

Sunday May 7, 2023



The Faith of the Centurion: Paolo Veronese, 1558

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	Rejoicing The Abbey March	G.F. Handel D'Auvergne Barnard
Entrance of cadets	Beloved Scotland	traditional
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
God Save the King		<i>inside last page</i>
Hymn	Lead on O King Eternal	742
Prayer of Approach		
The Lord's Prayer		<i>see insert</i>
Greetings & Announcements		John
Copper Sunday		Eric McCracken
Time with Children		
Anthem	I Vow to Thee, my Country	Gustav Holst
Scripture Lessons	Psalm 20 (Responsive) 1 Corinthians 4:13-18 Matthew 8:5-13	Eric Mc Cracken
Sermon	How to Amaze God <i>The Rev. Dr. Paul Kern</i>	
Hymn	O God of love, true source of Peace <i>tune: Melcombe (815)</i>	733
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Collection of Coins		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
Hymn	Fight the good fight <i>(key of A with bagpipes)</i>	690
Benediction and Choral Amen		
Postlude	Highland Cathedral	Roever/Korb
Exit of Cadets		

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 20

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,

the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

**send you help from the holy place of the Lord
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

remember all your offerings

and accept your burnt sacrifice;

**grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans.**

We will shout for joy at your victory

and triumph in the name of our God;

may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that you, O Lord,

give victory to your anointed,

**whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms
with the victorious strength of your mighty hand.**

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down,

but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to your anointed

and answer us when we call.

1 Corinthians 4:13-18

When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me. For this reason, I sent you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, as I teach them everywhere in every church. But some of you, thinking that I am not coming to you, have become arrogant.

Matthew 8:5-13

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This is a special weekend with a coronation yesterday and the presence of cadets from Royal Military College on this “Copper Sunday”. The service thus begins with a piece from Handel’s famous “Music from the Royal Fireworks”. It was composed in 1749 at the request of King George II to celebrate the end of the War of the Austrian Succession. The rehearsal of the work was a huge success with thousands of people attending. The performance with fireworks in Green Park was a fiasco with many misfires due to rain. Several people were injured when rockets went into the audience. One was set on fire and another blinded. One of the 101 cannons used misfired and blew off a soldier’s hand. Finally, one of the pavilions where the orchestra sat, caught fire and the performance came to a defeated close.

The second **Prelude** is from a delightful book of organ pieces entitled “Minster Echoes”.

The **Anthem** is an arrangement of a hymn by English composer Gustav Holst, first used in his great orchestral work “The Planets”. The tune, known as “Thaxted” is used for our hymn #448 . The tune was composed in 1921 and used for the words of the **Anthem** written by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice in 1918.

The **Postlude** “Highland Cathedral” has a surprising origin. In 1982, Germany hosted a Highland Games event and part of the celebration was the playing of an original piece, composed by two German musicians, Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb. The piece has had great success throughout the world: some have suggested it become the national anthem of Scotland and it has been played at state funerals and has been used at weddings and other ceremonial occasions.



Anthem – I Vow to Thee, my Country

I vow to thee, my country
All earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
The service of my love;
The love that asks no questions,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.
And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may we may not count her armies,
We may we may not see her King,
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace.

Words: Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1918)

Music: Gustav Holst (1921)

MUSICAL NOTES FOR COPPER SUNDAY

Prelude: “Beloved Scotland”

“Beloved Scotland” is an example of piobaireachd, the high art “classical music” of the highland bagpipes. Piobaireachd, or Ceol Mor (lit. the “big music”) emerged in the late 16th century and reached its zenith in the 17th century. Piobaireachd are characterized by a slow,

melodious free-metre opening air, called the Ground or the Urlar, followed by successively more rhythmic and more technically complex variations. The performance of a full piece is traditionally considered the highest test of a piper's mettle. It is believed that there are only about 300 extant compositions, most of which were composed by the MacCrimmons and their pupils at Boreraig in the 1600s.

"Beloved Scotland" appears in the manuscript record in the early 1800s, and all the extant MSS agree almost exactly on interpretation, suggesting that the tune had not had a lot of time to evolve in different local oral traditions before being "put to paper". As well, according to competition records, it seems that "Beloved Scotland" was not played in competitions until the second half of the 19th century, which reinforces the idea that it was a relatively new composition.

