a mystery that he knew the hearts of everyone around that table. It is a mystery that he knew what his disciples were doing. It is a mystery that he was able to love so much, forgive so immediately, knowing what was about to happen. And, It is a mystery that Jesus asks us to trust his spirit is with us as we share bread and juice.

So we proclaim that mystery now, saying together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

The mystery continues to live on within us, and so we pray that with this very simple of bread and juice, we are able to feel the bonds of connection with each other, with Christ, and with all that has even been and will be. May our place in God's love so enliven our souls with this meal, that we become powerful agents of that whispering, nurturing, transformative love unleashed in this world.

Loving God, send your spirit upon these gifts and bless us with your presence this morning, as we pray in your name.

We pray for those who are mourning, that they may understand your blessing.

We pray for those who worry

We pray for those who fear

And we pray for those who wait.

(Please hold the following in your prayers:

George; Adam; Denyse; Janet.

Please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

Henry; Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Richard; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti.)

We pray for our leaders, especially those offering their names in the upcoming election, that they may feel your courage and strength as they make decisions that impact so many lives.

And we pray for ourselves, that we may be continually blessed with the hope offered in this meal, and through your resurrection, as we say together:

Our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, amen

Communion will be served by intinction this morning. As you receive the bread, the server will say "The body of Christ broken for you", and you are invited to respond "Thanks be to God!" As you dip the bread into the cup, the server will say "this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in Christ's blood", and you are invited to respond "Amen"

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, with this holy meal we have tasted freedom:

We may be weary from suffering, from grief, from unanswered questions, but we meet you at the empty tomb ready to rejoice.

We give thanks for the new life and promise of your sacrifice, and the assurance that together, with you, life is stronger than death, your goodness overcomes evil.

May the meal we have shared today strengthen us for the days to come; we pray in the holy name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 477, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, the love that makes us one

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Parting Words

Choral commissioning: MV 211

Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ
So you may be, nourished by the Word of life X2

Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, April 20, 2025 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$9 per nametag.

Scent Free Environment –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

New This Week....

Save the date - Pride Walk and Worship Service, June 15, 2025. The Affirm and Equity Committee is thrilled to announce that TSA's fourth annual Pride Walk and Worship Service are scheduled for Sunday, June 15th. The Walk starts on the church steps at 10 a.m. and we have a shorter route again this year for those who prefer a shorter walk.

The Worship Service will begin at Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. and will feature affirming messages, awesome music along with yummy rainbow treats and refreshments afterwards. For more information or to help out, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer, email: jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **The Holy Wonderers/Wanderers** soup lunch was a great success. 406 dollars was generously given. We have enough money to buy seeds and plants, soil, and container boxes. All the vegetables grown will be given to the Sharing Table and Suppers Ready. Thank you for your support of this outreach adventure.

Easter Sunday the Holy Wonderers/Wanderers will be planting seeds. We need people who will take small flats of planted seeds home. To tend with loving care and bring back the last Sunday of May to plant in our container gardens.

“Spring is here”!! That means the **Church Yard Sale** is just around the corner...**May 2, and 3.** If you are cleaning out your basement, garage, garden shed, attic, linen closet etc., please consider setting aside some “treasured”, gently used items for donations to the sale. Please no large furniture, electronics or large exercise equipment. Items may be dropped off at the Hall on Thursday, May 1 from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers are needed who can give a couple of hours of their time to help set up the items on Thursday May 1, as well helping during the sale on May 2, and 3. Volunteer sign-up sheets, indicating different time slots for those three days, will be available during Fellowship.

If you need items picked up for the sale, please contact Colin Wright 613 475-5138. Items must be at the door for your pick-up. This is a FUN TIME for socializing and getting to know other church members better, as well as meeting new people in the area. This is a great way to do Stewardship and Fundraising for Trinity-St. Andrew's.

*The Fundraising Committee
Helen Bonisteel*

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf>
We are gathering Wed. May 14th and Wed. June 11th at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

Broadview Magazine....Our yearly group subscription is up for renewal. If you are interested in receiving this magazine for the yearly rate of \$30 (8 issues) please let Pamela know in the church office admin@trinitystandrews.ca. Broadview is a Canadian magazine focused on national and international issues of spirituality, justice and ethical living as well as United Church of Canada news and perspectives.

Visioning Survey.....It has been several years since we as a congregation developed our current Vision and Mission Statement. Taking the time to refresh our statements for Trinity-St. Andrews will guide us to collectively understand how God is calling us to grow in faith and to minister in our community. A survey is being circulated as an additional way to participate. You can click on the link below or get a hardcopy from the tech table. Thank you. Click [here](#) for your survey

From The Worship Committee

Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 10am, in the Quiet Room, a group of us meet to discuss the upcoming scripture readings or sometimes a book. You are invited to join us. Reach out to Rev. Wanda at minister@trinitystandrews.ca if you need more information

Quinte Transit is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

From the Fundraising Committee

175th Anniversary Shirts for Sale. If you haven't already ordered a long-sleeve Trinity-St. Andrew's anniversary shirt, what are you waiting for? The long-sleeve shirts are perfect for this time of year! Featuring eye-catching artwork by our very own Sandra Candeloro, the shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

Roast Beef Dinner: April 25th, 5pm. \$25. Tickets available at the church office.

Community Breakfast: May 4th, 9am. \$15 at the door. All are welcome.

John Prince and A Piece Of The Rock...concert May 10th, 7pm. \$30

Our **Annual Silent Auction** items will be on display each Sunday through the month of April. Please come and place your bids.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Affirm Terminology for April.....Vote with Pride

No matter if it's housing, healthcare, the economy, or anything in between, every election issue affects 2SLGBTQI communities. That's why it's essential for 2SLGBTQI experiences to be understood in elections at every level.

Egale Canada has launched Vote with Pride, ahead of the upcoming federal election. Vote with Pride aims to increase awareness about the ways in which election issues are 2SLGBTQI issues. Through the Vote with Pride pledge, educational resources, and accessible voter information, Vote with Pride fosters meaningful civic engagement, builds a more inclusive political future – and with hope – ensures that all voters feel empowered to step forward and truly Vote with Pride. Head to the polls with a deeper understanding of how election issues affect 2SLGBTQI communities. Join us in ensuring we can all come together and Vote with Pride:

- Pledge to Vote with Pride
- Learn about how election issues are 2SLGBTQI issues
- Find voter information
- And more.

Visit egale.ca/votewithpride to learn more.

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is May 6th. Please enter via double doors of church hall. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

The **Brighton Council** has established a **Homelessness Taskforce** and would like representatives from local faith-based communities to be active on the taskforce. The Terms of Reference for the Taskforce can be found here: <https://brighton.civicweb.net/document/165040/>

If anyone is interested in serving/representing Trinity-St. Andrew's UC, please speak with Rev. Wanda at minister@trinitystandrews.ca.

Thank you.

**The church office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.**



THE DOVE PRESENTS

JOHN PRINCE

AND A PIECE OF THE ROCK

OFFERING A DIVERSE MIX OF TRADITIONAL, MARITIME, FOLK AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC, THIS GROUP OF TALENTED MUSICIANS, OFFER STRONG VOCAL HARMONIES AND LYRICAL MELODIES, AS THEY PERFORM OLD FAVOURITES AND ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS AND PRESENT A MEMORABLE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE THAT LEAVES AUDIENCES YEARNING FOR MORE.

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