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Lenten Chapel Service

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Piano Prelude: *Bach*
Prelude in C, BWV 846/i

CALL TO WORSHIP

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.

We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, we thank you for the assurance we have in Jesus Christ that you accept us as we are, and are ready to forgive. Fulfil that promise for us now, that we may be released from past failure and venture a new beginning; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION *(in unison)*

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and love turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 5: 8-14

MEDITATION:*The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods*

‘Living with Opportunity’

Hymn 171: *LOVE UNKNOWN*

“My song is love unknown”

My song is love unknown, My Saviour’s love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
O who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, My Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

-Samuel Crossman (1664)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

BENEDICTION

Piano Postlude: *Brahms*
Intermezzo, op. 117 no. 1

The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, Minister
The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Homilist
Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm, Pianist
Mr. Stratsimir Dimitrov, Montage and Video Producer

Music in Worship: Lenten Chapel Service, March 26, 2020

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) assembled Part I of his *Well-Tempered Clavier*, a collection of 24 preludes and fugues in all major and minor keys, in 1722. According to the title page, collection was “for the profit and use of musical youth desirous of learning, and especially for the pastime of those already skilled in this study.” A second volume followed around 20 years later. The first **Prelude in C major** is an iconic work, and was made famous in its adaptation in the 19th century (with newly-composed melody) as the *Ave Maria*, by Charles Gounod. The premise of the piece is simple: an elegant harmonic progression is realized through a repeating arpeggiated pattern, but in Bach’s hands the result is magical.

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) composed his op. 117 **Intermezzi** near the end of his life. There is a sense of “last testament” about the set, in which one of the Romantic era’s greatest composers distills a lifetime of experience, joy and sorrow into five minutes of a simple yet profound lullaby. Brahms gives a quote from Herder’s poetry at the heading of the piece: “*Sleep softly, my child, sleep softly and beautifully! It pains me to behold your tears.*”

A Note About Stewardship

We rejoice that, through God's grace and modern technology, we are able to continue the worship life of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul despite the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. We welcome you, the viewers of this worship service, in Christ's name.

Should you feel moved to contribute to this ministry, you may use any of the following options to do so. Thank you, and may you and yours experience God's strength and joy, and continuing good health.

1. Cheque by mail - 3415 Redpath St., Montreal, QC, H3G 2G2
2. PAR (Join preauthorized remittances monthly, email office@standrewstpaul.com for a form)
3. E-transfer through your bank website by sending an email to office@standrewstpaul.com
4. Text to donate: Send a text to 20222 with the keyword "AP" to donate. The amount will appear on your next phone bill, with no extra service charges or fees. Donation slips will be issued by your phone provider.

Humbly presented,

The Stewardship Committee

A Note About Pastoral Care

We recognize that life has suddenly become much more challenging for many members, adherents and friends of our congregation. If you have any pastoral concerns please do not hesitate to contact our ministers through the church office at 514-842-3431.