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in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

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

April 1, 2018



Easter morning - Ninetta Sombart

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. Tran 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.

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**Preludes** Welcome Happy Morning Sullivan/Smith

**Entry of Holy Scriptures**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today 243

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

**Introit** Introit for Easter Healey Willan

*I am risen and am still with thee, alleluia;  
thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia;  
thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me,  
Thou hast searched me out and known me:  
thou knowest my down sitting, and mine uprising.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Litany for Easter**

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**Time with Children**

**Scripture Readings**

Elaine Coderre, Rebecca Wytsma

Isaiah 25:6-9

John 20:1, 11-18

**Anthem** The Hallelujah Chorus G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.*

*The kingdom of this world is become*

*the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;*

*and He shall reign for ever and ever:*

*King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Hymn** Christ the Lord is risen today 247

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**Hymn** Thine be the glory 258

**Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen**

**Postlude** Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.*

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## **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 – Elaine & Pat Coderre,  
Michael & Helene Pizzutto  
April 8 – The Elders

## **Scripture Readings**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day,

*Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us. This is the Lord for  
whom we have waited; let us be glad and  
rejoice in his salvation*

*John 20:1, 11-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb...

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned round

and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord;" and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **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**

We welcome today Karlynn Charette who will add joyous trumpet sounds to our music. Karlynn is in her fourth year at Queen's and we are grateful that she could take time away from ensemble rehearsals and preparation for her final jury, to be with us today.

Hallelujah! The word has a Hebrew origin: *Hallelu* meaning "Praise ye" and *Jah* (*Jahweh*) meaning "the Lord". In certain Christian denominations, the word is not used throughout Lent. But today, Easter Sunday, is when we make the most of this word. It appears frequently in songs, secular and sacred, but the most famous of all is today's **Anthem**, the *Hallelujah Chorus*. This is a truly inspired work of Handel, probably his most famous piece, and used to conclude the second section of his oratorio "Messiah". The text is taken from the Revelation of St. John the Divine, (Rev. 19:6,16 and 11:15). The music is a masterpiece of writing. It has been claimed that Handel was caught up in such great emotion as he wrote the Hallelujah Chorus that he proclaimed later, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me – and the great God Himself!" At one of the London performances, it is said that King George II was so moved that he and then the whole assembly stood throughout this one chorus. It is true that the King loved the music of Handel, but by the

time the Hallelujah chorus was sung in the program, it is more likely, however, that the King was merely needing to stretch his legs.

The **Introit** is one of the best of Healey Willan and the **Postlude** is one of the best of Henry Purcell (1658-1695). It is hard to pick the best of Bach, but the **Offertory** (*Today the Son of God Triumphs*) is one of my favourite chorale preludes.

The **Prelude** is by Lani Smith who compiled last years' Palm Sunday Cantata. It is based on the tune *Fortunatus* by the quintessential English Victorian composer, Sir Arthur Sullivan. It is a jolly tune which is frequently used to the Easter Hymn "Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say; Hell today is vanquished, Heaven is won today."

### **Prayers for Easter Morning**

Ah the fragrance of new grass!

I hear His footsteps coming –

The Lord of Resurrection!

(Japan)

Blessed be you, O Living One,  
to whose tomb came women  
spice-bearing, to embalm your body  
and found you risen  
adding spice to all our lives.  
Blessed be you, O Fragrant One.

In the rising of the Easter dawn,

**Christ is risen.**

In the laughter of the children at play during a  
ceasefire,

**Christ is risen.**

Where the hungry celebrate with feasting,

**Christ is risen.**

Where people find their voices and sing their songs,

**Christ is risen.**

When enemies give up violence and become friends,

**Christ is risen.**

When love is allowed to flourish and grow into  
community,

**Christ is risen.**

We welcome you our crucified and risen Christ,

**Christ is risen, Alleluia.** (Clare McBeath)

### **Today**

We thank the members of our choir and our Director of Music, John Hall, for their ministry through this Holy Week and now again this morning. You help our souls to sing! We also thank all those who assisted

with the Good Friday service when we welcomed Lutheran and United congregations to worship in this sanctuary and a time of fellowship over soup in St. Andrew's Hall, co-ordinated by Karen Fabian. Thanks also to all who brought in a plant or flowers this morning for a display of Easter morning joy!

