

Sunday February 28, 2021



Jesus Christ cures an epileptic boy. Attributed to the "Third Painter of the Glajor Gospels", Armenia, 1st quarter of the 14th century.

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

Preludes Trumpet Voluntary Thomas Dupuis
Adagio J.S. Bach

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn I waited for the Lord my God 23

Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Greetings & Announcements

Litany for Lent 2 Insert

Scripture Lessons Mark 9: 14-24

Hymn When Jesus the healer 203

Sermon "I believe; help my unbelief" Mark 9:24

Meditative Music Prayer Frank Asper

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn How firm a foundation 685

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Fantasia in g 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.

If you would like to stay for the AGM, please remain seated as we will begin immediately following the Postlude.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:14-24

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him.

He asked them, 'What are you arguing about with them?' Someone from the crowd answered him, 'Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.'

He answered them, 'You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.' And they brought the boy to him.

When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' Jesus said to him, 'If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes.'

Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The organ pieces in today's service exhibit four very different moods. Assisted by the great variety of sounds in our pipe organ, we hear joy, sadness, contentment and anger.

The first **Prelude** uses what I like to call a happy little trumpet stop. This set of pipes sits at the very top of the organ and originally was installed in the organ at Queen Street United Church, which closed down about 6 years ago.

Johann Sebastian Bach composed an organ piece in three movements called the *Toccatà, Adagio and Fugue*. The second **Prelude** is the middle movement of this work and shows Bach in one of his most melancholy moods.

A short piece using the string pipes is the music after the **Sermon**. American organist Frank W. Asper published this in 1942.

I have noticed lately that people tend to be more abrupt, irritable and short tempered. Psychologists have talked about this on the radio and television, explaining that this is one of the results of the ongoing Covid crisis. A lot of us have had enough of winter by now, and this only adds to the anger and frustration people are experiencing. Good old Johann Sebastian had his moments too, what with the death of his first wife, the deaths of some of his children, his arguments with clergy and patrons, and financial struggles that most musicians seem to face. He might have occasionally wanted to shake his fist at the world. Instead, he expressed his anger in some of his music and today's **Postlude** is one of the best examples – a direct contrast to the second **Prelude**. This is an incredible piece and so unlike other music from the Baroque era. It is a reminder to me that this incredible man who composed such inspired music, was only human after all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Imago Dei

This St. Andrew's group is meeting Thursday, March 4 by Zoom, 4:30-5:30. If you would like to join in some reflective reading of scripture, contact Dorothy dotmessenger@gmail.com

Online Opportunities for Worship, Study and Fellowship during Lent:

1) St. Andrew's Winter Tuesday Evenings 7pm

Once a week until March 23, we will explore the gospel through the themes and characters of Hugo's masterpiece, *Les Misérables* –

grace (Valjean),

revolution ('les amis'),

justice (Javert),

love (Marius & Cosette),

poverty (Fantine),

hope (the garden)

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!

2) Joint Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7-9pm

With members of St Andrew's, St. James and St. Paul's Sydenham (Anglican), St Mark's (Lutheran), Chalmers and Sydenham Street (United), you are invited to evenings led by Bill Morrow, Professor Emeritus of the Queen's School of Theology, exploring the Gospel in selected hard passages of Genesis

March 3 The Expulsion of Hagar (Genesis 21)

March 10 The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)

March 17 Does God Reward Tricksters? (Genesis 28)

March 24 General Discussion

Zoom link and study materials available at

<https://stjameskingston.ca/lenten-series/> Each evening will begin with a short vesper service in the tradition of the host congregation.

3) Joint Lenten Worship

St. Andrew's is joining with other congregations to offer a series of services by the sponsoring community of faith: recordings found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWRIJZoKQxFCSkoV_GI_xQQAs

Maunder Thursday, April 1

with St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United

Good Friday April 2

all congregations with St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Faith United

Easter Vigil Sunday April 3

with St. James Anglican and Sydenham Street United

Sunday after Easter Lessons and Carols - April 11 with all churches

Virtual Interfaith Cooking Demonstration

Thursday March 4, 7 p.m. Learn how to make Mango Lassi, Masala Chai, White Chicken Kahari, Chocolate Haystacks, sponsored by Kingston Interfaith Community

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305759483> Meeting ID: 893 0575 9483

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 5, 1:30 - 3 p.m. online, hosted this year by St. Paul the Apostle RC Parish - The theme this year is 'Build on a Strong Foundation', and features the witness of the Church in Vanuatu. To register for the link, go to www.stpaulkingston.com and click on the WDP square.

Interviews with Candidates for Moderator

The Rev. Mary Fontaine, raised at Mistawasis Nehiywak,

Saskatchewan, founder of Hummingbird Ministries Vancouver

The Rev. Paulette Brown, raised in Jamaica, minister of St. Andrew's

Humber Heights Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, minister at St.

John's Bradford and associate professor at Tyndale University

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/01/21/ballot-for-moderator-of-the-2021-general-assembly/>

Do you miss singing?

Contribute a video recording of yourself singing along to "Jesus Christ is risen today" and "Thine be the glory" and be part of a virtual choir for a joint online service the Sunday after Easter.

Contact lorikim@standrewskingston.org for information.

Bi làidir (Scots Gaelic for 'Be Strong')

This is a weekly suggestion area of how you or someone you know can Be Strong during these interesting times we are living ...

Stay Active: Physical activity increases your energy, enhances your immune system, reduces insomnia, stimulates brain growth and even acts as an antidepressant. You can achieve these benefits with as little as a 30-minute walk.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

There is a phone number for older adults to call if you are feeling lonely or just need to hear a friendly voice. 1-855-892-9992. Trained volunteers are waiting to answer your call 24 hours a day.

Protocol for Worship in the Sanctuary of St. Andrew's during a Time of Pandemic

- you will be greeted by an usher outside the open door of the sanctuary to answer any questions and ensure a measured entrance into the church
- the wearing of face masks at all times in the building is mandatory
- you will be ushered to a seat, filling the front pews first
- there will be no congregational singing or choir: to ensure no sharing of materials, the lyrics to hymns and scripture passages are included in the bulletin
- you will be asked to leave from the same door in which you entered, beginning from the back pews
- our offerings of thanksgiving and dedication will be received at the back of the sanctuary as we leave
- we are asked to leave the sanctuary immediately to avoid close proximity to others in the narrow aisles at the back or in the foyers, and we will have no opportunity for fellowship within the church facilities.

As the rain hides the stars, as the autumn mist hides the hills, as the clouds veil the blue of the sky, so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of your face from me. Yet if I may hold your hand in the darkness, it is enough. Since I know that, though I may stumble in my going, you do not fall.

Gaelic prayer, translated by Alistair MacLean

SERVING THIS MORNING

Cantor: Paul P
Bell Ringer: Margaret H

Ushers today: Andy V, Phyllis and Allen H
March 7: Janet P, Anne-Marie G, Alberta S

Hygiene Kits Protect Families in Nicaragua



“As a family, we try to take all the necessary measures, like covering our nose when sneezing, avoiding shaking hands or going places where there might be large crowds. For many of the families in our community, it’s not possible to acquire protection materials like

face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer or cleaning materials due to rising prices in the market. We are so thankful for all of you and the help you bring to our community.” Like many in Nicaragua, María struggles to access proper protection materials and cleaning products due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presbyterian World Service & Development, through local partners, is helping people like María and her whole community, receive hygiene and sanitation items, ensuring they are prepared to safely face the pandemic.

In 2020, through offerings designated “Mission, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston had a goal of contributing \$4,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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