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Diocese of Huron - The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop: Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

Music Director: Rob Aszmies

Organist: John Shaw

Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Server & Crucifer: Alfred Butler, Catherine Carlson

Warden on Duty: Cindy Kellett

Ascension May 17, 2026 BAS Eucharist – 10:00 am

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

C: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

C: May his grace and peace be with you.

A: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

C: There is one body and one Spirit,

A: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

C: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

A: **One God and Father of all.**

**Processional Hymn: CP #247 'Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise' (verses 1,
3, 4, 6)**

John Bell, "Gloria"

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.
Amen.

Prayer of Transition

C: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

C: O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth.

A: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

Sue Simpson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

⁷ He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Rev Sharla Malliff

1 The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A reading from Paul's letter to Ephesus.

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 'Dwell in Me'

VERSE ONE

Dwell in me, dwell in me;
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.
Till Your face is all I see.
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.

VERSE TWO

Breathe on me, breathe on me;
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Be my passion, set me free.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴ Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹ "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: 'God of Wonders'

VERSE ONE

Lord of all creation,
of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.

CHORUS

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth; Lord of heaven and earth.

VERSE TWO

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.

CHORUS

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Prayers of the People

Catherine Carlson

O: Let us not cease to give thanks to God who has seated the resurrected and ascended Christ at the right hand of the Holy One in power and great glory.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, O God, in this and every age, for the healing power at work in Christ to fill our world with grace.

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: We pray for our world, for all leaders, people, and nations, that they we may exercise a spirit of wisdom as we serve the common good. Shield all who suffer from the terrors of violence and war; bring them to safety and new life in you. Make us one family gathered up in your love and clothed in the power of your peace.

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: We pray for all who long to experience the immeasurable power of your love. Open our hearts to sing your praises and to share the story of your blessing, that all may come to know our living and ascended Christ.

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: Bless your people everywhere with food, shelter, healthcare, and employment sufficient for our flourishing, that all may thrive together by the riches of your grace, and fill us with a joy for justice that inspires us to do our part for the prosperity of all.

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: We pray for all in sickness or in need, that they may know your healing love and the power of Christ to bring life in the most difficult times. Keep us mindful of the hope and great power that we have in you as we offer your healing to others. We especially remember

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: We pray for all who have died, that, together, you will bring us to our glorious inheritance of Christ, the one who fills all in all. Especially we remember....

O risen God,

A: fill us with your power.

O: All this we pray in the name of him who was raised to live and reign in power for us, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: God has given us the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world. Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, that others may know this glorious news.

Offertory Hymn: CP #619 'Fairest Lord Jesus'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: O God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and his power at work in our lives and our gifts. Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth as

we love and serve you, O God most high.

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer 3*

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

C: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death

into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

A: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

C: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
here on earth as it is in heav'n.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive our trespasses,
Lord, forgive as we forgive
those who trespass against us;
forgive us, Lord, forgive us Lord.**

**And lead us not into temptation, lead us not;
But deliver us from evil,
Lord, we pray your mercy.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

C: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

A: **Now we are raised to new life.**

C: We were buried in your tomb.

A: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

C: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB of GOD:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

Administrants: Catherine Carlson, Jennifer Millar

**Communion Music: CP #482 'Come and Journey With a Saviour' (verses 1,
3, 4, 6)**

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

C: Glory to God,

A: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Benediction: 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, And be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, And give thee, and give thee, And give thee peace. Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Blessing

C: May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace. And the blessing of the God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

Recessional Hymn: CP #524 'O Christ, the Great Foundation'

Dismissal

C: God's Spirit is poured out upon us to make our hearts strong with love and bold with praise that we may proclaim God's Son to the ends of the earth, so go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 2: 1-23

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 7:37-39/20: 19-23

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:15 34 10:00 65

Givings

On the plate \$4,340 Auto Debit: \$2,025

Sunday Smile

God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.

"Pairings" Bible Study

Our "Pairings" Bible Study pauses today. Next week we are exploring Matthew 5 – 7.

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support of the St. Andrew's Cupboard ❤️ They could not continue to support so many needy people without our help! A few things mentioned this week were canned baked beans; peanut butter and they are in desperate need of pasta sauce! Anything you are able to donate is wonderful and very much appreciated 😊 They are always in need of cleaning supplies as well 👍 Thank-you-Heather Murphy
On behalf of your Outreach Committee

SPRING CLEANUP - SAT. MAY 30

Once again, it is time to spruce up our Church and Rectory properties. Please come to the Church on Sat. May 30 [9 am to 11:30 am] to help us clean up the property after our long winter. Bring your work-gloves and rakes. Looking forward to seeing you there to help! Thanks in advance for your assistance!
Murray Gamble for the Property and Maintenance Committee

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

Father's Day

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex for donations towards Father's Day flowers. Anyone who would like to contribute in honor or memory of a loved one is warmly invited to add their name.

