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# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday  
March 1, 2015



Elijah and the Widow's Son, by Rembrandt

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 including Fair  
Trade Coffee and a time of fellowship in St  
Andrew's Hall after the service  
and consider signing our visitors' pew cards  
or guest book by the Princess Street doors.

Peggy Sue Reynolds is our certified caregiver for  
the nursery. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church  
school teacher. Children are invited to join in  
either group or worship as they feel comfortable.  
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.

**Prelude** Aria detto Balletto Girolamo Frescobaldi

**Entry of Holy Scriptures**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** All people that on earth do dwell 65

**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)

**Introit** Introit for Lent II Healey Willan  
*Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving  
kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Let not mine  
enemies triumph over me; God of Israel, deliver us out of  
all our troubles. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:  
O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Hymn** Father/Jesus/Spirit I adore you 292

**Time with Children**

**Scripture Readings** Helen Lowe

I Kings 17:17-24

Romans 12:9-15

**Anthem** Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Felix Mendelssohn  
*Cast Thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain  
thee; He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at  
thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above  
the heavens. Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon  
Thee!*

**Sermon** 'Elijah (2): The Compassion of God'

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** The Sea Organ of Zadar John Hall

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

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**The Apostles' Creed** (inside)

**Invitation to The Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sharing of Bread & Wine**

**Hymn** I, the Lord of sea and sky 592

**Benediction & Congregational Amen**

**Postlude** Psalm XX Benedetto Marcello

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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,  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

## **Scripture Readings**

### ***1 Kings 17:17-24***

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

### ***Romans 12.9-15***

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On a third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Notes from the Director of Music**

Now that we are in the season of Lent, the music becomes more serious and reflective. In 1957, Healey Willan wrote a set of Introits for the church year and we sing his **Introit** for the second Sunday of Lent, part of which is based on Psalm 25. During the month of March, as we enjoy a series of sermons about the prophet Elijah, the choir will be singing excerpts from the oratorio "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). There will also be other works presented which are by this great composer. Today, our **Anthem** is a simple Choral taken from "Elijah", originally written for a quartet, and based on the words from Psalms 55, 108 and 25.

As our sunny Mediterranean cruise approaches its destination of Greece, we linger a bit longer in Italy and hear music by Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1644) for the **Prelude**. Frescobaldi has been called the greatest organist of his time and one of the fathers of Italian music. He was born in Ferrara near Venice and as his reputation became known, served nobility in various centres including

Florence, and eventually became organist at St. Peter's in Rome. His music influenced many great composers, including Henry Purcell. The **Prelude** is a set of variations based on a dance tune.

The **Postlude** is by the Venetian composer Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) who besides being a noted composer, was a brilliant lawyer, singer and violinist. His most celebrated work was the musical setting of fifty psalm-paraphrases, originally written for voices and small instrumental ensemble. Part of his Psalm 20 inspired an arrangement for organ by French organist and teacher Alexandre Guilmant.

In researching music in Croatia, I stumbled across a most unusual instrument which is found in the city of Zadar. Someone had come up with the idea of using wave motion from the Adriatic Sea to push air through a set of organ pipes strategically installed on the coast under marble platforms. The result is something like wind chimes, only the note patterns are a lot more regular. French composer Claude Debussy wrote a well-known orchestral composition called "La Mer" which was inspired by the many moods of the sea. The sea has inspired many musicians, artists and writers. In the case of the Sea Organ of Zadar, the sea itself plays the music. Several recordings of this instrument can be heard on YouTube, but one in particular inspired me to write down this soothing mantra-like sound and use it as a basis for the **Offertory**. The melodic pattern changes slightly as it is repeated, just as the waves at the shore are somewhat irregular. I have added a melody to go with this repeated pattern. It is my hope that this unique music-from-nature (if it can be called that) will be as calming as the light lapping of waves on a beach.

### **Prayers**

Lord, teach me to pray, to want to pray, to delight to pray. When I pray, teach me to pray with faith, with hope, with love. Let me make prayer my first work, my persistent work, my most important work; work that I do for you, for others, for the whole world. Let my prayer be a channel for your love, your grace, your peace for those for whom I pray, and for myself, O dear and blessed Lord.

*Eric Milner-White*

Loving God, over these weeks, with your help, we are going to prepare for Easter. From today we are making a new start with a bigger effort to be more

loving and kind. Help us to show concern for the less fortunate, the hungry and the poor, and especially help us to speak to you more often. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, whose death and resurrection we will be thinking about in the next few weeks.

*Tony Castle*

### **This Morning...**

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Today, noon – After the service all are invited to make their way to St Andrew's Hall and pick up a sandwich for this time of review and planning.

