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# This Week at St. Andrew's

May 20, 2020



Sunday, May 31st is the deadline for submissions to The Link, our monthly newsletter. The June Link will be the last one before the editors have a well-deserved, annual summer break. Please send submissions directly to [thelink@shaw.ca](mailto:thelink@shaw.ca)



## What is Ascension Sunday?

Ascension Sunday is the day that many churches commemorate the physical departure of Christ from earth and into the presence of God. Ascension Day officially takes place 40 days after Easter but many churches observe the day on the Sunday before Pentecost. This feast day is an ecumenical one, celebrated in both Protestant and Catholic churches. It is also a very old Christian celebration. In the 5th century AD, Augustine mentioned it as being of "Apostolic" origin.



### *The Ascension of Christ is mentioned in our creeds:*

"He (Jesus) ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father"- Nicene Creed

"He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty."- Apostles' Creed

## Today's Hymn

[Click here to hear Christine sing and play the hymn](#)

[Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above](#)

## Read From Your Bible This Week

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53



This image is from the Rabula Gospels, a 6th century illuminated text.

"While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." - Luke 24:51

The BC Center for Disease Control is asking for seniors to participate in their covid 19 survey since most of the participants have been in younger age categories [click here for the BCCDC website](#)

# Pastor's Parable

Last night the St. Andrew's Session met to begin the conversation regarding our next steps about being able to meet again in our Sanctuary. This is being written on the day of the conversation and so a full explanation of these steps will be forthcoming to each of you as soon as we assess all the risk factors involved and ways to mitigate those risks. The bottom line is that I don't think any of us is ready to make a swift decision regarding our re-entry into worship. We will take every safety precaution necessary in order to not put anyone at risk as we eventually gather. You are welcome to call me (250) 883-4132 or email me [pastor@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:pastor@standrewsvictoria.ca) anytime with comments or questions.

Many of my colleagues in ministry are using a video conferencing app on their phone, laptop or computer known as Zoom Meetings in order to host a video worship service. They have found it helpful to see familiar faces and voices that we may not have seen these past two months. Our Session meeting these last two months have happened from the comfort and safety of our own homes through this video means. In order to access how this might be a helpful way to host a similar worship format for us at St. Andrew's, I welcome us to try a Zoom call for a brief worship and check in.

Today, Wednesday, May 20 at 11:00 AM I am hosting such a call for all who would like to participate.

The Zoom link is below. You will need to download the Zoom app on your computer, iPad or phone if you have not previously used this service. (Never fear, this is a safe and secure way to make free calls on one of your devices.) Once Zoom is downloaded, at the high hour of 11:00 AM, simply click on the link below that says, Join Zoom Meeting. Grant access to your camera and microphone so that we can see and hear you on the call. I suspect the call will last approximately 30 minutes...

Mitchell Coggin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TODAY

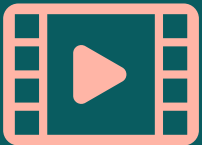
Time: May 20, 2020

11:00 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81788332035>

Meeting ID: 817 8833 2035



[Click here for a short video message from Rev. Mitch](#)



We need people willing to record themselves reading prayers or scriptures for our Sunday service. You just need a smartphone, tablet or computer with a microphone and the ability to send us your recording. Email the office to sign up! We'd also love to share your photos as part of our Sunday worship service videos. Pictures of God's creation, a favourite piece of art in your home, from your travels... whatever you think might suit a service. Please email photos to the office.