

Sunday February 22, 2022



Abba Poemen said about Abba Pior that every single day he made a fresh beginning.

From the book 'Desert Wisdom' by Yushi Nomura

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in this community since 1817

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

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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.

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 LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 86:1-12

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,

for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;

I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,

for you will answer me.

**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,

and glorify your name.

**For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;

knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.**

Isaiah 55: 6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

1 Peter 1:3-9; 4:7-11

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of

God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Last week we explored the early music of France. In Italy and Venice, although science, literature and art were flourishing in this early Renaissance period, it wasn't until musicians from Belgium arrived that music started to blossom. The "Flemish school" or "Second Netherlands school", began mainly with the innovative polyphony of Johannes Okeghem (1430-1495) and was passed on to other composers such as Josquin des Près and Adrian Willaert. Josquin (1450-1521), referred to usually by his first name, was already a famous composer when he accepted a post at the Papal Chapel in 1471. In addition to his technical skills in composition, Josquin was noted for a more individualistic and humanistic approach to writing. He became known as a musical genius, like the Beethoven of his time. The first **Prelude** amply demonstrates his musical approach.

Adrian Willaert (c.1480-1562) left his native Belgium and moved to Italy. It is assumed that he studied under Josquin who was already there. Music began to flourish in the Republic of Venice, mainly centred around St. Mark's cathedral. Willaert, being one of the most progressive composers of the day, was given the post of organist and master of the choristers at St. Mark's in 1527. He retained considerable influence throughout the 16th century and went on to found the Venetian School.

The Cathedral of St. Mark was built in a Byzantine style, in the shape of a Greek cross with large transepts. Despite the amazing acoustics, the shape of the building presented some challenges for the music. The result was the use of double choruses and the use of two organs. In 1557, Claudio Merulo became organist of the Grand Organ. His teacher Andrea Gabrieli, who had studied under Willaert, became organist of the second organ in 1566. We might imagine the acoustics and echo effects of St. Mark's as we hear the **Postlude**.

The **Anthem** today is the original 1851 translation by John Mason Neale of a Latin hymn attributed to Ambrose of Milan in the 4th century. Neale's translation of *Jam lucis orto sidere* has been altered many times in different hymn books, so I am going back to the original. Many

different tunes have been used, including a plainsong tune in an English hymnal and a chant used in the 1918 Presbyterian Book of Praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-Opening the Sanctuary

We're back!! Well, sort of... In-person services resume this week – Hallelujah. While we are no longer requesting contact information or proof of vaccination, we continue to require physical distancing and masks while in the building.

After Service Fellowship Online (Zoom)

Come meet others this morning at 11:45 for casual conversation ... just like in St. Andrew's Hall ... but now open to folks who happen to be out of town also! Here's the link!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854705429?pwd=cG5QY2FjWXI6KzJVSXxQMytVUVlJQT09> Meeting ID: 818 5470 5429 Passcode: 949221

And here is a phone number (may be long distance) +1 647 374 4685 or +1 647 558 0588 - Meeting ID: 818 5470 5429 Passcode: 949221

Mid-Week Worship

This Wednesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. A time of song and prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community, led by Susanne CJ and Wendy LP. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82464811989>

St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting

The AGM this year will take place on Sunday, February 27th, following the worship service. Participation will definitely be available online – stay tuned if the sanctuary will be opened also for in-person participation. Reports will be sent out electronically, and also available for pick up, this Sunday, February. Zoom opens at 11:45 a.m.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854705429?pwd=cG5QY2FjWXI6KzJVSXxQMytVUVlJQT09>

The Manse – Transitioning to Transitional Housing

The first phase of laying laminate flooring over the heritage hardwood is proceeding well. Gratitude is expressed to those who have contributed to date - \$2790 has been received towards the \$10,000 needed.

If you would like to financially support this and future work, you can contribute through St. Andrew's, either by cheque with 'Manse Transitional Housing Project' in the memo line, or through our website, using the big blue Donate button and selecting <Manse Repurposing for Transitional Housing> in the initial drop-down menu under 'Fund'.

Lent in Plain Sight

If you are looking for a daily devotional for the journey to Easter, we recommend this book from Presbyterian Publishing that looks at the Christian faith through ordinary, daily objects from shoes and oil to towels and stones. It is available online either in print (C\$20) or digitally (C\$10). Have a look at a sample at the link below.

https://www.pcusastore.com/Content/Site119/FilesSamples/231976LentInPlainSight_00000136415.pdf

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday March 2. Our journey to Easter begins with a posture of humility before our God. Our annual downtown joint Lenten services will begin at St. Mark's Lutheran, 7 p.m. Further details and a Zoom link will be available in next week's bulletin.

World Day of Prayer

Thursday March 3, Christians from around the world join in a service of prayer and praise, each year composed by women of a different region. This year's service is based on material from Christians of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and adapted for use by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. The video is very well done; you can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDtjQU--vdE&t=1s>

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M
Singers:	The Hall Quartet, Paul P
Livestreaming:	Benjamin dO-V, Julilee S
Flowers:	Janet P, with love, in honour of her mom, Verna R's, 100 th birthday!

Prison Ministry – Salvation Army Mission



On behalf of the Mission Committee and St. Andrew's, one of the missions we are supporting for 2022 is Prison Ministry –

Salvation Army. Through cooperative arrangements with prison, probation, and parole officials, The Salvation Army plays a growing role in prison rehabilitation and crime prevention. Services include pre-release job-training programs, employment opportunities in cooperation with parole personnel, material aid, and spiritual guidance to both prisoners and their families. One of programs they offer is Freedom Ministries, based in Kingston, which offers inmates, past offenders and their families a variety of programs, including institution and court chaplaincy, post-incarceration aftercare and family support groups. The impact of these programs may not make headlines, but for those who have been supported by Freedom Ministries, they provide a path to salvation and rehabilitation.

-Susan Holland

This year, St. Andrew's has a goal of supporting Freedom Ministries with \$1,650 through offerings designated 'Mission'.

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