

**THE LINK:** Contribute to St. Andrew's monthly newsletter! June's deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 31st. To contact the editor or make submissions please email: [thelink@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:thelink@standrewsvictoria.ca).

**BLUE JEAN JACKET DAY:** on June 6 and raises awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous men and boys. It is meant to serve as a counterpart to Red Dress Day, which takes place on May 5. You can show solidarity and remembrance by wearing a blue jean jacket or denim shirt on this day.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of [Stewart Black](#), who was an active member of St. Andrew's for many years. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 13th 1:30 pm at Saanich Presbyterian Church in North Saanich, with Rev Irwin Cunningham officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to [Canadian Cancer Society](#) or [Cowichan Hospice](#).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please note there will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after service on Sunday, June 14.



## SERVICE BULLETIN

### Sunday May 31, 2026

**Organ Prelude:** Chorale Preludes for Trinity by various composers

**Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Source and Creator of all things;

**We praise you for your gift of life.**

Son and Redeemer of all things;

**We thank you for your gift of new life.**

Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

**We worship you in holiness, Ever Three and Ever One.**

**First Hymn:** # 299 Holy, holy, holy

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Source of life, maker of Heaven and Earth, who created us in your image and called us good; Jesus Christ, born in our flesh to teach us how to love and offer us grace and mercy; Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift. Holy God, Three in One, we praise you for your mystery and mercy. You know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we fit into the world around us and how we rub each other the wrong way. We confess we do not always see what you see. Open our eyes to the truth of our lives and touch us with your grace. Amen.

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## Assurance of Pardon

The Apostle Paul teaches us that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Help us understand what you are saying to the church so that we may know your will and follow your way.

**First Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NT 186)

**The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God**

**Choral Anthem:** My eyes for beauty pine by Herbert Howells

**Second Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20 (NT 34)

**The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God**

**Second Hymn:** # 291 Thou whose almighty word

**Sermon:** The Hunger for God

**Music for Reflection:** Andante from Sonata in F-Major, Op 2 No. 4 RV 2; F XIII 32, by Antonio Vivaldi  
(Noah Mellemstrand, violin solo)

## Invitation to Offering

**Third Hymn:** # 382 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart  
*(Please remain seated.)*

**Doxology:** #830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**Fourth Hymn:** # 298 Glory be to God the Father  
(v.1 on opposite page)

## Charge & Blessing

**Choral Dismissal:** Amen by John Stainer

**Organ Postlude:** Fantasia Super on Come, Holy Ghost by J.S. Bach (BWV 651)

*After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in The Gathering Room!*

**ACTIVITY GROUP SUMMER SESSIONS:** During June, July and August the Activity Group will continue to have “drop in” sessions on Thursday mornings. We have two summer projects we're working on: the Laneway Garden and the Jewelry & Jumble Sale. We've finished planting lots of vegetables that will be donated to James Bay's New Horizons food security programs. If you would like to help with the garden we would welcome your assistance. We are also collecting and pricing items left over from previous programs and events at St. Andrew's for the jumble sale in September. Many hands make light work so please consider dropping in to help.