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since 1817*

# Order of Worship

**WELCOME TO**

## **ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

February 7, 2016



Transfiguration - by Linda McCray  
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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 a 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. Ashley Reynolds is our caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher. Children are welcome to either remain in the sanctuary for the service or leave with Laura after the 'Time with Children'.

**Preludes** Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy (Couplet III)  
Lord, have mercy (Couplet V) Couperin

**Entry of Holy Scriptures**  
**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** Immortal, invisible, God only wise #290  
**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)  
**Introit** O How Glorious Healey Willan  
O how glorious is the kingdom where-in all the saints  
rejoice with Christ; clothed in white robes they follow  
the Lamb whither-so-ever He goeth.

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Hymn** Eat this bread, drink this cup (Taizé) #527  
**Time with Children**

**Scripture Readings** Cheryl Horne  
Exodus 34:1-5, 8-9, 29  
Matthew 17:1-8

**Anthem** One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Craig Courtney  
*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he  
died, One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who  
was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body,  
one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord,  
baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in  
you all.*

**Sermon** 'A Bright Cloud' (Matthew 17:5)

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** Who takes away the sin of the world Couperin  
**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)  
**Hymn** Here, O my Lord, I see thee (verses 1-3) #543

**The Apostles' Creed** (inside)

**Invitation to The Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Sharing of Bread & Sharing of Wine**

**Hymn** Here, O my Lord, I see thee (verses 4-7) #543

**Benediction & Congregational Amen**

**Postludes** O Lamb of God, have mercy on us  
O Lamb of God, receive our prayer Couperin

*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**

### **Exodus 34:1-5, 8-9, 29**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped. He said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

### **Matthew 17:1-8**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us

to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

## **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**

Most of today's music is concerned with the theme of communion. One of the major communion hymns is #543 which we are splitting up because of its length and because of the content of the verses. This was an important communion hymn for Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican churches for many years and it was once thought that there could not be a Communion Service without this hymn. It was written by Horatius Bonar in 1855 for his brother, Dr. John James Bonar at St. Andrew's

Free Church in Greenock, Scotland. It was later published in Bonar's *Hymns of Faith and Hope* in 1857 with 10 verses. Bonar wrote the words for several hymns in our book, including "I heard the voice of Jesus say". Around 1861, James Langram composed the tune *St Agnes* to be used with the text "Abide with me", but it was later used for "Here, O my Lord" and has remained linked with that tune ever since.

How very different is our communion service from that of the time of Francois Couperin (1668-1733). For one thing, the communion service was much, much longer in earlier times and it is hard to imagine a total of about 35 minutes of that service devoted to solo organ pieces. Couperin wrote at least two lengthy organ masses, one for use in the parishes and one for use in convents. Despite his lengthy tenure as organist at the church of St. Gervais in Paris, and despite his reputation as a great composer, these two sets of pieces are all that exist of Couperin's organ compositions. The pieces exhibit a variety in mood, tone colour and structure and it is difficult for us today to consider them as part of a communion service. Nevertheless, in those days the Roman Catholic Church had set up guidelines for when, what and how an organ piece was used as part of the mass. Essentially, in these sets of pieces, the organ replaced the part of the choir – sometimes singing antiphonally with the priest and sometimes accompanying the prayers. Today's **Prelude**, **Offertory** and **Postlude** are all taken from the *Mass for the Convents*. Some of the thematic material may be connected with the plainchant used in the service, but it is difficult for us today to relate the mood of these pieces with the corresponding part of the liturgy. These are regarded today more as separate little organ pieces and not as part of the communion service.

The **Anthem** was composed by the well-respected composer, musician and editor, Craig Courtney and was a special commission for a Methodist church in Texas in 1989. It has since remained a very popular anthem. The text is based on Ephesians 4:4-6, 13.

## Prayer

Lord of all that is silent and all that is spoken: because our lives are full of detail and deadlines, much to be done and little time in which to do it all, we find few moments in which to savour the beauty

of the world, to contemplate the fierce endurance of everything that lives, to enter that timeless realm of divine mystery which surrounds us, entered only in silence. Yet we know that this place exists and is close to us. O God, grant us a glimpse of this inner sanctuary, and the desire and calm to dwell there in prayer. As Jesus was cloaked in mystery and transfigured in light, labour over us, until we too are transformed, reborn in light, at peace in the Spirit.

