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

May 6, 2018



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. Children are invited during the service to come to the front pew during the last verse of the second hymn for a time with the minister, then to leave with Laura Tyner-Clement for church school. 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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Order of Worship

Prelude Prelude in G major Mendelssohn
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship
Hymn Ye gates, lift up your heads on high 13
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit Cast thy burden Mendelssohn
*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee;
He never will suffer the righteous to fall:
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee.*

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Reading Psalm 24

Hymn Can a little child like me? 441

Time with Children

Dedication of Capital Appeal Offerings Ralph Kendall

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:50-53

Ephesians 6:10-17

2 Timothy 4:6b-8

Anthem I waited for the Lord Mendelssohn
*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me;
He heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord!*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Jesus, our mighty Lord 273

Sermon Truth, Duty, Valour

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Scheidend und Chorale Mendelssohn

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

Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King 267

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Allegro from Sonata no.2 Mendelssohn

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 – Christina McKerrow, Cheng Shyu,
Dorothy Messenger,
Doreen Henshaw,
May 13 – The Elders (The Lord's Supper)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 24

The earth is God's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;

**for God has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of God?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands
and a pure heart, who do not lift up their soul
to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from God,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the generation
of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the Ruler of glory may come in.

Who is the Ruler of glory?

**God, strong and mighty,
God, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the Ruler of glory may come in.

Who is this Ruler of glory?

**The God of hosts,
that one is the Ruler of glory!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:50-53

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

2 Timothy 4:6b-8

The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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

It was by coincidence that the **Prelude**, **Introit** and **Anthem** all turned out to be by the same composer. And so I thought that this could be an all Mendelssohn Sunday. And why not. His music is

sincere, inspired, well-constructed and just so full of good things, that we can't get tired of hearing it.

I was so very fortunate to have been able to tour the Mendelssohn Museum in Leipzig last year and to learn more about this great musician. Felix Mendelssohn was fortunate to have come from a good family that supported and encouraged his musical genius and he lived at a time when his music was readily accepted and enjoyed by the public. His *Songs Without Words* for piano was an immediate "hit" and the public pressured him to compose more. He revived an interest in the music of Bach and along with that, organ music. We hear examples of his music for organ in the **Prelude, Offertory** and **Postlude** – all from different sets of pieces.

The **Anthem** comes from his major work *Lobgesang* or *Hymn of Praise* composed in 1840 and first performed in the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig where I was thrilled to hear it last year. Mendelssohn described his work as a "Symphonia Cantata", a sort of symphony with choruses, where the orchestra and organ take a major role. The use of the organ was a model for many choral works composed afterward. Mendelssohn used excerpts from different Psalms throughout *Lobgesang* and the text for the **Anthem** comes from Psalm 40. This beautiful duet was originally composed for two tenors, but at the last minute, Mendelssohn gave up trying to find two tenors with the right blend and so gave the duet to two sopranos, claiming that it would be more practical to use sopranos because they "could always and everywhere be easily found". We at St. Andrew's are very lucky to have found two sopranos for our choir with a blend perfect for this beautiful piece. Thanks Ariel and Kristen.

The **Introit** is from his oratorio *Elijah* which he premiered in Birmingham in 1845. Again he relied on words from the Psalms – in this case, bits from Psalms 55, 108 and 25. It is a very short chorale, mainly unaccompanied, but divided up by a rather unusual arpeggiated figure. The extent to which he relied on his family for support may not have been fully realized until the sudden death of his sister Fanny, shortly after the very successful premier of *Elijah*. Felix collapsed insensible, never recovering, and died 6 months later at the age of 38: a tragic loss for all of us.

Ascension Prayers

Blessed Lord, lifting up holy hands perpetually on behalf of all humankind, by your Spirit, breathe such love into the prayers we now offer, that they may be taken into yours, and prevail with yours.

