

Sunday, 24 March, 2024



Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Pietro Lorenzetti. 1320. Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi

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 Haudonosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Fanfare

C. S. Lang

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David

Arthur Hutchings

Call to Worship

On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, showing us the way of peace.

With palm branches in hand, we cry out “Hosanna,” save us now, save us from our warring madness.

We affirm that God is at work when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice.

We pray for peace to him who is the Prince of Peace.

(Living Faith 8.5.3)

Hymn All glory, laud and honour

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box

The Lord’s Prayer

Solo The Donkey

Chesterton/Twiddy

Scripture Lessons Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Monica

Mark 11:1-11

Hymn My song is love unknown

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Message Something Borrowed

Music Ministry The Cross

A. F. Barnes

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow

830

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People (*Response during prayer – God in your mercy,
hear our prayer*)

Hymn Ride on, ride on in majesty

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Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Intrada

Brian Brockless

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
the mercy of the Lord endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

“The mercy of the Lord endures forever.”

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord;

those who are righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!

Lord, send us now success.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord and has shined upon us;

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

the mercy of the Lord endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 – The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
and figs grew up on thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
and ear like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
on all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth
of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour,
one far fierce and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

Words: G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Music: Annabelle Twiddy

Anthem – The Cross

In the cross, in the cross is safety.
In the cross, in the cross is life.
In the cross protection from our foes.
In the cross is sweetness poured upon us from above.
In the cross is spiritual joy,
In the cross the sum of virtue.
In the cross is holiness in perfect beauty.

Words: Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

Music: A.F Barnes, 1938



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Palm Sunday has always been a bit of a challenge, trying to choose the right music with the right meaning and the right mood. It is a challenge to mix the sound of Hosannas and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the sadness of his inevitable rejection, painful crucifixion and death. When I finally regarded the service of Palm Sunday as a transitional service, with a great change in mood, the selection of music became easier.

And so we start the service with a modern triumphant fanfare by English composer C.S. Lang (1891-1971), followed by the Introit “Hosanna to the Son of David” by English composer Arthur Hutchings (1906 – 1989). The sounds of triumph continue with the ancient hymn “All glory, laud and honour”.

Annabelle Twiddy from our choir, has owned several donkeys and respects them as intelligent, sensitive animals. They are not the dumb, stubborn animal that is often portrayed. The poet G.K.Chesterton explored the contrasts in perception about the animal in his famous poem “The Donkey”. Annabelle was inspired to set this poem to music, and with its reference to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, it is appropriate to have Christopher sing it today.

The sounds of triumph are not sustained, however, and the tone becomes more serious with the **second hymn**. The composer, John Ireland (1879-1962), was an interesting man who was inspired by poetry and the English countryside. He did a remarkable job of setting the text by Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683) to music of great impact. All of Ireland’s music all has a unique beauty and depth. He spent his last years living in a lighthouse.

The **Anthem** by English organist and composer A.F. Barnes (1878-1960) deals with the cross and its many meanings. The words are by the Dutch/German priest and writer Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

The service concludes with two pieces of music which are able to combine the triumph of the entry into Jerusalem with the foreshadowing of the tragedy of Good Friday. The hymn text of the last hymn puts it bluntly: “in lowly pomp ride on to die”. The printed music for the **Postlude** gives no indication that this piece has anything to do with Palm Sunday. Yet when I first learned this piece by Brian Brockless (1926-1995), I could only imagine that he had this day in mind. I have recently found out that he was an Ecclesiastical composer and church organist, and I just cannot imagine playing this piece at any time other than Palm Sunday. It is a triumphal march with a very serious undertone and the last few bars are truly tragic. We praised Him, then we rejected Him and then we crucified Him. I think of this every time I play the last chord.

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.

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

Bible Study

We are aiming to start a Bible Study in Mid-April that will be built around a book by Adam Hamilton called "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today" Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou shalt not" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every "thou-shalt-not" was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt".

There will be two opportunities to participate, both here at the church in St. Andrew's Hall, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 or Tuesday evening at 7:00. Folks will be welcome to join whichever group fits your schedule best. We do need to plan for books so please contact the office or Rev. Barry by Easter Sunday so we can get them ordered. If you would prefer an e-reader version, please let us know and we can direct you how to get it that way.

Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday

There will be a service here at 7:00pm on Thursday March 28 to help us acknowledge the Last Meal Jesus shared with his disciples, including communion for all attending. Please join us as we continue the journey to the Cross.

Good Friday

St. Andrews will be hosting this year's Ecumenical Good Friday service (29 March) beginning at 10:30.

Easter Sunday

There will be a regular Easter Sunday service here at St. Andrew's on Sunday, 31 March.

Choir Concert

There will be a choir presentation of John Stainer's "Crucifixion" at St. George's Cathedral on Good Friday (March 29) at 3:00pm. Further details are available from Annabelle Twiddy.

Office Hours

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2.

The Rev. Mary Fontaine Sermon Video

On March 6th, Knox College hosted The Rev. Mary Fontaine, 148th Moderator of the PCC. Her sermon, "A Warrior Peace", is available to view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1agLoGuiJY>

Camp lawah Update

There are 2 opportunities to spend a Saturday at lawah, helping to prepare the site for the coming camp season. They need help with construction, demolition, grounds keeping, trail maintenance, and other assorted tasks: April 13 & May 11, 9-4, lunch is provided. RSVP at: <https://form-can.keela.co/work-party-signup>

There will also be an Open House on Saturday, 18 May, 10-4, when you can tour the camp, try an activity, learn what goes on at camp, and enjoy a BBQ lunch. RSVP at: <https://form-can.keela.co/open-house-registration>

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!

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2024

Sunday School – a multi-grade class, each Sunday immediately after Children's Time. We also have a nursery for infants and pre-schoolers, staffed by a certified ECE.

Choir – Thursdays 7:00 pm, St. Andrew's Hall, mjchall@telusplanet.net

Imago Dei – A gathering to read Scripture, discuss, study and spend time in contemplative prayer. 1st Thursday monthly, 4:30-5:30. Contact: dotmessenger@gmail.com

Prayer in Song – A meditative ecumenical gathering of singing and prayer in the Taizé tradition. Last Friday of each month, 5:15-6:00 pm, in the chapel of St. Andrew's. Enter via doors on Princess St. Dates for 2024 are: Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28.

Session – 2nd Monday monthly, 7:00, St. Andrew's Hall. If you have something you would like to bring to Session, please contact your elder by the Friday before the meeting so it can be put on the agenda.

Financial Review to Feb 29, 2024	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$27,152	\$24,202
Missions	\$3,250	\$3,750

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Dennis

Livestreaming: Christopher

Flowers: Decorating Committee

Ushers today: Dorothy, Wendy

Ushers 24 March: Elaine and Pat

Mission Moment – Creating Community



Following Christ's example to care for the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit, Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre provides care and support for people who have endured intergenerational trauma and profound loss and grief in their lives. The centre promotes healthy grieving practices that include sharing circles and memorial fires, creating a safe space for a time of prayer, sharing sorrow and mourning the loss of loved ones. The community has come to value the importance of the sacred fire teachings and the warmth and comfort it offers, welcoming all to come just as they are.



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In 2024, the congregation of St. Andrew's Kingston has pledged to donate \$23,000 to the work of Christ through Presbyterians Sharing.

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