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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2017



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 after the service for refreshments in St Andrew's Hall.

Ashley Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Infants and children aged three and under are welcome. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher, whom children are welcome to join immediately after the 'Time for Children' during the service. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information. As a matter of respect for our Indigenous neighbours, we acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

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Prelude Audi Benigne Conditor Dupré
Toccata Sweelinck

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn O love, how deep, how broad 205

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)

Introit O God beyond all praising Holst

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay,
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end*

Greetings & Announcements

Litany for Lent

Gavin Robinson

Hymn Will your anchor hold 744

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Philippe Gabrini

Exodus 19:16-20

Responsive Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14

Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, 22-24, 28

Anthem Surely the Lord is in this place I. Burnell

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the House of God.

And this is the Gate of Heav'n.

Sermon Let us run away with perseverance Hebrews 12:1

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Largo Vivaldi

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn Within thy temple Lord 32

The Apostles' Creed

(inside)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread & Wine

Hymn Glorious things of thee are spoken 483

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Grand Chorus DuBois

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.

Ushers

This morning – The Elders
April 9 – Bob Hessel, Helen Ledford,
Cheng Shyu, Dorothy Messenger

Flowers

The flowers this morning are in donated with affection from Rea Everaars, as she is very grateful she can worship in a place of peace every Sunday.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 19:16-20

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. When the LORD descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the LORD summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Psalms 48:1-3, 9-14

Great is the Lord

**and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God;**

God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
the joy of all the earth,

**Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
Within its citadels God**

has proven a sure defense.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

**Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Your right hand is filled with victory.

**Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgements.**

Walk about Zion,
go all around it,

**count its towers,
consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God,**

our God forever and ever.

God will be our guide forever.

Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, 22-24, 28

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;

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

The text for the **Anthem** today comes from Genesis 28, 16, 17. Jacob has just had a dream about a ladder to heaven and has awoken to the realization that he is in a special place and proceeds to set up his stone pillow as an altar. When I researched the life of I. Burnell who set this text to music, I could find very little, other than the fact that he had been a well-respected teacher at Bromsgrove School in England. He composed *Surely the Lord* in 1931 for the dedication of a new chapel at the school.

There are many other composers who are remembered as great teachers. Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) was taught by his father in Amsterdam and later studied in Venice. When he returned to Amsterdam, he brought an Italian influence with him and became one of the most sought-after teachers in northern Europe. An example of this early organ music is heard as the second **Prelude**. One of the most famous composers of the Baroque era was Antonio Vivaldi (1675-1743)

who spent most of his life as a teacher at a girl's school in Venice. His music influenced even the great J.S. Bach. It was thought that Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann, had composed today's **Offertory** music, but it has now been established that this piece was originally from a violin concerto by Vivaldi. J.S. Bach liked it so much that he turned it into an organ piece with some slight changes to melody and harmony. I am playing my own arrangement from Vivaldi's original score.

Gustav Holst (1874-1934) spent most of his career as a teacher at a school in England. His most famous composition, *The Planets*, included a stately tune in the middle of the *Jupiter* movement. This tune he called *Thaxted*, after the village in which he had lived, and in 1921 used it for the hymn text *I Vow to Thee my Country*. The tune has since been used for many other texts including today's **Introit** which is found in our Book of Praise (#448)

In France, many great composers for the organ taught at the Paris Conservatoire. One of the great teachers of organ and improvisation was my teacher's teacher, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) whose carefully edited and annotated editions of Bach have been most valuable to organists. The first **Prelude** is a good example of his own compositional style. Théodore DuBois (1837-1934) influenced many later composers and went on to be the director of the Conservatoire. His music has a freshness about it and expresses many moods very well. The **Postlude** is his *Grand Chorus* which makes a suitable ending to any service.

Today

Easter Plants

This year we are again asking anyone who would like to donate \$10 for a spring plant for the Easter Service. After the service these plants will be delivered to the homebound and hospitalized. Come see us in St. Andrew's hall this morning.

Easter Candles

Thanks to all who contributed wax for our St. Andrew's Easter Candle. We are still in need of an individual to attend the candle making workshop Tuesday April 4, 6pm and Thursday April 6 6pm.

Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will rehearse in the chapel after the service today. New members welcome.

This Week

Winter Tuesday Evenings

Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything, a DVD series produced by Timothy Keller, Minister of Redeemer Presbyterian Church NYC. Join us this Tuesday evening, April 4, 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Informal, informative, led by our Minister. This week: "Justice – a People for Others." All welcome.

The Choir at K-Rock

Wednesday April 5 at 7pm, the choir of St. Andrew's will be singing the national anthems for the Harlem Globe Trotters at the Rogers K-Rock Centre. Members of the congregation are eligible for discount ticket prices for the game. Please speak to John Hall after the service.

Advance Notice

Induction to Ministry

The Rev. Cheryl Horne will be inducted into ministry with Old St. Andrew's Church in Colbourne this afternoon. Please remember her in prayer.

Palm Sunday Service

April 9, 10:30 a.m. This morning's service will be led by the St. Andrew's Choir and a presentation of the Easter Cantata "No Greater Love."

Good Friday Service

April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Six joint downtown churches at Sydenham Street United Church gathering around the Cross and the theme "The Broken Heart of God."

Also ...

Volunteer drivers for General Assembly

This year's General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in Kingston at the beginning of June. As the host congregation, we need volunteer drivers and their cars to help the people coming to General Assembly. Our tasks will be to pick up the commissioners at the train station, the bus terminal or the airport on Friday June 2, Saturday June 3, Sunday June 4 to drive them to Legget Hall on Queen's campus, then to drive them back on Wednesday June 7. During the assembly a few of the volunteer drivers will be needed daily for transporting people with mobility challenges on campus from Legget Hall to the Athletics and

Recreation Centre and back. If you are in any way able to assist us in this task, please contact Philippe Gabrini at (613) 766-7226 or by e-mail: pgabrini@gmail.com.

Community Members

The Mess Open Arts Studio is in need of help preparing lunch for our artists. Please contact Sandi by phone 613-484-3886 or email themesskingston@gmail.com.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
March 26, 2017	\$3,195	\$2,731
Year to Date	\$60,119	\$55,869

Presbyterian World Service & Development

"I was happy and relieved that my disease was diagnosed and that it was curable!" The gratitude Sher felt after getting answers to his health concerns



and medicine to treat his leprosy is inspiring. But the road to recovery had an uncertain start. In an effort to heal a mysterious lesion on his foot, Sher tried a variety of herbal remedies. But the wound continued to fester. "I was in distress. I knew something was wrong." Sher was referred to a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported clinic in Nepal where he was finally diagnosed. Though anxious at first, health workers comforted Sher and explained his treatment options. Now cured—and equipped with the knowledge and support to build a healthy future—Sher has peace of mind. This year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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