#### **Flower Ministry**

Contributions of flowers on Sunday for our service of worship are welcome. Please contact the office, (613-546-6316) by Wednesday if you wish to provide flowers. If they are in honour/memory of someone please advise the office. If you would like to deliver a floral gift from St. Andrew's to someone who would appreciate it, please see Elaine Coderre following the service.

#### **Sunday Evening Special Meals**

Today St. Andrew's Team One prepares the meal this evening. If you would like to lend a hand, speak to Larry Moore.

#### **Mission Exposure Tour Fund**

The Elders are inviting us to contribute to this new fund that will assist individuals to visit church partners around the world, and bring back stories of their witness for our encouragement. Our first recipient Ada Mallory will be leaving March 9 on a tour to visit the Bhil congregations of the area around Jobat and Amkhut in the Church of North India. On the 'Other' line of your envelope, mark <Mission Tour Fund>.

### **This Week...**

#### **Tuesday Evening Studies**

Our winter series will begin this Tuesday evening and continue each week through March. The theme selected is 'Resurrection' based on a DVD presentation by renowned New Testament scholar N.T. Wright. No previous knowledge necessary, just a desire to listen and learn. A great opportunity to hear various perspectives. Invite a friend, or two!

#### **St. George's Lenten Study**

The Rev. Dr. William Morrow will be presenting a

Lenten study titled: 'Job and mystery of suffering'. Topics for discussion will be: 'did the devil make him do it', 'legitimate suffering', 'illegitimate suffering', 'transformative suffering', and 'Job at the cross'. Wednesday evenings until March 25, 7-9 p.m.

### **Kiwanis Festival**

St. Andrew's is hosting adjudication of young musicians again this year in St. Andrew's Hall and the sanctuary, this Tuesday to Thursday. Please try to organise your day visit to the church after this. Thanks!

### **World Day of Prayer Services**

Friday, March 6, 2 p.m. at Kingston West Free Methodist Church, 1575 Woodbine Road. A service prepared by women of the Church in The Bahamas. Friday, March 6th, 7 pm, World Day of Prayer service (written by the Women of the Bahamas) will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2360 Middle Road. All are welcome. For more information call [613-544-0719](tel:613-544-0719).

### **Advance Notice...**

#### **Jobs for Summer Students at St Andrews**

St Andrews is once again inviting qualified students to apply for summer positions working as Cultural Interpreters this coming summer, to offer interpretive tours of our historic church. If you are (or know of) students looking for summer employment and this is a good fit, please check out the church's website for a copy of the job description and application instructions. Note that the deadline to apply is March 15, 2015.

### **Mendelssohn's Elijah**

Sunday, March 15, 2:30 p.m. at the Isabel Bader Centre, offered by Kingston Symphony. The sermons of preceding Sundays will focus upon scenes of the prophet Elijah. Two dozen members from the congregation have already purchased tickets, join us! Tickets available at The Grand Theatre. Regular tickets \$35, seniors \$30.

### **Reception of New Members**

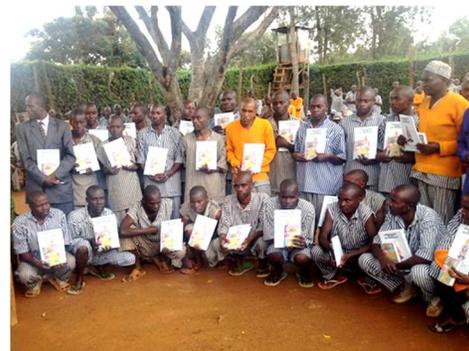
With joy, the congregation of St. Andrew's will receive new members on Sunday April 19. If you feel that this might be a people with whom you can grow in Christian faith, community and service, please speak to our Clerk of Session (Donna Delacretaz) or Minister.

### **Mission Moment ...**

#### **Experiencing God's transforming love**

Through our congregational offerings, we support Presbyterians Sharing. This includes support for the Presbyterian Church of East Africa's Theological Education by Extension program in Kenya that provides practical, interactive theological courses to help lay leaders understand scripture, apply it to their context and put it into practice. The course is also offered to prisoners who are eager to learn about God and turn their lives around. Joseph Wanyama, who is serving a life sentence for robbery in Kingongo Maximum Prison, was one of the first inmates to enroll in the course at Kingongo. He became a Christian on his graduation day. Joseph shares, "This course has both liberated and transformed me. I now feel freer inside this prison than I felt before I was imprisoned. I am happy that I can now understand God from my own perspective." Presbyterians Sharing helps people like

Joseph experience God's transforming love. Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives



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