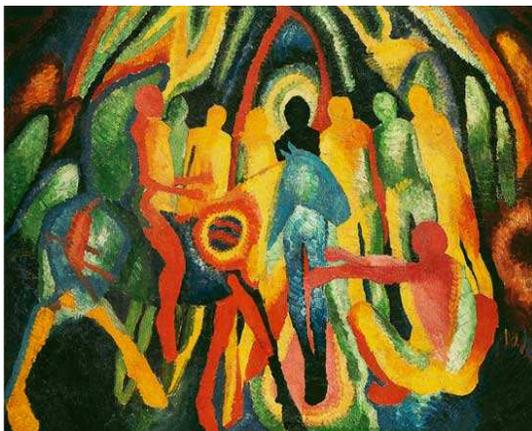


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in this community
since 1817*

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
March 29, 2015



Wilhelm Morgner. Entry into Jerusalem, 1912

Wilhelm Morgner, 1891-1917 a German Expressionist painter, trained for the clergy, although he quickly turned to painting as his calling. His close identification with Jesus Christ manifested itself in works that expressed his powerful understanding of the Passion, exemplified here by his color-saturated vision of the Entry into Jerusalem. Sadly, he died a young man, one of millions, on the fields of Flanders during World War I. Still, his discipline to his work left enough paintings to allow reflection upon the creative response to a deep faith and love of Jesus Christ.

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 Fanfare C. S. Lang
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship
Hymn All glory, laud and honour 214
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit Hosanna to the Son of David Arthur Hutchings
*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.*

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (inside)

Hymn Hosanna, loud Hosanna 218

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10

Mark 11:1-11

Anthem O Saviour of the World John Goss
*O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious
Blood, hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly
beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn O love, how deep, how broad, how high 205

Sermon Shouting 'Hosanna!' (Mark 11:9)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory He was despised G.F. Handel

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Hymn Ride on, ride on in majesty 217

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude Intrada Brian Brockless

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

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at
Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go
into the village ahead of you, and immediately as
you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has
never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone
says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this,
"The Lord needs it and will send it back here
immediately."' They went away and found a colt
tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were
untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told
them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to
take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and
threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many
people spread their cloaks on the road, and others
spread leafy branches that they had cut in the
fields. Then those who went ahead and those who
followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest
heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the
temple; and when he had looked around at
everything, as it was already late, he went out to
Bethany with the twelve.

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

For many years I struggled with the service
of Palm Sunday, trying to choose the right music
with the right meaning and the right mood. It is a
challenge to mix the sound of Hosannas and Jesus'

triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the sadness of his inevitable rejection, painful crucifixion and death. When I finally regarded the service of Palm Sunday as a transitional service, with a great change in mood, the selection of music became easier.

And so we start the service with a modern triumphant fanfare by English composer C.S. Lang (1891-1971) followed by the ancient hymn “All glory, laud and honour”. The sounds of triumph continue with the **Introit** “Hosanna to the Son of David” by English composer Arthur Hutchings (1906 – 1989) and more Hosannas during the second hymn.

The sounds of triumph are not sustained, however, and the tone becomes very serious with the **Anthem**. The composer, John Goss (1800-1880) is best known for his hymns “Praise my Soul the King of Heaven” and “See amid the winter’s snow”. His teacher Thomas Attwood, was a pupil of Mozart. Goss was the last of the great English ecclesiastical composers, composing almost exclusively for church choirs. He became organist of St. Paul’s Cathedral and eventually was knighted by Queen Victoria. In today’s **Anthem**, we can hear a great sensitivity to the text in a well-constructed piece of music – perhaps an inheritance from Mozart.

The **Offertory** continues this serious tone with a selection from Handel’s “Messiah”. The sound of “Hosanna” is long forgotten now as we hear in this sorrowful aria the prophet Isaiah’s prediction that Christ would be despised and rejected; “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”.

The service concludes with two pieces of music which are able to combine the triumph of the entry into Jerusalem with the foreshadowing of the tragedy of Good Friday. The hymn text of the last hymn puts it bluntly: “in lowly pomp ride on to die”. The printed music for the **Postlude** gives no indication that this piece has anything to do with Palm Sunday. Yet when I first learned this piece by Brian Brockless (1926-1995), I could only imagine that he had this day in mind. I have recently found out that he, like Goss, was an ecclesiastical composer and church organist, and I just cannot imagine playing this piece at any time other than Palm Sunday. It is a triumphal march with a very serious undertone and the last few bars are truly tragic. We praised Him, then we rejected Him and then we crucified Him. I think of this every time I play the last chord.

Prayers

Lord Jesus, this is your triumphal entry into Jerusalem; I'll be your donkey.

(Brazil: Dom Helder Camara)

Jesus, king of the universe,
ride on in humble majesty, ride on through conflict and debate, ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends, ride on through mockery and unjust condemnation, ride on through cruel suffering and ignoble death, ride on to the empty tomb and your rising in triumph, ride on to raise up your Church, a new body for your service, ride on King Jesus to new the whole earth in your image: in compassion come to help us. *(India)*

Jesus, ride again into our cities, temples, upper rooms and Gethsemanes. Give us sight so that this time we might recognize you.

(USA: Prayers for Peace)

Today...

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. The elders will be meeting after this service to review the response and make a decision.

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 will be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday morning. Please speak to Elaine Coderre this morning!!

Presbyterian Record

A special group subscription to this excellent monthly journal, delivered directly to your home, is available (\$28.29 inclusive of HST) - sign up over the next two weeks in St. Andrew's Hall.

Keeping Your Most Important Appointment

That is meeting with God over His Word. If you need help, consider Scripture Union guides. See the display in St. Andrew's Hall. Free samples available.

This Week...

Combined Good Friday Service

Friday - April 3, 11 a.m. This year we will gather at Sydenham Street United Church, led by our choir and others. A wonderful opportunity to hear the story and sing the great hymns of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Easter Morning

Sunday - April 5, 10:30 a.m. Come prepared to be filled with joy! The trumpet will sound, the organ will thunder and we will sing 'Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!' 'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death has won'. Please note that we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday April 12th.

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.

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 by April 12th.

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