-Jean-Jacques Olier, 1608 – 1657, France

Almighty God, eternally we praise you for raising Jesus our Lord from the dead on Easter Day. We praise you for resurrecting also the life of his first disciples, empowering them to carry your mission throughout the world. Risen Lord, resurrect once again your Church also, that it may follow you in liberating all people from the power of sin and suffering, and in establishing justice and peace throughout the world.

-North India

Today

Copper Sunday

This morning we welcome officer cadets from the Royal Military College. An archived webpage of the College notes '*Copper Sunday is a tradition that began at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church circa 1880 when RMC Cadets would take handfuls of copper pennies and throw them towards the offering plate to make as much noise as they could. The tradition today is for Cadets to pour their accumulated pennies into the plate from military-issued black socks.*'

Cupola Restoration

During the service this morning we will be dedicating our contributions-to-date that will support the restoration of the cupola and other work in the sanctuary. As of last Sunday the amount already received towards our goal of \$150,000 is \$134,448.62. We have much to be thankful for. We thank God for the beauty of this place of praise, and are privileged to maintain it as a witness to Christian faith at the centre of this city.

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 May

Visitors are invited to pick up a copy of the minister's newsletter by either door of the sanctuary. Members are requested to pick up their addressed envelopes.



An Anniversary Moment

By Rose DeShaw

RECIPE FOR MAKING
A ST. ANDREW'S

One way we can think of The Rock & The Sword is as a recipe book for cooking up what we have today. Butter a large, heatproof pan and add a limestone building of Scottish persuasion for your basic crust. Stir in windows from Toronto, bells from England, a cannon from Ireland and an organ from Boston. Beat these well together through pestilence, fires and wars with a good pinch of faith and hope. Thoroughly blend in twelve ministers (tasting after each addition). Combine a tablespoon of George Grant over a cup and a half of Queen's, stirring well, add a teaspoon of Agnes Machar, a soupconne of Sir John A and a good sprinkling of Mowat. Pepper lightly with some mischief from Billy Bishop. Pop into an oven of changing times. Bake at 200+ years. Simmer (do not boil) a congregational sauce composed of equal parts: worship, service and love. Pour over and garnish with prayer and gratitude. Serve warm.

Reception of New Members

Sunday May 27, 10:30 a.m.

If you feel this might be a people with whom you could grow in Christian faith, community and service, you would be welcome! Speak to an Elder or our Minister for further information.

Also

Jane's Walks

Something for everyone this weekend. A great way to get to know more about our neighbourhood.

<https://janeswalkkingston.wordpress.com/>

Sunday Perspectives

Sunday May 20, 7 p.m. join us to see 'The Rider', a 2017 American drama film written screened at the Cannes and Toronto festivals. What does a cowboy become when he can no longer ride? Buy your own ticket at the Screening Room, and join with others from St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United at the Screening Room for a brief discussion afterward in the cinema.

Memorial Service – David Jackson

This afternoon, May 6, 2 p.m. - A service of thanksgiving for the life of David Jackson, in the sanctuary. If you are able to assist with serving during the reception, please speak to Ada Mallory.

Funeral Service – Mary Baker

This afternoon, May 6, 3pm, The family of long-time member Mary Baker invites all to gather in the chapel at James Reid.

Memorial Service – Rev. William Duffy

A service of thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Rev. William Duffy will be held in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's on Saturday May 12 at 2 p.m., with a reception following. All welcome, so please share the invitation.



Weekly Givings

April 29, 2018

Totals

Budgeted

\$2,676.99

\$81,040.62

Received

\$3,169.56

\$69,502.77

Presbyterians Sharing



Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the vibrant ministry of Canada Youth. Every two years, hundreds of participants join together from across

our denomination to celebrate their energetic faith. This remarkable event in July unites youth, young adults, church leaders and guests from around the world for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in large and small groups, dynamic keynotes and workshops, vibrant faith exploration and joyful celebration! CY is a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, make new friends, study scripture, and share joy. More than 4,000 folks have attended CY since it began and the impact of its ministry has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts. In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing as part of our witness.