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# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday  
March 22, 2015



**'Elijah under the broom tree'**  
By Annamora of Wollongong, Australia

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. 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 held just off St Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher.

**Prelude** Andante from Sixth Organ Sonata Mendelssohn  
**Entry of Holy Scriptures**  
**Call to Worship**  
**Hymn** As pants the hart 26  
**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)  
**Introit** O Rest in the Lord (from "Elijah") Mendelssohn  
*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.*

### Greetings & Announcements

### Responsive Reading

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**Hymn** Morning has broken 814

### Time with Children

### Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:4-9, 11-16

Matthew 5:1-11

**Anthem** He watching over Israel (from "Elijah") Mendelssohn  
*He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps,  
Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish,  
He will quicken thee.*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** O Love that wilt not let me go 209

**Sermon** Elijah (5): 'Elijah Hears a Still Small Voice'

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Träumerei R. Schumann

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

**Hymn** Dear Father, Lord of humankind 451

### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Sonata No. 2, Fourth movement Mendelssohn

*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 19:4-9, 11-16**

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go,

return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

### **Matthew 5:1-11**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account'.

## **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.

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

What a treat to hear a presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" last Sunday. Those of us from St. Andrew's were well prepared for the experience, having heard some excellent sermons about Elijah and having heard some excerpts from the oratorio from our able choir and soloists. The chorus and orchestra did a superb job and I was very moved by the music. Today we present two more selections from "Elijah". When a good family friend wanted to join the choir today just for the experience of singing our **Anthem** "He watching over Israel", I twisted her arm to sing "O rest in the Lord" as well. Elaine Bailey is music director at St. James Anglican church in Kingston, and has been a soloist for different choirs in Kingston. We are grateful for her singing with us today and I have arranged the **Introit** as a duet for her and Margaret Hall to sing - I have long wanted to give these two

close friends an opportunity to sing together as a duet.

The great success of "Elijah" comes not only from Mendelssohn's genius as a composer, but his deep spiritual background. Although he spoke little of his own spiritual convictions, he was a descendent of a Jewish Rabbi, had clergy for friends and librettists, and married the daughter of a Lutheran minister. Early in his career, he rediscovered the "St. Matthew Passion" of J.S. Bach and conducted a memorable performance in Germany. This work, considered by many as one of the greatest masterpieces ever written, must have been a great inspiration both musically and spiritually. We can see other religious influences on some of his compositions. His Symphony no. 5, the "Reformation Symphony" was written to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Lutheran Church. It was an important work for Mendelssohn and he always wanted to improve it to make it the best possible and as a result it was never published in his lifetime.

Mendelssohn's music has not always had wide acceptance. I was talking recently to a man from Germany about the music of Mendelssohn which he loved. He was a teenager in Germany during the Nazi regime and he couldn't enjoy Mendelssohn's music because it had been banned during those years. Mendelssohn's music has been criticized for being too simplistic and conservative, compared to Wagner, Liszt and Berlioz, yet few would deny its beauty and sincerity. Mendelssohn tended to distance himself from other composers but one he admired was Robert Schumann.

Schumann was born a year after Mendelssohn in 1810. Mendelssohn began writing music at a very early age, but Schumann, after a failed career as a concert pianist, became known as a respected critic and composer later in life. The two knew each other for a brief time and respected the music of one another. One of Schumann's most famous piano pieces is "Traumerei" (Dreaming) which is very much in the style of Mendelssohn. I have arranged it for organ for today's **Offertory**. The **Postlude** is a fugue, the final movement of the organ sonata heard last week. The **Prelude** is from another organ sonata.

Here is a wonderful quote from Mendelssohn which reveals his attitude toward music and religion: "Although everything else may appear

shallow and repulsive, even the smallest task in music is so absorbing, and carries us so far away from town, country, earth, and all worldly things, that it is truly a blessed gift of God."

### **Today...**

#### **A Community Appeal**

Linger for a moment and see a presentation that Salon will be using to invite support for the maintenance of St. Andrew's tower and manse.

#### **Refugee Sponsorship**

For long we have witnessed the trauma of the plight of the Syrian people. Millions have been displaced from their homes, and their homeland. Now we have an opportunity to respond locally. Several downtown churches (Chalmers and Sydenham United and St. Mark's Lutheran) are planning to sponsor an extended Syrian family to settle in Kingston, which would involve a significant commitment in terms of volunteer time and finances (up to \$80,000). St. Andrew's has been invited to join this partnership, and the elders would like to receive some gauge of congregational support for such a commitment. Please pick up a sheet of paper and write 'for' or 'against' along with your name, and place it in the voting box at the back of the sanctuary.

#### **Feeding Your Spirit**

Need help to read your Bibles regularly? Consider Scripture Union guides. See the display in St. Andrew's Hall. Free samples available.

#### **Vanuatu**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in solidarity with the entire populace of Vanuatu, is responding through Presbyterian World Service & Development to the devastation caused by Cyclone Pam. PWS&D has made an initial contribution and is accepting donations to help with the provision of hygiene kits for clean water as this is one of the most critical needs. PWS&D is asking Canadian Presbyterians to join in prayer for the nation and people of Vanuatu, a country first reached with the Christian message by Nova Scotian, the Rev John Geddie, in 1845. The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, then the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and finally The Presbyterian Church in Canada, supported this

mission field until 1925. Please mark 'Vanuatu' on the 'Other' line of your offering envelope.

### **Easter Lilies**

The pastoral visitation team would like to invite members of the congregation to contribute towards the cost of lilies (\$10) these would be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday morning and then delivered to home-bound members through the city, sharing some of the joy of the Resurrection Morn. Words of dedication, either in thanksgiving or in memory, can also be contributed, and will be printed in the Order of Service that day. Please contact Elaine Coderre at 613-389-4813 or patlain73@hotmail.com by Sunday March 29.

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

#### **Tuesday Evening Studies**

Our winter series continues Tuesday evenings 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.

### **Also...**

#### **Sanctuary Access**

As announced at the AGM, the Session is planning to shorten a set of pews near the handicapped access door off Princess St., to allow for better access by wheelchairs and the occasional storage of the grand piano. Please refer to the marker on the pews, and if you have any concerns, address them to the Clerk of Session by April 8th.

#### **New Elders Update**

Last week after the AGM a sealed envelope containing voting ballots for elders and trustees was belatedly handed to me as Clerk of Session. When these ballots were counted and added to the previous ones, the results were brought to the Session meeting on March 9th. The elders took this opportunity to accept four new elders. In addition to the new trustees elected: (Joan Barr-Knox and Ralph Kendall), the new elders elected by the membership of St. Andrew's are: Elaine Coderre, Ada Mallory, Alberta Saunders and Dennis Tysick.

These four elders- elect will be ordained on May 3rd at the Sunday service.

The Session wishes to thank the members for their diligent interest in this procedure to elect new elders and trustees. A total of 144 votes were recorded.  
*Donna Delacretaz*

### **Courtesy Parking**

Due to the limited amount of parking available at the Church, Session and the Property & Maintenance Committee would like to request that the parking lot be reserved on Sundays for members and guests that have trouble walking longer distances. With thanks.

*Greg Matthews, Chair of Property and Maintenance*

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

#### **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 or Minister. A brief time of orientation will be offered after the service today.

### **Geneva House**

An end of year banquet is being held on Friday, March 27, 6 p.m. hosted by Bay Park Baptist. If you would like to join us in celebration of this year of ministry, space is limited, so don't delay! Please confirm with [emily.burnell@hotmail.com](mailto:emily.burnell@hotmail.com)

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