

The Morning Star

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O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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I grew up in the Mennonite Brethren (MB) church, an Anabaptist group that broke off from the Russian Mennonites in 1860, and like all Mennonites, we fit the stereotype that we make good singers, usually in singing in four-parts. The “priesthood of all believers” naturally extends to the “choir of all believers.”

The church I attended was “progressive” among the MB churches in Niagara (which isn’t progressive by most standards). The worship band quickly took over from the choir during my childhood. However, hymnody didn’t disappear—it was transformed. Band leaders set the music in ways so the congregation could, for the most part, still sing in four parts and songwriters wrote new melodies to less-sung hymns. Songwriting became such a strong part of my church’s identity that we built a recording studio. Congregational singing flourished. As a child, this all seemed very normal.

I first heard the hymn “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” set to a tune by Chris Fowler, a pastor and songwriter at my church. (You can hear the tune here: goo.gl/qDAXoE). The melody is warm and, to

my ears, sounds like it is “leading homeward.” I have good memories of hearing my father singing the hymn while washing dishes or around the home, and I find myself singing it while riding my bike around the city.

The text, by Samuel Trevor Francis (1834–1925), describes Jesus’ love as deep waters—an ocean—with a current that leads us to Himself.

It wasn’t until many years later when I found out that “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” is set to a dramatically different melody. The hymn is traditionally set to the Welsh hymn tune “Ebenezer” written by Thomas John Williams in 1896. Fun (alternative) fact: the tune is also known as “Tôn Y Botel” from lore that suggests the tune was found in a bottle that washed up on the Welsh shores. Outside of Wales, the tune is set to harmony by Vaughan Williams. It sounds powerful, muscular, and due to its minor key, a holy ominousness fills the room if all the stops are pulled out on the organ. The sounds of a “mighty ocean” thunderously ring.

Fowler’s and Williams’ settings both reveal the deep, deep love of Jesus in very different ways. If you’re interested, you can ask me to sing either version for you if you see me around Wycliffe.

Intramural Sign-Ups

Sign-up sheets for intramural



soccer and frisbee are on the
Student Council Board.

AT THE FRONT DESK

- Parking Permits
- Commuter Dorms
- Locker Rentals
- Meal Tickets
- Printing/Copying



Wycliffe's annual [At Home](#) is less than a month away. Pull together a fancy outfit and your dancing boots, and mark your calendars for another celebration. **Mandatory sign-up will be posted shortly.**

Wycliffe College is seeking to fill the position of:

Residence Don

Responsibilities include:

- * Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the Residence.
- * Liaising between residents and administrative staff.
- * Ensuring occupancy targets are reached.
- * Recruiting, training and supervising floor dons and night watch positions from amongst residents.

The position would officially begin February 1, 2018; however the transition period and training would preferably begin in late January. The applicant must be able to commit to a minimum of two years in the position.

The successful applicant will live in the Wycliffe residence (an apartment in the college is available for someone who is presently living outside the college).

Remuneration is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your resume and letter expressing why you should be considered by **January 12, 2018** to:
employment@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

A full job description is available upon request from:
employment@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

“Living Into Easter”

Worship Symposium
Calvin Institute of Worship
January 25-27, 2018

Dr. Kate Steiner is organizing a Wycliffe group which will leave on Wed, Jan 24, and return Sat, Jan 27.

Check out <https://worship.calvin.edu>
and contact Kate at
katherineksteiner@gmail.com
by January 12 if you are interested.



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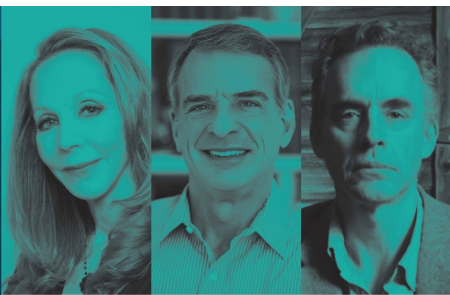
CHRIST MEET'S US IN THE PSALMS

Is There Meaning to Life? Three Perspectives

Friday January 26th 2018
7:30-9:30 p.m. Convocation Hall, University of Toronto

Moderated by Karen Stiller, senior editor, Faith Today

Live stream this event for free at your church or small group. To purchase tickets or to become a live-stream host, go to www.wycliffecollege.ca/religionandsociety



REBECCA GOLDSTEIN
Philosopher & novelist

WILLIAM LANE CRAIG
Professor of philosophy & author

JORDAN B. PETERSON
Clinical psychologist & professor of psychology



QUODLIBETA: OPEN FORUM
William Lane Craig
Thu, Jan 25, 2018 | 7:00pm
Wycliffe College

The Religion and Society Series is brought to you by:

This Wednesday



Principal's Lodge, 3:00



Preacher:
The Rev. Canon Beth Benson
Priest in Charge at the Church of St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto

Don't Forget to Sign Up for Community Dinner!

CHAPEL NEWS

Prayer Services Begin Again
Morning Prayer, 8:30-9:00am
Evening Prayer, 5:30pm-6:00pm
Wednesday Eucharist, 4:45-6:00pm

Welcome!

The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Henderson will be taking over Chaplain responsibilities for Annette Brownlee while she is on sabbatical

Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 7	8 Resident Meal Plan and Lunch Begins Classes Begin	9 MP: J. Duerrstein	10 WE: New Student Welcome Euch: Beth Benson	11 MP: J. Mangina EP: A. Johnson	12 Last Day to Add Class Farewell to Peter Patterson	13
14	15	16 MP: C. Pais	17 WE: Meet with Luke and Yuko Elliott Euch: Luke Elliot	18 MP: T. Donaldson	19 Graduating MDiv Student Comps	20
21	22	23 MP: J. Steiner	24 1:00 Ecumenical Service @ Regis Euch: Bp. Anne Germond	25 MP: M. Taylor EP: D. Choi 7:30, Quodlibeta, Sheraton Hall	26 Financial Cancellation Day, Board Meeting, 7:30, Is There Meaning to Life? Con Hall	27
28	29	30 MP: S. Williamson-Bynoe	31 Evensong @ St. Augustine's (no Eucharist, there is Community Dinner)	Feb 1 MP: A. Hayes	2 The At Home	3

Weekly Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	D. Badgley	J. Paulsen	B. Tshin / K. Baker-Bigauskas	
	EP—Taize	A. Pohlod	B. Poole	A. Pohlod / A. Witt (music)	
Tue	MP	A. Pohlod	W. Hannam / J. Duerrstein (homilist)	T. Everett	
	Evensong	J. Smith	A. Pohlod	J. Smith / J. Mangina	R. Sykes
Wed	MP	B. Poole	+S. Andrews	T. Everett / C. Upton	
	HE	A. Pohlod	+S. Andrews / B. Benson (homilist)	Readers: B. Tshin / M. Quach / J. Galicinski Sub-deacon: J. Galicinski	B. Tshin M. Quach
Thu	MP	A. Johnson	P. Robinson / J. Mangina (homilist)	R. Sykes	
	EP	J. Smith	G. Taylor / A. Johnson (homilist)	M. Quach	
Fri	MP	A. Johnson	M. Henderson	M. Taylor / C. Upton	
	EP	D. Badgley	J. Duerrstein	D. Badgley / A. Pohlod	



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