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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
January 11th, 2015



Winchester Psalter 1121-1161 A.D.
The Baptism of Christ

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.

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How Brightly Shines the Morning Star J.C. Bach

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Mark 1:1-11

Anthem Starry Night David Willcocks

*Starry night o'er Bethlehem, in a stable - watchful eyes,
Waiting gently, waiting calmly, waiting for a mother's
cries. Alleluia, alleluia rosa sine spina, gratia divina.
... Holy child in Bethlehem, cradled in a manger poor,
Star above proclaims the story: source of hope for
evermore.*

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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 72

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

**May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually,

and blessings invoked for him all day long.
May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
**and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.**

May his name endure for ever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.**

Amen and Amen.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Mark 1:1-11

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

The other day I finished up the last of the Christmas turkey. So what does that have to do with today's music you ask? Well, I happen to love leftovers, especially turkey sandwiches, and all of today's choir and organ music are Christmas leftovers. The pieces are all good (although none of them are turkeys).

The two choir pieces could not be fit into our presentations at Christmas time so we are doing them today. The **Introit** is by a member of our congregation, Barbara Zabel, who gave me the words and a sketch of the tune and harmony shortly before Christmas. A few years ago, Barbara was inspired by the words of St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians (4:4) and wrote some verses concerning the birth of Christ and its meaning to us. A tune to match these verses came to her and the result is a charming little carol which I have arranged for choir and organ. The **Anthem** was also submitted to me shortly before Christmas and because of its association with stars, we are doing it now in the Epiphany season. Some say that Christmas wouldn't be the same without David Willcocks because of his extensive and successful work in arranging Christmas music for choirs to sing. "Starry Night" was first performed in 2004 for the Christmas Eve service at King's College Cambridge. The words were written by his daughter, Anne Willcocks. Thanks to Bob and Dennis Clarke for drawing my attention to this lovely work.

Some New Year's leftovers are presented on the organ. The first **Prelude** is a German chorale with a melody composed by Johann Steurlein (1546-1613) and arranged by J.S. Bach. The text associated with this tune is by an anonymous writer and expresses thanks to God for keeping us safe over the past year. J.S. Bach seems to have been in a chromatically adventurous but melancholy mood when he arranged this chorale. The second **Prelude** is by an uncle of J.S. Bach, Johann Christoph Bach. (One always has to pay attention to those initials and middle names before the name "Bach"). This is a small fugue in the style of a chorale prelude called

a Fughette, and is based on the tune "How brightly shines the morning star" which we sang last week as a hymn. The **Offertory** is a Chorale Prelude by J.S. Bach based on the chorale heard as the first **Prelude**: "The old year now has passed away". The piece is an interesting one to analyze, being composed of 12 bars and featuring 12 chromatically descending notes at the end, relating to the twelve months of the year. But the most outstanding element of this work is its profound melancholy which does not relate to the text or its intended expression of prayerful thanks. Was Bach really that sad about the passing of the old year, or was there something else in his life warranting this expression of sadness?

The **Postlude** is a bit of a surprise. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) based this Chorale Prelude on a chorale used for the celebration of New Year's – at least in the Lutheran tradition. We know it as the tune used every Sunday for the Doxology, "Old Hundredth". This afternoon you will hear more about this tune as it will be used for one of a group of metrical Psalms at the special Sir John A. Macdonald celebration.

Ushers Today

Brian & Kim Hackett, Edna Blondel & Marie Wilson

Prayer

Speak to us now, O Lord, in the voice with which you spoke to Jesus at his baptism. Reassure us, as you did him, that we are your beloved children, that our proclamation of the good news might be heard through the land.

We know, O Lord, that you do not address us as your beloved children lightly or unadvisedly. You did not greet Jesus as your child because others gave him the lofty title of Messiah, but because he embraced the lowly task of your servant. And you will not so greet us until we claim his mission as enthusiastically as we claim his name, until the decision to take the name of Jesus with us is joined by the determination to take the love of Jesus with us. For the sake of your people and ours, and for the sake of your joy and ours, we ask, O Lord, for the courage to honour faithfully the Christ whose name we so often take in vain.

Grant us the grace, O God, so to proclaim your message that the troubled world will be comforted, the anxious consoled. Let us proclaim your message

not by echoing a heavenly voice but by performing earthly deeds; not simply by calling for reliance on the Holy Spirit but by acting in reliance on the Holy Spirit; not simply by inviting divine intervention but by implementing human intention.

As we have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, baptise us now, O Lord, in the cause of Jesus Christ, until his mission becomes our mission and we perform it in your Spirit.

Everett Tilson, Phyllis Cole

This Week...

New Year's Resolution

I resolve to walk closer with God by reading His Word regularly. Need help? See Scripture Union Bible aids on table in St. Andrew's Hall. Note that there are regular and advanced study guides, and that new subscribers are offered 50% off for a trial year (only \$20). More info? contact Audrie Cossar (613-546-6790 See www.scriptureunion.ca)

On Sir John A.'s birthday

Come and sing the classic Scottish metrical psalms on which he was raised. Sunday January 11, 5-6 p.m. Followed by demonstration of Scottish country dancing, Scottish nibbles and theatre.

Soul Food

This initiative of Queen's University students brings surplus campus cafeteria food to various shelters around Kingston. They are in need of individuals to drive the food and students. Runs generally take place at 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and generally last no more than 30 minutes, and you choose the most appropriate day. Applications are due by Friday, January 16, and can be found on the Community Board or at www.soulfoodatqueens.com

Also...

Street Parking

St. Andrew's members have received permission to park along Queen Street east of Clergy after 5:30 p.m. each day and all day Sundays. The temporary signs will continue to say 'No Parking' but parking officers have been notified.

Advance Notice...

Together Towards Life:

Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes

Saturday, January 24, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

This is a recent study from the global church, examining the contemporary contexts for living and sharing the Christian faith. The General Assembly has recommended that Sessions and congregations discuss the study. The Elders of St. Andrew's invite you to pick up a copy of the study, and the PCC study guide, and join in a time of reflection.

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. If 10 members sign up, a 10% reduction is possible - if 20, then 20%! If interested, add your name on the bulletin board. Regular tickets \$35, seniors \$30.

Your voice is powerful. Let it be heard!

Take part in the Harvest of Letters campaign and write to your MP urging the Canadian government to invest in smallholder



agriculture in developing countries. Up to 80 per cent of the world's poor depend on farming to feed their families year round. With changing weather patterns, drought and the rising cost of seeds, farming is becoming more difficult and unpredictable, leaving smallholder farmers vulnerable to hunger. Financial support for innovative farming practices is one of the best ways to alleviate hunger and can make a big difference in the lives of farmers, their families and their communities. For more information visit WeRespond.ca. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) supports the needs of small-scale farmers

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