### **Prayer**

If you would feel supported by a time of personal prayer after the service, for yourself or others, please join a member of the prayer team by the "prayer pillar" at the front of the sanctuary.

### **The Days of April**

The minister's newsletter has been printed. If you are visiting, please pick up a copy by either door of the sanctuary – have a look at the opportunities and return to join us as you're able! Members and adherents are requested to pick up their addressed envelopes.

### **Be Sure to Pick Up**

On your way out, be sure to drop by St. Andrew's Hall and pick up copies of the spring edition of the Burning Bush congregational newsletter, an updated congregational directory, and a copy of the national newspaper, Presbyterian Connections.

### **Advance Notice**

Next Sunday

We will continue our Easter Celebrations with the story on the road to Emmaus, with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. All welcome!

### **Sunday Evening Special Meals**

Sunday April 8: St. Andrew's Team#1 prepares an evening meal for neighbours this evening. If you would like to lend a hand, please speak to Larry Moore

### **Sunday Perspectives**

Sunday April 15, 7 p.m. Together with St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United, an evening at the Screening Room, with brief discussion after. This month, *Leisure Seeker* starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland.

### **Capital Fund Appeal Update**

As of last Sunday the amount already received towards our goal of \$150,000 was \$109,639 from

## An Anniversary Moment

WHAT DOES OUR  
CHURCH HISTORY  
HAVE TO SAY TO ME?  
WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

This is the 200th Easter since a group of Kingstonians gathered to begin a Presbyterian congregation in this community. One thing stands out, not just from the witness of our history but in actual lived experience: The hardest thing I ever have to do is Keep on Believing. Written more simply, it is having Faith. *“We walk by faith and not by sight,”* an old hymn reminds. All that our Rock & Sword contain is a clear record of God’s faithfulness, (even when we were not faithful). *“It all works out in the end,”* a wise woman says. *“If it hasn’t worked out, yet, it is not the end.”* Easter is the annual brilliant reminder that God is at work in the world and in our hearts. Checkup time. THIS special Sunday out of all the other 51 Sunday’s of 2018. Time, in quiet and peace, to open the eyes of our spirit, to see the hand of God in our personal history as well as our church history; caring, guiding, supporting. *“I cannot fear the future because God is already there,”* the message rings clearly from our Easter bells. Promises. Hope. Faithfulness, (always on God’s part). And on mine?

initial subscriptions of \$121,000. We have much to be thankful for. When the programme draws to a close at the end of April, I am sure we will be even closer to our goal. Your generous support is much appreciated. (Ralph Kendall)

### Also

#### Loblaws Gift Cards:

If any member of the congregation decides to apply for a compensation \$25.00 gift card from Loblaws and would like to donate it to the Special Meals programme, it can be put into an envelope and placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The cards will be given to the coordinator of the Special Meals to buy supplies to support the programme.

### Music For the Mess

You are invited to enjoy a fabulous night of music with the Award winning a cappella women's chorus - The Limestone City Voices to support the ministry of The Mess from its home in Gill Hall. Please join us on Thursday April 12 at City Christian Centre (1257 Woodbine Rd) at 7pm. The cost for tickets is only \$15, and includes coffee and dessert. Tickets are available from Wendy Worling after the service today, or contact her at 613-548-1507

### Rideaucrest Coffee Shop

Martha and Lee Van Allen co-ordinate this community hub, and helpers are needed for a shift of 3-4 hours, Saturday mornings or afternoons, and Sunday afternoons. Call Martha for information: 613-540-0381.

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
March 25, 2018	\$2,855.44	\$3,277.71
Totals	\$61,718.26	\$50,011.81

### Presbyterian World Service & Development



To foster a more sustainable, compassionate and just world, good health and well-being for all is vital. Through PWS&D’s maternal,

newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan, our church is helping women and babies access the care they need to survive childbirth and stay healthy. With her son Moses on her back, Rhoda Nyoni tends to a community vegetable garden in Malawi. Many mothers with young children now know the importance of cultivating fresh, healthy produce to feed their families because of nutrition education sessions offered through the program. Pregnant with her second child, Rhoda feels a sense of comfort and hopeful anticipation—she has the support and knowledge to embrace a healthy, hopeful future with her family. In 2018, through offerings designated “Mission,” members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4,000 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.