

Sunday April 5, 2026
10:30am, Easter Sunday
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda Stride and worship leader, Jean Green

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Call To Worship and Candle Lighting

The Christ who goes ahead to Galilee, is calling us.

We are here! Hallelujah, Christ is risen.

The Christ who walks on wounded feet, is leading us.

We will follow! Hallelujah, Christ is risen.

The Christ who lights our path is guiding our worship now!

We light the candle, receive the light, and give thanks for new life.

Let us worship our God now!

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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Holy Wondering: Baptismal water

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 Members:

We welcome Kathleen Elmsley by baptism (mentor Yvonne Vandertoorn)

We welcome Jacqueline Ludlow by confirmation of her baptismal vows (mentor Neva Moelker)

We welcome John Van Slageren (mentor Rick Vandertoorn)

Baptism of Kathleen

Do you, the people of Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Brighton Ontario, promise to celebrate with Kathleen 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 Kathleen 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Pouring of Water
Laying On Of Hands & Candle

New Member by Confirmation
(Promises of the Candidate – Jacqueline Ludlow)
Promise of the Community of Faith

Do you, the people of Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Brighton Ontario, promise to celebrate with Jacqueline as 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 Jacqueline to this place, and we greet her with open arms and hearts. We promise to value her creative ideas, to include them 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 that works within her. Thanks be to God.

Laying On Of Hands

New Member (John Van Slageren)

Promise by congregation:

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

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

Laying On Of Hands

Testimonials & Presentation of Gifts

Sing: VU 958, Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Hymn: MV 121, Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! (*The Holy Wonderers are welcome to proceed to the hall at verse 5*)

Refrain

Hey now! Singing hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!

Hey now! Singing hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

1. Jesus loved people and he made them friends,
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
2. Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
3. Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
4. Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
5. Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28: 1-10

Response: This is the Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All: Jesus Christ is risen today. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hymn Presentation: TLUS 48, Worthy of Every Song

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You, oh, we live for You

Refrain: Holy, there is no one like You. There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder. Show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart. And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the Name above every other name. Jesus, the only One who could ever save

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You, oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You. There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder. Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart. And lead me in Your love to those around me

Holy, there is no one like You. There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder. Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart. And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love. It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone. And I will not be shaken
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Message: There you will see him

Invitation To The Offering

Trumpet Trio: Morning Has Broken

(Earl Park, Kevin Orr, Ken McClintock of Treble Threat)

Blessing

Today we remember that Jesus is risen, and we say Hallelujah!
With the certain hope that we are never alone,
We offer you our gifts and sacrifices today, in gratitude,
Trusting that you will bless the small things we do, and make big changes in the world.
Amen.

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.

Anthem: With This Communion, We Thank You

Words and music by Jay Althouse

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 as they shared bread.

We remember how he shared a meal with his closest friends, 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 meal 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.

We also pray for those who have asked to be lifted up so we say together those names:

Daniel, Thian, Henry, Ewa (Eva), Mandalyn, Bill Harris, Donna, Graham, Kevin, Lindsay, Grace Peters, the family of Don MacGregor, Agnes Ward, Al, John, the family of John Donovan. *(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow)*

We pray for our leaders, 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.

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"

During Communion: MV 202, Bread for the Journey

Bread for the journey, *(for the journey)*

food for the way. *(food for the way)*

Cup of God's blessing, *(God's blessing)*

tomorrow, today. *(tomorrow, today)* **(4x)**

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VU 509, I the Lord of Sea and Sky

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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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 in Galilee 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.

Sending Forth

God, 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. Amen.**

Prayer from the United Church of Canada

Closing Hymn: VU 173, Thine Is The Glory

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of gladness sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than worshipers, through thy endless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R

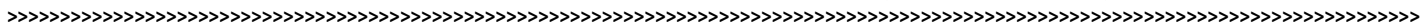
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Blessing
Postlude

Announcements

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, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) 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.

The church office is open
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.



New Announcements

We are creating a new photo directory!

Universal Portrait Studios brings families together for professional portraits while delivering high-quality Pictorial Church Directories.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your family together for a Family Keepsake Portrait and will allow you to hand down something special to upcoming generations.

Participate to receive your FREE photo directory!

To Book Online Click Here: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/73x5j3rg/>

Looking for a New Yard Sale Leader

We are looking for a new leader to organize our annual Church Yard Sale.

