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# Order of Worship

WELCOME TO  
**ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

May 7, 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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**Preludes** Aria from *Der Meistersinger* Richard Wagner  
**Silent Meditation**  
**Entry of Holy Scriptures**  
**Call to Worship**  
**Hymn** Come ye faithful raise the strain 253  
**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)  
**Introit** God who made the earth Carey Bonner  
*God who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth, careth for me.  
God, who made the grass, the flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass, careth for me.*

## Greetings & Announcements

### Minute for Creation Care

**Responsive Psalm** 104: 1-5, 10-17, 31-34

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

### Time with Children

## Scripture Readings

Genesis 8: 21-22

Matthew 5:43-48

Romans 8:28, 31-39

**Anthem** This Joyful Eastertide arr. W. H. Harris  
*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst His three-day prison.  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 321

**Sermon** Tulips and the Providence of God

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Minuet from *Berenice* Handel

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

**Hymn** Great is thy faithfulness 324

## Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Processional March W. H. Harris

*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 – Joan Barr-Knox, Holly Turnbull,  
Shirley Aitken, Rhonda Aitken.  
May 14 – The Elders

## **Flowers**

The flowers this morning have been provided To the glory of God in heartfelt gratitude for the blessings Anne-Marie and Philippe Gabrini have received in 50 years of wedded life.

## **Responsive Reading**

*Psalm 104*

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honour and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

**you set the beams of your chambers  
on the waters,**

you make the clouds your chariot,

**you ride on the wings of the wind,**

you make the winds your messengers,

**fire and flame your ministers.**

You make the springs gush forth in the valleys;

**they flow between the hills,  
giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the  
mountains;**

**The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your  
work.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,

**to bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that God planted.

**In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**may the Lord rejoice in all these works –**

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord,  
in whom I rejoice.**

*Genesis 8: 21-22*

The LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

*Matthew 5:43-48*

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?

And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

*Romans 8:28, 31-39*

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was

raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **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**

I have in my Piano Museum, an interesting little piano designed in Sweden and manufactured in 1939 in Toronto, with a decal featuring two Royal crowns and the words “As used by HRH Princess Ingrid of Sweden and TRH Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret of England.” I found it interesting that the two English Princesses would give an endorsement to a piano maker, but apparently the two of them took music lessons during the war years with one “Doc” Harris and enjoyed playing on this new kind of “apartment size” piano. William Henry Harris (1883-1973) was an organist, music teacher and composer and became Director of Music at St. George’s chapel Windsor castle in 1933. When Elizabeth and Margaret were teenagers, he would round up singers from the chapel choir to join the royal duo in the singing of madrigals once a week. In gratitude, the Princesses would give presents of Argentinian honey to the choristers and their teacher who was affectionately referred to as “Doc” Harris. Harris, like many other teachers, preferred to be known and remembered as an educator but he is chiefly remembered today as a major composer of anthems, hymns, organ music and service settings. The **Anthem** today is a brilliant arrangement of the popular Easter carol based on an old Dutch tune by J. Oudaen (see #259). Harris conducted the music for the coronation of King George VI and later Queen

Elizabeth. The **Postlude** is a piece he composed for the Queen’s procession and Harris played it himself for the marriage of Princess Margaret in 1960. I remember watching that wedding on television and being thoroughly awed by the thundering sound of the organ at Westminster Abbey.

Every year at this time it is with sadness that I hear the last of the season’s broadcasts of the Metropolitan opera. We can, however, continue to enjoy music from the opera through recordings and performances from other opera houses. We can also hear excerpts played by orchestras or performed on piano or organ. The **Prelude** is from Wagner’s well-known *Der Meistersinger* and the **Offertory** is from Handel’s little known opera *Berenice*; two beautiful gems from the world of opera.

The **Introit** was chosen because of its theme of nature. It is from hymn #705 and I shall think of it as I somewhat happily cut my grass this week.

### **Today**

#### **Congregational Meeting**

After our service of worship this morning, all are invited to remain for a congregational meeting in St. Andrew’s Hall. This has been called to receive a) the financial statements from the auditors, b) a recommendation to release further funds for building restoration, c) approval of a fundraising initiative for our 200th anniversary, d) transferring support to Queen’s InterVarsity Fellowship. All are welcome. Sandwiches will be available.

#### **Daily Devotions**

Daily Devotions by Scripture Union are now available at St. Andrew’s by subscription and delivered to you quarterly at church. Devotions for adults are entitled “Encounter with God” and “Daily Bread”. There are also copies of devotions for children of all ages from pre-school to teens. Please speak to Helen Ledford or Donna Delacretaz if you are interested in learning more about any of these subscriptions.

#### **Congregational Email**

Feel free to pick up a copy of the congregational email list. This is a work in progress, as the names and addresses printed are ones for which we’ve received permission. If you’d be willing to add yours, please contact [Jasmin@StAndrewsKingston.org](mailto:Jasmin@StAndrewsKingston.org)

## **This Week**

### **Royale & Rideaucrest**

Tuesday May 9, 11 a.m.

Sunday May 14, 1:15 and 2 p.m.

Join the Minister and others from the congregation as we bring some of the worship of St. Andrew's to members of these two residences. Speak to Andrew.

### **Bookkeeper Announcement**

With regret we share the news that Karen Beers has been offered an extended position elsewhere; we greatly appreciate Karen's contributions while she was here and we wish her every success in her new job. We are extremely fortunate that Ann McLean has generously offered to step in as interim Bookkeeper until Karen's replacement is found. Ann will continue using Karen's church email address until it is changed to the name of the new permanent bookkeeper. -Al Zabel, Personnel Committee

### **Advance Notice**

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

Join us Monday, May 15 at 1:30pm in St. Andrew's Hall as we gather to learn about and support the Church's mission initiatives in Canada and around the world. All members are urged to attend, speak to Louise Axford for information.

#### **Morning Bible Study**

Thursday May 18, 10 a.m. – As we follow Abraham and Sarah, we arrive at the classic, challenging scene of the command to offer his beloved son Isaac (Genesis 22). Join the Minister in the Polson Davis room. No biblical knowledge needed.

#### **Reception of New Members**

Sunday May 28, 10:30 a.m. There are different ways of relating to this congregation. Being a 'friend' is a casual relationship. An 'adherent' is one who is regular in attendance and supports the ministry of the Church. A 'member' is one who is moved to make St. Andrew's their declared church family. If you feel that you could grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service with the people of St. Andrew's, you would be welcome! Please speak to any Elder or the Minister for details.

## **Presbyterians Sharing**



With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Michelle Verwey works as a community health advisor to the Church of North India's Central Regional Board of Health Services. She advises on project monitoring, reporting and public health matters. Recently she visited a rural village in Madhya Pradesh, where she met eight-year-old Sarita. Sarita's family received five fruit trees from the PWS&D-supported community health and self-reliance project. Michelle shares, "Malnutrition is very common in Madhya Pradesh. Many children, like Sarita, suffer from stunting – a result of chronic malnutrition. But this project gives me hope that I will be able to watch babies grow to be healthy children with bright prospects for their futures." In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to *Presbyterians Sharing* as part of our witness." for *Presbyterians Sharing*.

### **Weekly Givings**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>April 30, 2017</b>	\$4,430	\$2,850
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$86,355	\$77,798

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