

Sunday January 24, 2021



'Cain' (c. 1899) Edwin Roscoe Mullins. Glasgow Botanic Gardens

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier J.S. Bach
 Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier Johann Walther

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn New every morning is the love 815

Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Greetings & Announcements

Quartet You are giver of all grace

Scripture Lessons Genesis 4:1-16 Dorothy M.
 Lamentation 1:1a, 7-8; 3:19-25
 2 Corinthians 4: 1, 5, 7-16

Hymn God moves in a mysterious way 55

Sermon Embracing Grace 3) Marked, for Life

Meditative Music Blessed Jesu at thy word J.S. Bach

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn You that know the Lord is gracious 470

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Short Prelude and Fugue in d minor
 J.S. Bach

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.
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, for ever.

Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 4:1-16

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.' Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out to the field.' And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' And the Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.' Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.'

And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Lamentations 1:1, 7-8; 3:19-25

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
**She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.**

Jerusalem remembers,
in the days of her affliction and wandering,
**all the precious things
that were hers in days of old.**

When her people fell into the hand of the foe,
and there was no one to help her,
**the foe looked on mocking
over her downfall.**

Jerusalem sinned grievously,
so she has become a mockery;
**all who honoured her despise her,
for they have seen her nakedness;**
she herself groans,
and turns her face away.

**The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!**

My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

**But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

**'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'**

**The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

2 Corinthians 4:1, 5, 7-16

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture:

'I believed, and so I spoke'

we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We may not be able to gather together in the sanctuary, but it is good to be able to gather together this morning in spirit. Our thanks to Dorothy leading in the reading of scripture, Christopher leading in

song, John at the organ and Benjamin making this online service technically possible.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services

Two opportunities to join online with other Christians in prayer and praise.

a) this afternoon, 3 pm hosted by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism Montréal;

b) tomorrow, Monday January 25 8 am, hosted by the World Council of Churches Geneva. Both can be found at:

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/01/20/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>

This year's theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. Jn 15:5-9 (www.oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer)), and uses material written by the Community of Grandchamps, Switzerland, a community begun by Reformed Church women and now ecumenical.

Calvin Symposium on Worship 2021

This year online and free, held January 6-26, 2021, on key topics and themes in worship and the Christian life. This online experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, faculty, artists, musicians, pastors, preachers, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all interested worshippers around the world.

Over [20 livestream worship services and 20 webinar](#)

[sessions weekdays from January 6-26 as well as on-demand](#)

[content](#) that allows you to access material at your own pace and

time. For example, Catherine Gunsalus González, Justo González, and

David Rylaarsdam on "[Learning about Worship from the Ancient](#)

[Church](#)"; Katharine Hayhoe on [how worship practices can help heal](#)

[our broken relationship with the more-than-human creation](#); The

livestream worship services take us around the globe to a variety of

worshipping communities, in the US and in Buenos Aires, Dublin,

Beirut, Cairo, Hong Kong, Singapore, and several cities in Brazil. Have

a look at the over 90 programme possibilities

at [https://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/online-calvin-symposium-](https://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/online-calvin-symposium-on-worship-program)

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Imago Dei

This St. Andrew's group is meeting the first Thursday of each month by Zoom, 4:30-5:30. If you would like to join in some reflective reading of scripture, please contact Dorothy for more information at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Les Misérables

Each Tuesday evening, February 16 – March 23, we will explore the gospel known in Jesus Christ and as developed in the themes and characters of Hugo's masterpiece –

grace (Valjean),
justice (Javert),
poverty (Fantine),
revolution ('les amis'),
love (Marius and Cosette),
and hope (the garden).

You are invited (though not necessary) to read the novel (of 365 chapters!) or see a film rendition or the musical:

- a DVD can be borrowed from the church office (call to reserve)
- the 2012 musical is found on Netflix
- several free online versions are available, including a CBC & CBC Gem series being screened right now (see the church website, Special Events, for details, (<https://www.standrewskingston.org/winter-study-series-les-miserables/>)). Send an email to Andrew for Zoom link!

Morning Reflections

From March to September, while the sanctuary was closed, members of St. Andrew's contributed personal reflections to encourage us in Christian faith and life. Thanks to the generosity of two members of the congregation, these have been beautifully collated and printed, and a copy is now available to each household of St. Andrew's. Call the church office if you would like to arrange to pick one up (Tuesday to Thursday mornings), or request for one to be mailed (\$5.75), or delivered. An envelope for a thank offering will be included, to support the church's online ministry.

Organ Donations

The Province of Nova Scotia has initiated our nation's first opt-out organ donation programme. This may be a major advance in having organs available to meet the need.

At their meeting this past week the Elders of St. Andrew's agreed to share that a member of our congregation has indicated that he needs a kidney transplant within the next year or two to avoid dialysis. If you become aware of anyone open to the idea of donating, information that could be passed on is available at <https://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/> and <https://kingstonhsc.ca/renal/iving-kidney-donation> , and please feel free to speak to the Minister.

Please refer to the minister's monthly newsletter, The Days of January, <https://www.standrewskingston.org/> for other opportunities to grow in Christian praise, faith and life.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Cantors Christopher Hall, Meghan Hall

Financial Review to Dec 31, 2020	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$250,000	\$246,709
Designated Missions	\$18,500	\$23,643

Providing Food for the Displaced



In Syria, conflict continues to plague the population, causing over six million people to become internally displaced.

As a result, many people are faced with a lack of access to food, loss of employment, high prices and inflation, making them very vulnerable. COVID-19 has only exacerbated the situation. Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food baskets to 7,400 families to help meet daily food requirements. During these times of uncertainty, the food baskets will provide a source of sustenance for the families.

In 2020, through offerings designated “Mission,” members of St. Andrew’s Kingston had a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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