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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 7, 2018



Anne-Marie Gabrini and Fern Houston

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. Thao Dinh 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. We acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

Preludes Wo Gott zum Haus J. Klug
The Star Proclaims the King is Here K. Othmayr
Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern J.C. Bach

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn What star is this? 170

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

Introit All Poor Men and Humble Welsh Carol
*All poor men and humble, all lame men who stumble,
come haste ye, and feel not afraid,
for Jesus our treasure, whose love passes measure,
in lowly poor manger was laid.
Though wise men who found him
laid rich gifts around him,
yet oxen they gave him their hay;
and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty;
contented in manger he lay.*

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Psalm Psalm 72:1-14, 18-19

Hymn We three kings 173

Time with Children

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem Coventry Carol arr. Martin Shaw
*O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day
this poor youngling, for whom we do sing,
By by, lully, lullay?
Herod the king, in his raging,
charged he hath this day his men of might,
in his own sight, all young children to slay.*

Sermon Epiphany Embrace 1) Welcomed

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory The Star Proclaims the King is Here J. Pachelbel

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn How brightly beams the morning star 180

The Apostles' Creed (inside)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread & Wine

Hymn As with gladness men of old 172

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude March of the Wise Men E.L. Ashford

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
January 14 – David Holland, Susan Holland,
Ada Mallory, Dorothy Messenger

Scripture Readings

Psalms 72:1-14, 18-19

Give the ruler your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal heir!
**May the ruler judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice!**
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
**give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
May the ruler live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
**May the ruler be like rain that falls on the
mown grass, like showers that water the
earth!**
In the ruler's days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound,
till the moon be no more!
May the ruler have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
**May the foes of the ruler bow down,
and the enemies lick the dust!**
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render
tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
**May all kings bow down
and all nations serve the ruler!**
For the ruler delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper,
**and has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

The ruler redeems their lives from oppression and
violence,

and their blood is precious in the ruler's light.

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

**Blessed be God's glorious name forever;
may the glory of the Lord fill the whole
earth. Amen and Amen.**

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was
born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East
came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who
has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his
star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and
all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the
chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. They told
him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been
written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time when the star
had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem,
saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and
when you have found him, bring me word so that I
may also go and pay him homage.' When they had
heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child was.
When they saw that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they
saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in
a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their
own country by another road.

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

This is the time of year when we celebrate the visit of the wise men led by a star to see the newborn King. We also remember at this time King Herod and the tragic slaughter of the innocents.

The **Anthem** had its origins in a Christmas play from the 15th century, called *The Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*. In this play, the women of Bethlehem sing this lament before the soldiers of King Herod come in to slaughter their children. The anthem is not the original song but a four-part version by English composer and musicologist, Martin Shaw (1875-1958). Shaw was from an interesting family of actors, producers and directors who entertained people for generations. His nephew Sebastian Shaw, played the unmasked Darth Vader in one of the earlier Star Wars movies.

Another of the more serious carols heard at this time is the **Introit** which is a traditional carol from Wales. The composer of the tune is not known. It appeared in *The Students Song Book* from the University of Wales in 1937 and Katherine Emily Roberts (1877-1962) decided to translate it into English. Roberts and her husband compiled several Welsh carols for the *Oxford Book of Carols*, one of the most important and extensive collections of carols.

One of the prominent Epiphany hymns from the Lutheran tradition is *The Star Proclaims the King is Here*. Another hymn with the same tune is *Oh, Blest the House* which is a translation of the original hymn by Joseph Klug in 1533. For the **Preludes**, first is the original hymn tune by Klug (1500-1552) followed by a short chorale prelude by Kaspar Othmayr (1515-1553) where the tune appears in the bass line. The Offertory is a little fugue by Pachelbel (1653-1706) based on this same tune. The third Prelude, by J.S. Bach's son Johann Christoph, is another little fugue, this time based on another German Chorale which is used for our third Hymn (#180).

The **Postlude** ends the service with a descriptive march of the Wise men. We don't really know how many magi there were (although three is a very convenient number), but it could have been a very large and grand procession indeed. In this piece from the publication *The Organist* of 1912, the editor has put together this grand march, using a theme with a somewhat Eastern flavour, and we can hear the procession approach and then disappear in the distance, leaving observers at the time quite stunned no doubt.

Today

A warm welcome to this Epiphany Sunday worship. We hope you can linger for a moment after the service and allow us to introduce ourselves. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Minister's monthly newsletter, the Days of January, available by either door of the sanctuary.

Cookies for Inter-Varsity

Deirdre of the Manse community would welcome home baked cookies to take into the Queen's residences for the student bible studies. Would you be willing to provide a dozen or two on the second Sunday of a particular month? Sign up in St. Andrew's Hall. We are also in need of a co-ordinator for this - a non-baker welcome!

2018 Offering Envelopes

Our envelopes are now available in St. Andrew's Hall. Please check carefully your name and contact information as this is what will be used for tax receipts. If you would like envelopes, please contact our bookkeeper, Candace: candace@standrewskingston.org or Monday-Wednesday afternoons in the church office. If you

An Anniversary Moment

When you think about it, the simple fact that St Andrew's HAS a history, is a fact of faith. Countless times in the past 200 years it looked as though St Andrew's had had the biscuit, done for, that we could not go on. A few, among so many seeming disasters come easily to mind: when our building burned to the ground in 1888 (and some said it was God's judgment on us for bringing an organ into worship services;) when dissenting members left us to start churches of their own, which now flourish (Chalmers a case in point;) when pulpit and manse were 'declared vacant' in 1871, remaining so for nearly two years while seven ministers, consecutively called to the congregation, declined. Then, even more painful, when a minister was finally inducted and, after only three years, that minister tendered his resignation! What soul searching must have gone on as every call ended in failure. "Prevailing despair wracked St Andrews," our historian Brian Osborne wrote. But clearly, this was not so in every heart. Faith still lived and prayer led on to our celebrations today. We can only be heartened when new troubles appear. Like those we've overcome, this is when we find opportunity to demonstrate God's power and continuing purpose for us today, at St Andrews. (Doesn't sound like despair to me!)

- Rose DeShaw

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Looking Ahead

Mission Society - Monday Jan 15, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday Perspectives - Sunday Jan 21, 7 p.m.
Morning Bible Study - Thursday Jan 25, 10 a.m.
Special Meals Team #2 - Sunday Jan 28
Budget Preparation - Session, P&M, Trustees meet
- Monday Jan 29, 7 p.m.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
December 31 2017	\$7,758.00	\$4,471.85
Year to Date	\$238,000.00	\$235,419.47

Presbyterian World Service & Development



Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel. In 2017, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston met our goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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