The tune has a few different names: "Beloved Scotland", "Beloved Scotland, I am Leaving Thee" and "Beloved Scotland, I Leave Thee Gloomy" etc. with corresponding titles given in Gaelic: "Albain Bheadarach, 's mise ga'd fhàgail dubh." It is said that this tune was played to send off the ships of Highland émigrés when they left Scotland for North America, and so is in my opinion a fine tune for St. Andrew's, given our founding history as a Scottish immigrant kirk.

Postlude: "Highland Cathedral"

"Highland Cathedral" is a famous piece for bagpipes accompanied by brass band or organ, written in Germany of all places, by Ulrich Roeber and Michael Korb in 1982. Since then, it has become an extremely popular anthem for pipes with accompaniment and has even been suggested as a Scottish national anthem.

The name of the tune refers to a legend of King James IV and I, who, after uniting the Scottish and English crowns, gathered the chiefs of the Highland clans to strike a covenant of peace and put an end to their quarrelling. This secret meeting took place in a church, a common meeting place of peace.

Written by: 30082 OCdt E.J.A. McCracken, RMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! We are happy to have you with us, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to Paul Kern for once again leading the service. It has been such a blessing to have the consistency of the Revs Paul and Heather Kern to lead our service on the first 2 Sundays of each month over the past year.

Welcome and thank you to Eric McCracken and the cadets for organizing and participating in the service today, and reviving the tradition of Copper Sunday. Eric has been attending St. Andrew's for about a year now, and we are so pleased to have him share his talents and words with us today.

Thank you also to John Hall for chairing the service, and Eva Barnes for contributing historical authenticity!

St. Andrew's S.T.A.Y.S

St. Andrew's STAYS – Social Time After Your Service! We are back to having social time after church, so anyone who would like to help in any way, please check in with Susanne and let her know. You can just bake, or just host the social hour without baking, or help with washing up afterwards. There's a job for everyone! We have a sign-up sheet in St. Andrew's Hall – you can write down what Sunday you would like to help and in what ways you will contribute. Then stay and socialize!

Renovations

During the first 2 weeks of May, the church office and minister's study are getting some necessary repairs and improvements, namely new paint and flooring. The office will be closed from May 1-12. The phone will be monitored, and bulletins printed. We appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to the refresh!

Upcoming Worship Leaders

May 14 (Communion and Baptism)– The Rev. Paul & Heather Kern
May 21 – The Rev. Marianne Emig-Carr (Interim Moderator)
May 28 – Julilee Stitt

Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

Prayer Requests

Donna Delacretaz, Shirley Mills and Sam & Fern Houston ask for prayers of the congregation regarding ongoing health issues.

Copper Sunday

There is a long-standing connection between The Royal Military College of Canada and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, both in Kingston. In the 1880s, the first Sunday in May was known as Copper Sunday. RMC cadets would march from the college up to St. Andrew's. During the offering at the service, they would take handfuls of copper pennies and throw them towards the offering plate making as much noise as they could. Eventually, cadets were encouraged to place the coins in army issue socks before tossing them into the plate. Today we welcome back the cadets and the original, noisy tradition



WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings.

Financial Review to April 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$73,653	\$54,790

God Save the King

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry
Livestreaming: Christopher and Benjamin
Flowers: various contributors
Ushers this week: Elaine and Pat
Ushers May 14: Elders

Mission Moment – AMMID in Guatemala



In Guatemala, Amalia López Pérez de Coronado is a member of a women’s group that engages in discussions about oppression, marginalization and violence against women. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development and local partner, AMMID, the group hosts workshops that promote women’s empowerment by teaching women about their rights,

including their right to participate in decision-making structures at both the community and municipal levels. Through these workshops, Amalia has gained a sense of confidence that has allowed her to participate fully and freely in many different organizations. She’s also inspired other women in her community to do the same. Expressing her gratitude for the organizations that make these initiatives possible, Amalia affirmed, “I am grateful to AMMID for supporting women.”



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4515 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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