Christine Ledbury

Artisan Fair

Come out to St. George's Artisan Fair on Saturday, May 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come browse a wonderful selection of dried flowers, scents, cookies, butter tarts, banana bread, sourdough bread, preserves, printed towels, precious stone jewelry, stone necklaces, pottery, upcycled antiques, books, Epicure products, needle felt crafts, and kids' craft kits. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up tables at 7:30 a.m. and put tables away at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy at (519) 721-4587 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We appreciate your support and hope to see you there!

From the Committee for Tidying our Church

Wanted - Someone who can help with some carpentry. Storage bins with lids.

We continue to tidy the church in readiness for our new minister and have a few projects that we would like to see completed. If you are able to help with the above requests that would be appreciated.

Please contact Cameron Crassweller or Lilian Cressman if you can help in any way.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

As Rev Sharla will be away on Sunday, June 8, 2026, we will have a MORNING PRAYER at both 8:15 am and 10:00 am with Catherine Carlson presiding and delivering the Homily.

Office Closure

The office will be closed from June 1st – June 5th. The office will resume back to regular hours on June 8. The phone will be monitored daily. In case of emergency please contact Catherine at 519-886-7466 or Nelson at 519-588-8672.

**St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church
Fundraiser
Accessibility Project – Phase 3 of 3**

In 2024, your Property and Maintenance Committee presented a three-year project to Vestry to improve three primary areas of accessibility which required attention. Almost two-thirds of this Project has been completed throughout 2024 and 2025 – we are almost there! Here is a summary of the details to complete the entire project:

1.) Accessibility Upgrades to the Church Entrances: TO BE DONE

Front Entrance & Lower Thompson Hall Rear Entrance: Removal of old concrete sidewalk apron at threshold of outside doors and install new, graded concrete aprons.

2.) Reconfiguration and Repaving of the Entrance Driveway: DONE

3.) Rear Stairs and Railings: TO BE DONE

Repair the existing concrete stairs at the rear entrance to the church and either repair and recoat the existing railings or install new aluminum railings.

Funding Accessibility Project: Phase 3 of 3	Budget Costs
Repair Rear Stairs & Install New Railings	25,000
Repair Concrete Aprons on the Front Entrance & Lower North Side Entrances	10,000
Contingency Funds	5,000
TOTAL	40,000
April 28, 2026: Capital Repairs' Fund Balance \$16,212.16	12,000
April 28, 2026: Dorcas Folds' Fund Balance \$16,253.83	12,000
Monies Left to Fundraise	16,000

The following Motion was passed at Parish Council on Tues. Apr. 28, 2026:

Be it resolved that we proceed with the remainder of this project as detailed in the above proposal which includes allocating partial monies from the Capital Repairs' Fund and the Dorcas Folds' Fund AND that we undertake an immediate \$16,000 fundraising campaign for the remainder of the funds required.

Fundraising Campaign (\$16,000): We began this campaign on Sun. May 3. Several local concrete contractors have been contacted to give us quotes. Wonderfully, we have had an anonymous donor come forward and pledge to match dollar for dollar raised, up to \$8,000, to enable us to reach our goal and complete the third phase of our successful 3-Year Accessibility Project! We have received almost \$4,000 in pledges and monies. As you are able, please support this initiative and direct your donations to the Capital Repairs' Fund. Many thanks! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Murray Gamble, Chair-Property & Maintenance Committee or Nelson Cuthbert, Rector's Warden.

Ladies Lunch

this month will be on Friday, May 29. We will meet at 12.30 at the Country Boy Restaurant. Please let Sue know if you will be joining us at: suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com

Refugee Family Update

Our refugee family (mom plus 3 boys) has not yet arrived. We have determined that the government's immigration slowdown in December delayed Mapenzi's departure, which in turn put her medical clearance out-of-date. We are doing what we can to rectify and update the overseas paperwork, but this process is challenging and difficult as we do not have an immediate connection with the key officials in Tanzania. The small bit of good news is that we can extend the 2-bedroom apartment lease month-by-month as we need to, as long as we continue to pay the rent (\$1899 per month). We continue to appreciate your continued support of this faithful initiative.

John Ryrie

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture. The Communications Committee

OUTREACH FOR JUNE

For the month of June we will not be collecting for St. Andrews as this is the month we help to support Innisfree Hospice House.

Innisfree House provides comfort, care and closure to patients and their loved ones through the end-of-life journey. They accommodate up to 10 people requiring palliative care.

Innisfree House is funded through a mix of Ontario government health funding and significant community donations.

St. George's provides support by means of donating required food items as the meals for the residents are prepared on sight.

We will be collecting these items from May 31 to June 14.

We thank all our parishioners in their ongoing support of our outreach ministry.

Innisfree Donations Requests:

- * apple, orange, cranberry juice - not boxes
- * crackers- all kinds
- * beef, chicken soup broth
- *vegetable oil
- * nuts for baking
- * cocoa powder for baking
- * gingerale
- *brown, white sugar
- * semi-sweet chocolate chips
- *k-cups---coffee and tea.