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# WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Marc Chagall 1887 – 1985  
Psalm 124 'We have escaped like a bird...'  
Musée national Message biblique Marc Chagall, Nice

## Songs for Summer (4) "A song of freedom"

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. And a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Our worship of God is enriched by your presence, and we pray that your joy will be strengthened by this time of praise and prayer.

Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service and consider signing our guest book by the Princess Street doors.

Activity Bags, Children's Bibles (in comic book format), and Teen New Testaments (in magazine format), are available just inside St. Andrew's Hall for any young people who prefer to remain in worship.

Please ask an usher if you have any questions or require assistance, and feel free to remain seated during any portion of the worship service.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** The King of Love My Shepherd Is Robin Milford  
Le Roi d'amour est mon Pasteur Charles Gounod

## Procession of Holy Scriptures

### Call to Worship

**Hymn** O worship the King #313

**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** #831

**Introit** Morning Prayer R.J. Clark  
Lord my God, have mercy on me. Wash me from wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

## Welcome & Announcements

**Hymn** As water to the thirsty #618

## Time for Children

## Scripture Readings

Isaiah 46:46:8-10, 11b-13a; Galatians 5:1, 13-15

**Anthem** Carl Fredrickson

Be strong in the Lord, stand fast in His truth;  
Have on the breastplate of righteousness.  
Take unto you the armour of God,  
that ye may stand in the evil day.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** Take time to be holy #638

**Sermon** 'We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers'  
Psalm 124

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Supplication and Response Darwin Wolford

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

**Hymn** Be thou my vision #461

## Benediction & Choral Amen

**Postlude** Psalm XIX Benedetto Marcello

The anthem today, sung by Bob Clark, is based on two old German chorale melodies which were later made popular by the harmonies of J.S. Bach: "Ach, Gott und Herr" and "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten", found in our hymn book at #767. They were arranged with biblical texts by contemporary American composer Carl Fredrickson. All of the rest of today's music is based on or inspired by one of the Psalms. The two preludes are based on Psalm 23. British composer Robin Milford (1903-1959) composed his chorale prelude based on the tune "St. Columba". The tune appears in the lower (pedal) part. The other prelude is an original composition by Gounod (1818-1893) based on a French translation of the Psalm.

## **Psalm 124**

*from the New Revised Standard Version*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,

**then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.**

Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;**

the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

## **Isaiah 46:8-10, 11b-13a**

Remember this and consider,  
recall it to mind, you transgressors,  
remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like me,  
declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, 'My purpose shall stand,  
and I will fulfill my intention' ...  
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have planned, and I will do it.  
Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,  
you who are far from deliverance:  
I bring near my deliverance, it is not far off,  
and my salvation will not tarry.

## **Metrical version of Psalm 124**

*sung to tune 'Old 124<sup>th</sup>' of the Geneva Psalter (1551)  
by the Scottish Philharmonic Singers.*

Now Israel may say, and that truly,  
if that the Lord had not our cause maintained;  
if that the Lord had not our right sustained,  
when cruel men against us furiously  
rose up in wrath, to make of us their prey;  
Then certainly they had devoured us all,  
and swallowed quick, for aught that we could  
deem;  
such was their rage, as we might well esteem.  
And as fierce floods before them all things drown,  
so had they brought our soul to death quite down.

The raging streams, with their proud swelling  
waves,  
had then our soul o'erwhelmèd in the deep.  
But blest be God, who doth us safely keep,  
and hath not given us for a living prey  
unto their teeth, and bloody cruelty.

Even as a bird out of the fowler's snare  
escapes away, so is our soul set free:  
broke are their nets, and thus escapèd we.  
Therefore our help is in the Lord's great Name,  
who heaven and earth by his great power did  
frame.

## **Galatians 5:1, 13-15**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm,  
therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of  
slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and  
sisters; only do not use your freedom as an  
opportunity for self-indulgence, but through  
love become slaves to one another. For the  
whole law is summed up in a single  
commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour  
as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour  
one another, take care that you are not  
consumed by one another.