



St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church

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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: Grayson Barclay, Alfred Butler

Warden on Duty: Nelson Cuthbert

Easter V May 3, 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 #527 'How Firm a Foundation'

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.

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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: Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

MaryLynn Forrest

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Roberta Butler

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

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.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Coralee Little

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,

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.

The Holy Gospel John 14: 1-14

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'
⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: 'Cornerstone'

VERSE ONE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.
(repeat)

CHORUS

Christ alone, Cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

VERSE TWO

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil.

CHORUS

VERSE THREE

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne.

CHORUS (x2)

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

Roberta Butler

O: The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of our son
Lesley by Charlotte Cromarty.

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of resurrection, hear our prayer. For the church throughout the world, that all who profess to honor the risen Lord may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For pastors, priests, teachers and ministers, *especially* Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend, *our bishop, The Most Reverend Anne Germond our Metropolitan, and The Most Reverend Shane Parker our National Bishop* that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may seek to build the church upon Christ, the cornerstone, and humbly lead in faithful service; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For the governments of the world and its leaders. *Especially Prime Minister Carney, Premier Ford, and all in authority* that the nations may dwell in peace, that good will prevail over strife, and people of faith may freely worship as their hearts direct; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For rain and sun in proper measure, and for abundant food and water for all who dwell upon the earth; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in need, and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul; we especially rememberGod of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For our neighbours that we may live together in amity, and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

For our enemies, that their sins may be forgiven and that they may find your peace; God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name. By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his

faithful disciples that our work may testify to what we pray and show forth your eternal glory, through 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: As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

Offertory Hymn: CP #450 'You Call Us, Lord, to Be'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever.

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer IV from the Scottish Liturgy: New Life, The Lord, The Spirit*

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: Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, and your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in the light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and open the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**A: 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.**

C: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the garden the mystery dawned that he who they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself know in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your life and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, works without end.

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 Your peace,
grant us Your peace.**

The Communion

Administrants: Adriana Cronin, Catherine Carlson

Communion Music: CP #569 'Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life'

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 up—on thee, And be gra-cious un—to thee: The Lord lift up His coun—ten—ance up—on thee, And give thee, and give thee, And give thee peace. A—men, A—men, A—men, A—men, A—men.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine up—on thee, And be gra-cious un—to thee: The Lord lift up His coun—ten—ance up—on thee, And give thee, and give thee, And give thee peace. A—men, A—men, A—men, A—men, A—men." The score includes bar numbers 7, 12, 17, 22, and 29.

Blessing

C: May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you. May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name. May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore.

A: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #577 'God of Grace and God of Glory'

Dismissal

C: Go forth to serve in the name of our risen Lord.

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

Readings for Next Sunday	
Acts 17: 22-31	Psalms 66: 8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14: 15-21

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:15 31 10:00 53

Givings

On the plate \$1,545 Auto Debit: \$2,069

Sunday Smile

Each of us is an Inn Keeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

"Pairings" Bible Study

Our "Pairings" Bible Study continues today. We are exploring Chapter 7 and the book of Esther. You don't have to have read the book to join in the conversation.

Bible Study

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

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

Soul Sauce Update

Our spring concerts have now firmed up. Sixteen of us (plus drums and bass) will be performing at St. George's on Wednesday May 13th, starting at 7 p.m. No ticket is required! (but we will gladly accept free will offerings).

We will also be performing at the Jazz Room in Waterloo a week later, on May 20th, starting at 7:30. There will be a \$20 entry fee, as we need to pay for renting this venue.

I hope most of you can make it to one of these memorable musical events!

John Ryrie

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

Thank you all for your generous donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard 

Everything you give is so appreciated and helps so many! A few things mentioned this week were

pasta sauce; canned fruit and laundry detergent. Always needed are cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, shampoo etc!

THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOU DO 😊

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your

Outreach Committee

Spring Concerts – Cambridge Male Chorus

Cambridge Male Chorus Spring Concert

Our annual **Cambridge Male Chorus Spring Concert** at Avenue Rd Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Rd., Cambridge is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 2:30 pm**. It is open to everyone with refreshments provided after the concert.

There is a free-will offering. Come and hear us sing! For details, contact Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672; cuthben@gmail.com).

Ontario Sings '26!

The **Ontario Sings '26!** Event takes place on **Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 3 p.m.** at the Sanderson Centre, 88 Dalhousie St., Brantford. Taking part will be the following six male choruses from south-western Ontario: Brant Men of Song, Burlington Welsh Chorus, **Cambridge Male Chorus**, Guelph Male Choir, Niagara Men's Chorus, and Men Aloud!

For tickets and information about this event, please follow this link:

<https://calendar.sandersoncentre.ca/Default/Detail/2026-05-31-1500-Ontario-Sings-2026>

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

Artisan Fair

St. George's will be hosting an Artisan Fair on Saturday, May 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are currently looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you're interested, 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!

Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who made the Ploughman's Lunch such a big success. Together, we raised an impressive \$635.00.

Special thanks go to Ray Finnie for carving the turkey and donating the ham; Catherine Carlson for her baked beans; and Heather Murphy for providing the buns. Your contributions were truly appreciated.

I would also like to recognize the help in the kitchen: Linda Dancey, Dianne McCandless, Heather Murphy, Ericka Babb, Ray and Roberta Finnie. A job well done.

Finally, my sincere thanks to everyone who supported and helped with all three events this year, Soup, Stew, and the Ploughman's Lunch. I am deeply grateful to every one of you. It has been a pleasure and a joy working with all of you, and I couldn't have asked for anything better. Thank you again. Charlotte

Attention Church Groups

A committee has been struck to clean/tidy the church before a new minister arrives. If your group uses the facilities and can help in doing this we would be most grateful. Starting next week we will go around the church, note book in hand, seeing what can be done to improve our space.

If you need any assistance/clarification please contact either Cameron Crassweller or Lilian Cressman.

Selection Committee Update – April 30, 2026

We have completed the interview process and have selected a candidate whose name has just been forwarded to our Bishop, The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend. Of particular note is the fact that it is the Bishop who offers the position to our choice of candidate – not us.

By canon law, the normal notice period from acceptance of the position to start-up is 3 months to allow for the determination of many details such as contract negotiations, end date at current placement, start date at St. George's, the Rectory, adequate time to move to St. George's (we pay the moving expenses), holidays yet to occur (the current placement supports the vacation pay), etc.

As you are aware, the eight members of your Selection Committee cannot divulge any details of the number of candidates, who they are, where they are currently, the interview questions and results, the reasons for our decisions, etc. Only very specific announcements through the Chair, Nelson Cuthbert, or Vice-Chair, Ray Finnie, are permitted to insure a common message to all. There are a number of solid reasons for this stance. For example, if any details of our discussions got back to the current placements of the candidates, it would create very difficult situations both now and in the future.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers and support. It has been a long and detailed process since the end of last September when the Selection Committee was formed and the work began. Hopefully, all will proceed well, and we will have a happy announcement for you soon!

If you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to Nelson or Ray. Nelson Cuthbert, Chair-St. George's Selection Committee