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in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 29, 2016



Vincent Van Gogh, 1888  
Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller, Netherlands

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.

Ashley Reynolds is our caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information.

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**Preludes** Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöten Sein J.C. Bach  
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### Call to Worship

**Hymn** O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord #69

### Prayers of Approach & Confession

**The Lord's Prayer** (inside)

**Introit** Introit for Trinity Willan  
*Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity:  
we will praise him and glorify him because he hath  
showed his mercy upon us. Let us bless the Father  
and the Son with the Holy Spirit.*

### Greetings & Announcements

**Update from Kingston Street Mission** Marilyn McLean

**Responsive Reading** (inside)

Psalm 65

**Hymn** In the bulb there is a flower #674

### Time with Children

**Scripture Readings** (inside)

Isaiah 55:6-13

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Chris Hansen

**Anthem** Blessed be the God and Father S.S. Wesley

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, which, according to His abundant mercy,  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** Spirit, come, dispel our sadness #380

**Sermon** The Parable of the Sower

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Air S.S. Wesley

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

**Hymn** Sent forth by your blessing #775

### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Choral Song S.S. Wesley

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

## **Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
O you who answer prayer!  
**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.**  
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.  
**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your  
house, your holy temple.**  
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**  
By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.  
**You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the tumult of the peoples.**  
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed  
by your signs;  
**you make the gateways of the morning and the  
evening shout for joy.**  
You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
**you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.**  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
**You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.**

## **Isaiah 55:6-13**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him  
while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return  
to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and  
to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven, and do not return there until they have  
watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall  
accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the  
thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst  
into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap  
their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the  
cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the  
myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat  
beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around  
him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the  
whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them  
many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower  
went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell  
on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.  
Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did  
not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly,  
since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun  
rose, they were scorched; and since they had no  
root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among  
thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.  
Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth  
grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some  
thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' ...  
'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone  
hears the word of the kingdom and does not  
understand it, the evil one comes and snatches  
away what is sown in the heart; this is what was  
sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky  
ground, this is the one who hears the word and

immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

### **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 music today centres on a famous English and a famous French organist. Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) was the grandson of Charles Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist movement. Samuel Sebastian was a choirboy of the Chapel Royal and soon began playing the organ in London churches. He went on to be organist at the cathedrals in Hereford, Exeter and Winchester and he ended his days at Gloucester Cathedral. He was one of the greatest English organists of his day and his music was of the highest order, remaining popular to this day. His **Anthem** "Blessed by the God and Father" is based on the biblical text from Peter 1: 3-5, 15-17, 22-25. Clearly inspired by the power of these words, Wesley combines homophonic choral writing with passages of recitative which work their way to a dramatic polyphonic build-up of the text "But the word of the Lord endureth forevermore". The **Offertory** is a charming song which if it had words, would do well in any voice recital or opera. The **Postlude** is a great favourite and his most famous work for organ. A Fugue was written to follow, but is rather lengthy.

Louis Bourgeois was a late Renaissance composer, born in Paris around 1510. Little is known about him until he showed up in Geneva in 1541. There he worked closely with John Calvin and was a respected organist and choirmaster, as well as a composer and arranger for a series of French Psalters. He was restricted by the use of only the melody in his Genevan publications because the

reformed churches would not tolerate the use of harmony. For this reason he had harmonized tunes published in Lyons instead of Geneva. The famous tune *Old 100<sup>th</sup>* was composed or arranged by Bourgeois for the French Genevan Psalter of 1551. Following this publication and despite treading carefully, he was imprisoned for altering some of the tunes without authorization. John Calvin himself interceded and Bourgeois was promptly released. Overworked and underpaid, he returned to Paris six years later and died there around 1561. Our **third hymn** today, with the tune *Genevan 42* was adapted or arranged by him. His tune *Lève le Coeur, ouvre l'aureille* was used by J.S. Bach and his son Johann Christian as a basis for the two **Chorale Preludes** this morning. They are introduced by Bourgeois' tune in a form harmonized later in 1854. If Bourgeois had ever harmonized the tune himself, it would have been carefully hidden away.

### **Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Janet and Paul Payne in honor of their 3 granddaughters' birthdays. Ellie turns 4 and the twins Maya and Sophia turn 10.

### **Ushers**

This morning – Joan Barr-Knox, Doreen Henshaw, Shirley Aitknen, Rhonda Aitken  
Next Sunday – The Elders of St. Andrew's

### **Today...**

#### **Kingston Street Mission**

This morning we welcome Marilyn McLean, co-ordinator for the Kingston Street Mission that operates out of our Gill Hall. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to her after the service. Marilyn has provided the following report ...  
*Kingston Street Mission operates in Gill Hall from the end of October to the end of April. We are open 7 nights a week from 8:00 until midnight. This offers a warm, safe haven for those living on the streets, socially isolated, low income, etc. We also offer refreshments as many come to us hungry. Our average is 25-30 per night although we have had times when 65 people came through our doors and as little as 5 but this is a rare occasion. We are run completely by volunteers and depend fully on financial donations from local churches, clubs, businesses, organizations*

