

# **April Worship**

#### 'Let us run with perseverance'

Sunday April 2, 10:30 a.m.

The examples of many before us, and many around us, can be a great encouragement to us. This morning we receive the invitation to share bread and wine, and approach 'the city of the living God' (Hebrews 12).

#### Palm Sunday Cantata 'No Greater Love'

Sunday April 9, 10:30 a.m.

The Choir of St. Andrew's will lead us in worship this morning, introducing this Holy Week through a series of readings and choral pieces including 'All glory, laud and honour', 'When I survey the wondrous cross', 'Go to dark Gethsemene' and 'My faith looks up to thee'. Be sure to invite family and friends.

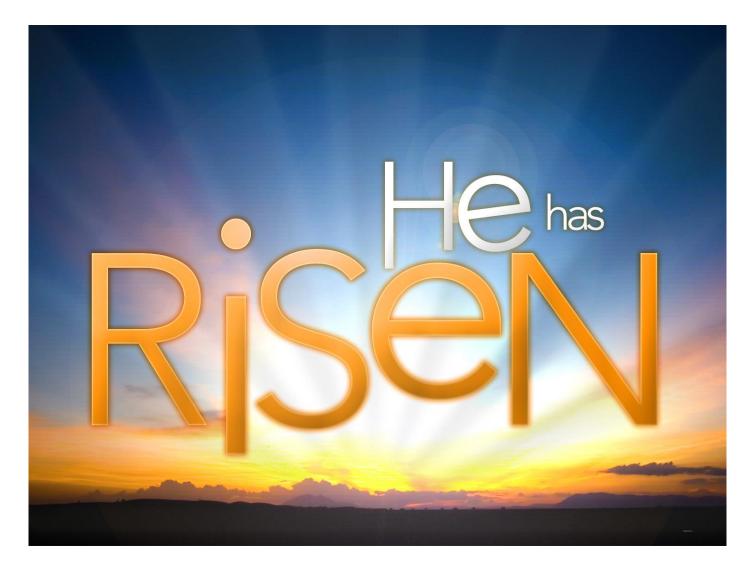


Rogier van der Weyden (1400-1464)
Descent from the Cross

## **Good Friday Service**

Friday April 14, 10:30 a.m.

As we remember the passion of our Lord for us and our salvation, we gather before the cross and ponder 'the broken heart of God'. Joining with congregations Lutheran and United, this year we will be gathering at Sydenham Street United Church.



#### **Easter Morning**

Sunday April 16, 10:30 a.m.

With joy we hear again the gospel of life known in the resurrection of Jesus. With joy we celebrate all that this 'rising' means for us. With joy we sing our souls 'in praise of love that doth abound'.

#### On The Road

Sunday April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Walking despairingly away from the cross, on the road to Emmaus, friends of Jesus experience their grief give way to gladness (Luke 24:13-35). Now we are 'on the road', accompanied by the living Christ. Thanks be to God. Before you set out, however, linger for a while after the service and enjoy a congregational pot luck lunch!

#### The Mess

Sunday April 30, 10:30 a.m.

Our focus this morning is the mission we support by offering a home to 'The Mess' in Gill Hall. Director Sandi Dodds will speak about the gospel foundations of this open arts studio that provides opportunities to create art and relationships with those who struggle with issues of brokenness and poverty.



### **Sunday Evening Special Meals**

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St. Andrew's Team#2 prepares an evening meal for neighbours this evening. If you would like to lend a hand, please speak to Wendy Worling.

#### **Retirement Residence Services**

Rideaucrest on Sunday April 9 at 1:15 and 2 p.m., and The Royale Tuesday April 11 at 11 a.m. If you are interested in supporting either, please speak to the minister.

#### **Women's Missionary Society**

Monday April 10, 1:30 p.m.

Gather with us in St. Andrew's Hall to support the mission of the church – speak to Helen Ledford for more information.

#### **Morning Bible Study**

Thursday April 20, 10 a.m.

Join us as we continue with Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 20 & 21), illustrating 'The conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, the manufacture of a saint is the task of a lifetime' (Alan Redpath). No biblical knowledge or previous experience of Bible Study necessary!



#### **Sunday Perspectives**

Sunday April 23, 7 p.m.

Gather at the Screening Room with others from Chalmers United and St. Mark's to see a current film and discuss it afterwards.

#### **College and Careers**

Sunday April 30, 6 p.m.

Join with the minister for a home cooked dinner. Speak to Andrew for directions to the home! (a.johnston@standrewskingston.org)

# **Advance Notice**

#### The Rock and the Sword

Sunday May 21, 10:30 a.m.

Brian Osborne will present the revised and augmented edition of our congregational history, allowing us to read it over the summer in advance of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend September 16-17!

#### **Reception of New Members**

Sunday May 28, 10:30 a.m.

There are different ways of relating to this congregation. Being a 'friend' is a casual relationship. An 'adherent' is one who is regular in attendance and supports the ministry of the Church. A 'member' is one who is moved to make St. Andrew's their declared church family. If you feel that you could grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service with the people of St. Andrew's, you would be welcome! Please speak to any Elder or the Minister for details.

#### **Opening Worship of General Assembly**

The 143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will begin with a service of praise at St. Andrew's on Sunday June 4, 7 p.m. The sanctuary will be filled as we welcome over 300 ministers and elders from across Canada and around the world, and congregational members from across the neighbouring Presbyteries. Come and join in the worship. Might you also be able to assist? See the list of possibilities (from drivers to bakers) and the sign-up sheet in St. Andrew's Hall.

The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into the new life with him.

The world did not take notice. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread, and to whom he spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. Still, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death.

(Henri Nouwen)

O God, help me to know and appreciate the awesome mysteries of redemption that are largely hidden from our view.