After many years of faithful service, we are seeking someone willing to take on this important and rewarding role. All preparations, instructions, and helpful materials have already been carefully compiled in a file folder to guide you through the process. Ongoing guidance and support will also be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, connect with others, and help make one

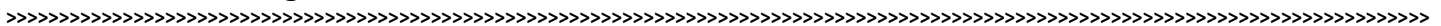
of our community's most cherished events a success.
If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Helen Bonisteel 613 661-6484.
Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute!

“Spring is here”!! That means the Church Yard Sale is just around the corner...May 1 and May2. 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 April 30 from 10 am to 2 pm. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please sign the “Volunteer” sheets during Fellowship. If you need items picked up, please call Colin Wright 613-475-5138 to arrange. Items must be at the door for pick-up.

TRILLIUM GIFT OF LIFE MONTH OF APRIL

Celebrated by a Flag Raising at the Municipal Buildings thanks to Mayor Ostrander
TUESDAY APRIL 7TH. AT 10a.m.. Throughout the month of April we celebrate those who have given the Gift of Life to another, either anonymously or by consent.
In Ontario, we are blessed to have what is considered to be the #2 hospital in the World where they have specialized in Transplant surgery for years. Organs such as Hearts, Lungs, Livers and Kidneys are the subject of Transplant Surgery at TGH in Toronto on a daily basis where blood and tissue type are a match - donor to recipient.
A successful transplant is something to celebrate. It brings some level of comfort to a grieving family to know that their loved one's life continues on in the life of another, as does a living transplant, in the case of a kidney or partial liver transplant. The restoration of a person's sight through Cornea Transplant is also surely a gift about which one can only dream!
There is never a day passes where your own Pastor Ian prays for his donor and family who, almost 23 years ago, gave their loved one's lungs to Ian that he might live.
We invite Trinity St Andrews congregation to come along to the Municipal Buildings on Tuesday 7th. April, 10am to celebrate those who gave of themselves to help others continue to be blessed in this way.
You can be a part of this movement by ensuring that your driver's license is marked "donor," also by carrying a card in your wallet or purse indicating your intentions, and finally by telling loved ones of your 'saintly' wishes in this regard.

Health and Blessings all, Pastor Ian Robb



Happening this week:

Sun. April 5 6:30am, Sunrise Service, Gosport (light breakfast to follow at the church)
 10:30am, Worship, Easter Sunday

Mon April 6	Church office closed
Tues. April 7	2:00pm, Affirm & Equity 6:30pm, LGBTQ Family Support Group
Wed. April 8	10am Bible Study 5pm Supper's Ready 5:30 Kid's Crafts
Thurs. April 9	10am, Choir 7pm, Council
Sun. April 12	10:30am, Worship (Hymn Sing)

AGM for reporting year 2025 will be Tuesday April 28th, 7pm. Refreshments and dessert will be offered.

Volunteers needed! **The TSA Clothing Depot** is looking for a volunteer or two, who could provide a couple of hours Monday mornings to move bins from the store to the storage shed which is located behind the building. The regular small group, of mostly women volunteers, would appreciate this as manually transporting these bins is beyond some of their capabilities. If interested, please contact Helen at 613 661 6484 or Sharon at 613 475-2928.

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Skills and Gift Silent Auction...will run each Sunday after church through the month of April. If you have an items to donate (eg., estate jewellery, boat rides, cottage rental times, gift cards, sport tickets, new items or gifts of time and talent are just few ideas). Please call Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928.

From the Stewardship/Fundraising team

The Reasons in concert, Friday May 8, 6:30-10pm. \$25per person. Concert will be in the hall to allow for dancing and refreshments! Tickets available at the church office, by etransfer, Lighthouse Books or online using this link : www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/the-reasons

Suzie Vinnick in Concert, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick
Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and

Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled “Fall Back Home”.

From The Worship Committee

Bible study Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) 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](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf) . We are gathering **Wed. April 8th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. 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 meetings are Tuesday, April 7th and May 5th. For more information, email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette or Janet and they will show you all of the titles available!

TSA's 5th Annual Pride Walk and Worship Service are scheduled for Sunday, June 14th, 2026. Mark your calendars now for this fun day of celebrating LGBTQ+ people!

Youth and Christian Education Committee

Regular programs:

Wednesday 5:30-6:00pm Kid’s Craft

2nd and 4th Sunday Youth and Young Adult Discussion Group
