

Sunday, February 18, 2024



Evening Prayer. Pierre Edouard Frère. 1857

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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 Haudonosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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	Prayer	A. Thomas
	Prayer	E. Humperdinck
Entry of the Bible		
Welcome and Announcements		
		Paul
Introit	Remember	T. Ravenscroft
Call to Worship		
We are beginning our journey through Lent		
God is with us on the way.		
We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.		
We will remember God's faithfulness.		
We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.		
We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!		
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Prayers of the People		
		Paul Payne
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Benediction and Choral Amen		
Postlude	Grand Chorus in F	C. Frank

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, the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

Lent 1 Liturgy

On this first Sunday of Lent, we find Jesus in the wilderness, facing temptation. And forty days in the wilderness is a long time.

We too experience wilderness times of temptation, challenge and change.

Yet even in the wilderness and among the wild beasts, the angels cared for Jesus.

As we make our way in the wilderness, we hear the good news that we are not alone – that the reign of God has come near in Christ.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again

become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Matthew 6:5-13

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Response to readings

For the word of God in Scripture
For the word of God within us
For the word of God around us

Thanks be to God

Introit - Remember

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man
Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou man, How thou cam'st to me then,
And I did what I can, therefore repent.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember God's goodness and promise made:
Remember God's goodness, how his only Son he sent,
Our sins for to redress: be not afraid.

Words: probably 16th C

Music: from Melismata, compiled by Thomas Ravenscroft, 1611

Anthem – Steal Away

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me,
He calls me by the thunder,
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinner stands a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Words & Music: traditional Spiritual

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We can tell right away from the opening Introit and hymn that we are now in the more solemn time of Lent. The **Introit** comes from a collection of music published in 1611 by Thomas Ravenscroft. Ravenscroft is best known for his collections of English folk songs,

some of which he may have composed. Included in one publication was *Three Blind Mice*.

My Mother-in-law dreaded having to sing Forty Days and Forty Nights on the first Sunday of Lent. She found it very depressing. Maybe the organist played it too slowly. But she might have liked the tune in its original form. Called *Aus der Tiefe*, it was a lot more rhythmical. This tune which we call *Heinlein* today, comes from a German hymn book of 1676 and is attributed to Martin Herbst who died of the plague at the early age of 27. The words to the first hymn were written by George Smyttan. They first appeared not in a hymn book, but in the *Penny Post* in England in 1856 with 9 verses, the first of which was based on Luke 4 1-13. Smyttan was visiting in Germany when he died suddenly. No one knew who he was so he was buried in an unpurchased grave.

The three **Preludes** are all given the title “Prayer” but are different musical interpretations of what a prayer might be. The last Prelude is from Humperdinck’s well-loved opera *Hansel and Gretel*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We are happy that you’re here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. A special welcome to the Rev. Heather Kern who is leading our service today. Rev. Kern is a familiar face to us, as she and her husband Paul led services for us twice monthly during our time of transition between full time ministers. We are grateful for all their support and leadership.

Personal Study

In her sermon today, Rev. Kern will be referencing these 2 books: [Providence and Prayer](#) by Terrance Tiessen, and [Prayer: Does it Make any Difference](#) by Philip Yancey. You may like to check them out for further reading or personal study.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting this year will be held immediately following the service on March 3rd, in St. Andrew’s Hall. Reports are now available electronically. If you require a printed copy, please ask Lori-Kim. After reading the report, if you have questions for the finance committee

please submit them, in writing, by 25 February, as no finance questions will be taken from the floor at the AGM.

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

Monthly Potlucks

Thank you to all who attended the January potluck. We have created a roster and encourage you to sign up for one of the tasks that help make these lunches a success. Starting in March, the potlucks will take place on the **third** Sunday of the month. Questions? Talk to Anne-Marie Gabrini or Susanne Cliff-Jüngling. Hope to see you at the Feb 25th lunch!

Seeking Scripture Readers

There is now a sign up sheet for all the remaining Sundays of the year, so please fill in a couple blanks. And don't worry, the office will email you during the week before you read to remind you!

Financial Review to Jan. 31, 2024	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$14,461	\$13,068
Missions (to Dec 31, 2023)	\$15,000	\$23,296

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Dennis
Livestreaming: Christopher
Flowers: Dorothy
Ushers today: Dorothy, Philippe
Ushers 24 February: Helene & Michael

Mission Moment – Healing Stigma in Gahana



Two-year-old Moriama Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriama faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community’s hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a

community rehabilitation program. The

dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with Moriama’s community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriama’s mother expressed her profound gratitude: “I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriama is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members.”



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston reached their goal of

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