(Diane Karay)

## Ushers

**Today:** Elders

**Next Week:** Bob Hessel, Elaine Coderre, Cheng Shyu, Rory Warnock

## Today...

Please pick up our congregational newsletter for February this morning. If you are visiting, you can find a copy by either door of the sanctuary.

Members and adherents are asked to collect their addressed envelopes.

## Sunday Suppers

Every Sunday evening a supper is offered to the community in Gill Hall - the first Sunday evening of each month, St. Andrew's teams prepare and serve. If you are interested in finding out more about this outreach in the name of Christ, come this afternoon at 4 p.m. to observe. An additional two members to the eight member team would be welcome. Speak to Wendy Worling this morning for more information.

## Flowers

Each Sunday we strive to have fresh flowers in the sanctuary. They add to the beauty of the hour, and are distributed throughout the city afterwards. If you would be able to assist by bringing flowers one Sunday this year, please sign your name beside the date of your choice on the board in St. Andrew's Hall. For further assistance, please speak to Wendy Worling.

## This Week...

### Shared Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 10, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (263 Victoria Street, corner of Earl). Our minister is working with other downtown clergy to offer a reflective hour with which to begin the

season of Lent. You are invited to join with other Christians as we walk towards Easter together.

### **Morning Bible Study**

This Thursday February 11, 10 a.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Gather with the Minister at the church for a look at Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:12-30 and his assurance that 'it is God who works in you'.

### **Presbytery Visitation**

Every three years, the Presbytery visits its congregations to receive an update on the worship and witness of each community of faith. The visit to St. Andrew's Kingston will be held on Sunday February 21. The Service of Worship will be led by the Rev. Marian Raynard of Sand Hill/Middle Road Presbyterian Churches, and immediately after there will be a brief opportunity for members of the congregation to speak to the current life and challenges of the congregation. Members are asked to complete the questionnaire found with the monthly newsletter and return it next Sunday (February 14) in a sealed envelope. The monthly pot-luck will follow. Separate meetings with the Property and Maintenance Committee, the Session and the Minister will follow later in the week.

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

#### **Women's Missionary Society**

Monday February 15, 1:30 p.m.

A gathering at Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church, to begin a study on the Church in Guatemala. All welcome. Contact Helen Ledford 613-548-4360 for information.

### **Body, Mind and Soul**

This General Assembly study guide introduces perspectives on full inclusion within the Church. When you have read the guide (or attended the introduction last Saturday), you are invited to share a response by February 15 - copies of the response forms are found in St. Andrew's Hall.

### **Mission Exposure Tours**

Our national church is offering some wonderful opportunities to visit and learn from partner churches around the world. See the posters in St. Andrew's Hall. Malawi Study Tour: March 31-April 16. Middle East Study Tour: October 24-November 3. Teaching English in China. 'I Love Taiwan' (youth): two weeks, June/July.

### **Assisted Death: Faithful Responses in a New Landscape**

February 23-26 at Presbyterian College Montreal. An excellent panel will help explore a Christian response to the ethical and theological issues of physician-assisted death and public policy. Information can be found at [www.presbyteriancollege.ca](http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca)

### **Elders' Visits**

The elders of St. Andrew's would like to visit members and adherents of the congregation over the coming months. No issue or 'ask', just a gesture of pastoral care in Christian fellowship. When an elder calls to set up a visit, either at home or a coffee shop, we hope you can welcome us.  
*Donna Delacretaz, Clerk of Session*

### **Other Announcements...**

#### **The Way Ahead Computer Lab**

For walk-in computer help in Gill Hall lab, Wednesdays 10-11:30 am.

#### **Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together**

This one hour fitness workshop is held at St. Andrew's Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 - 11 a.m., run by the VON. You would be welcome!

#### **Kingston Community Strings**

In concert Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm here at St. Andrew's. Featuring Adam Tindale, Electric Acoustic Music and music by The Beatles, Handel and Copland. Free will offering.

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