

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Gillian Lyons

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April 4th, 2021

Easter Sunday

"Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Isaiah 25: 9



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Lenten Insert

Praise:

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

#243

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

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!

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!

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!

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave, and shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, and bound to habits that hold us back from enjoying new life in Christ. We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the joy and new possibility promised to us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Jesus is risen from the grave"

#254

Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

Jesus was seen by Mary; Jesus was seen by Mary; Jesus was seen by Mary. Hallelujah!

Peter will soon be smiling; Peter will soon be smiling; Peter will soon be smiling. Hallelujah!

Thomas will stop his doubting; Thomas will stop his doubting; Thomas will stop his doubting. Hallelujah!

Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!

Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine. Hallelujah!

Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Acts 10: 34-43

Mark 16: 1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "He has been Raised"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: "Hallelujah! He is Risen"

Brian Buda

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

GOD'S WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation to the Table

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**



**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving to God: "... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (#829)

Thanksgiving continues for the work of Jesus Christ: "... we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (#523)

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology
and the people say: Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Loving God,

**you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.**

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"This joyful Eastertide"

#259

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness! My love, the crucified, has sprung to life in gladness.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My body, too, at last shall rest within God's keeping: until, with trumpet blast, the dead shall wake from sleeping.

Refrain

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river, and love shall reach me still, and shall my soul deliver.

Refrain

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Thine be the Glory"

arr. McMichael



Announcements



The church offices will be closed tomorrow, April 5th, for Easter.



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

As the leadership of St. Andrew's continues to monitor the ever-changing Covid-19 situation, we have identified **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 as a potential date to reopen for in-person worship**. Your church leadership will continue to adhere to all Covid-19 guidelines and provide updates as the situation develops. Please note that Sunday worship services will continue to be available online up to and after the resumption of in-person services at (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!

The latest "**These Days**", the daily devotional for April, May and June, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen. The spring edition of "**Presbyterian Connections**" is also available.



The next **FundScrip** order is due next **SUNDAY, April 11th**. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.



Presbyterian World Service & Development

PWS&D Lenten Appeal

During the season of Lent, the Stewardship Committee has been promoting food-security programs lead

by PWS&D. During a recent webinar, hosted by the Canadian Food Grains Bank, a PWS&D partner, Shama Mall from the Community World Service Asia, highlighted food security programs that are currently ongoing in Afghanistan—and supported through PWS&D. In Afghanistan, as in many other developing countries, the poorest of the poor are being hard hit by a trio of issues, COVID, climate change and conflict—all conditions that threaten food availability and affordability. Many refugees have been forced back into Afghanistan from other countries. Through one program, 110 families (7700 people) have been provided with the equivalent of \$112 per month for 5 months. As it is recognized that women are more likely to spend any money available to benefit the family, especially the children, 427 of the chosen households have been those headed by women, and 424 of these families included persons with disabilities. The data has confirmed that in these women-lead households, 85% of the money was spent on food. Shama also described one family of 10, led by a father of 6, who also supports his parents. He makes a living by doing odd jobs. The current situation means that these jobs are fewer and farther between, leaving him with an average income of \$27/month of which \$21 is claimed by rent. To make things worse, the father received head and arm injuries in a rocket attack. The provision of the monthly benefits has given some relief to this family in need, including the availability of some medication required for the elderly grandparents. Although Easter indicates the end of the Lenten appeal, COVID, climate change and conflict continue. Please keep those in need in your prayers throughout the year and consider what you can do in any way to alleviate the situation that endangers the survival of so many people in developing countries around the world.

COVID TOWN HALL

We are fortunate at St. Andrew's to have a member of our congregation who is part of Public Health. Dr. Tabien has been working through the past year helping with the province's response to the Covid pandemic and is willing to answer any questions that we might have by holding a town hall meeting by zoom. Because of her schedule, this would take place after April 18th, giving us a chance to come up with questions. A Zoom link will be sent out once a firm date has been set for all those who are interested.



Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

Home Furnishings Needed

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Do you want to send that extra chair to a good home? If so, **please contact Elizabeth Shih** as she is gathering furnishings for her mother Bernice's new apartment for an **April 16th move-in**. In particular, they are looking for the following items: TV (cable modem compatible), TV stand, microwave, bedside table, armchair, 2-person bistro table.

email: shih.ea@gmail.com phone: 306-242-7025



Easter



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed!

L: He was dead and now he lives.

P: Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

L: The tomb is empty.
He was dead and now he lives.
The journey begins again
Come, let us follow him.

L: And let us start the new journey with prayer:

All: God of life, you came to us and you redeem all things.
And now we give ourselves to you and continue
your work of good news and reconciliation in the world.
Give us the strength to follow you on the mission
you have called us to.

In the name of
Jesus we pray,
Amen.



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Rejoice! Christ is risen!

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, our church answers God's call to serve those in need with compassion, love and justice. Every day we work to serve the hungry, the poor and the displaced.

With your support, we are reflecting God's love by responding to the world's most distressed and marginalized communities. We are acting to provide sustainable agricultural skills, educational opportunities, support for refugees, and access to health care around the world. Together, we are helping communities overcome poverty, recover from emergencies and provide hope for the future.

Faithful to our calling,
we respond together.

This Easter,
please support PWS&D.

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