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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 2017



Transfiguration of Christ Duccio, di Buoninsegna, d. 1319

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.

Ashley Reynolds 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. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher, whom children are welcome to join immediately after the 'Time for Children' during the service. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information. As a matter of respect for our Indigenous neighbours, we acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

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Prelude Listen to the Lambs Nathaniel Dett
Silent Meditation
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship
Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God only wise 290
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit Deep River Spiritual
*Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, God's children,
oh don't you want to go – to the heav'nly feast,
in that promised land, the land where all is peace.
Walk right into heaven – and take my seat
and throw myself at Jesus feet.*

Greetings & Announcements

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Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

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Anthem Go Down, Moses Spiritual

When Israel was in Egypt land;

Let my people go

Oppressed so hard they could not stand,

Let my people go

Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt land,

Tell ole Pharaoh to let my people go.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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Hymn I heard the voice of Jesus say 671

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Meditation of Moses Nathaniel Dett

If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

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 – Joan Barr-Knox, Ada Mallory,
Shirley Aitken, Rhonda Aitken
March 5 – The Elders

Flowers

The flowers this morning have been provided with love by Rev. Nancy Hancock, in loving memory of her mother, Bessie Budwin and brother, Peter Budwin, both who passed away in February.

Responsive Reading

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

**The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion,
exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is the Lord!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;

**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God;
worship at God's footstool.

Holy is the Lord!

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them.

The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

**They kept God's decrees,
and the statues that God gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them;

**you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extoll the Lord our God,

and worship at the holy mountain;
For the Lord our God is holy.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

When I was in my early teens, one of my favourite records was entitled “60 Years of Music America Loves Best”. I enjoyed hearing an early recording of the great tenor Enrico Caruso and I was fascinated by a Shakespeare soliloquy by John Barrymore. But my favourite cut on this record was Marion Anderson singing *Go Down, Moses*. It wasn’t just the quality of her voice that I enjoyed but the fact that she conveyed so well a depth of emotion – so deep in fact that it seemed to extend to a whole race of enslaved people. *Go Down, Moses* goes back to the 1850’s in Virginia and was first published in 1872. “Go down, Moses” refers to Moses coming down from the Mountain of God to Egypt but like many spirituals, there are extra layers of meaning in the text. “Going down” was also a reference to going down the Mississippi river where slavery conditions were much worse. Pharaoh and Egypt represent the slaveowners in America at the time.

Deep River is one of the most popular of Negro Spirituals. Its origins are pre-Civil War and the words clearly express the feelings of hope and despair experienced by the American slaves. Again, there are multiple layers of meaning. The Jordan River is a reference to the Ohio River which was a dividing line between slave and free. The “campground” refers to a meeting place or what we would call a “Revival Meeting” where groups of slaves were free to express themselves. These meetings were illegal but some slaveowners allowed them if the songs sung were upbeat. The **Offertory**, *Lord I Want to be a Christian* has no hidden meanings - just a simple sincere prayer to be a better person.

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) grew up in my hometown, Niagara Falls, Ontario. His maternal grandmother had been part of a group of escaped slaves that had originally come to Canada thanks to the Underground Railroad. He played piano and organ in the local Methodist Episcopal Church. His family moved to Niagara Falls, New York where he continued advanced studies in music and eventually became a gifted teacher, concert pianist and one of the most important composers of African – American

descent. One of his most popular anthems is *Listen to the Lambs* which is played as an organ solo for the **Prelude**. A major work for orchestra and chorus is a cantata, *The Ordering of Moses* composed in 1937. An excerpt of this seldom-heard work is played for the **Postlude**. Nathaniel Dett felt strongly that spirituals should be taken as a serious inspiration for larger works and he frowned on “jazzed-up” versions such as done by Louis Armstrong. Listen for references to *Go Down Moses* in the Postlude.

Today

Annual Congregational Meeting

This morning all members, adherents and friends are invited to attend our St. Andrew’s AGM after the service. Reports will be distributed the previous Sunday. A light lunch will be served.

This Week

Pancake Supper

Bev and Aime are offering to prepare the pancakes! Tuesday February 28, 6-6:45 p.m. Sign up to make sure there are lots. Freewill offering will help cover the costs. And you are welcome to stay for the first of the Winter Tuesday Evening studies, 7-8:30 p.m.

Winter Tuesday Evenings

The DVD study with the largest number of votes by far is ... Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything, a series produced by Timothy Keller, Minister of Redeemer Presbyterian Church NYC. Six Tuesday evenings, beginning February 28, 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall. Informal, informative, led by our Minister. This week: “City – The World That Is” All welcome.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

Wednesday March 1, 7 p.m.

With the congregations of St. Mark’s Lutheran, Chalmers and Sydenham Street United, we will gather for a combined service here at St. Andrew’s in the Barclay Chapel to begin our journey to Easter.

Lenten Daily Devotions

To prepare for Easter 2017, The Presbyterian College Montreal has prepared a daily devotional with scripture readings, reflections, and prayers. Two devotions have been written by our Minister - March 7 and 21. These devotions can be received daily as an

email, downloaded as a whole in PDF, or pick up a paper copy this morning. In order to sign up for the daily email or for more information, please visit <http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2017/01/lent-devotional-2/>

World Day of Prayer 2017

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. The service has been written this year by women of the Philippines who have chosen the theme "Am I Being Unfair to You?" from Matthew 20:1-16. The ecumenical World Day of Prayer service this year is being hosted by St. Mark's Anglican Church in Barriefield on Friday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to attend this service and afterward refreshments will be served in the hall. If you have any questions, please speak to Alberta Saunders or Donna Delacretaz.

Advance Notice

Geneva House Year End Banquet

God has been doing incredible things on our campuses and we would love to have you join us for our year-end feast on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**, at Bay Park Baptist Church (775 Progress Ave, Kingston) from 5:30-9pm. RSVP by Saturday, April 1st to queensgenevahouse@gmail.com or contact Pastor Steve at 613-331-5669. Additional information available.

Also ...

Community Members

The Mess Open Arts Studio is in need of help preparing lunch for our artists. If you could participate for 2.5 hrs (10am - 12:30pm) on a Tuesday or Thursday, committing to even one day per month would be a tremendous contribution to our community. Please contact Sandi by phone 613-484-3886 or email themesskingston@gmail.com for more information or to become an active community member!

Weekly Givings

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| Feb. 19, 2017 | \$3,211 | \$4,523 |
| Year to Date | \$26,028 | \$31,361 |



Presbyterian Sharing

Presbyterians Sharing supports congregations that are involved in an intentional program of transformation, like Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Heritage Green's family style worship welcomes all ages with songs and prayers that make sense to kids and interactive activities that draw families into God's presence. Every service brings families together, with Christ at the centre. The congregation is working to build strong relationships between neighbours within their community and believes that the stronger a neighbourhood becomes, the healthier the families who live there will be. In 2016, St. Andrew's Kingston committed the sum of \$20,000 to Presbyterian Sharing as part of our witness.

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