

The Morning Star

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There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

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*There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!*



As a child I first loved “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying” for its joyful tune (“[Ascension](#)”), written by Hugh Bancroft, an organist in Hamilton. More recently though I’ve come to love this hymn for some other reasons.

First, I love it because it sings (and so teaches) scripture. Its three verses reflect almost word-for-word Isaiah 40: 3-11. In an age when so few people know Scripture it seems especially important that our hymns ground us in it. When the religious leaders asked John the Baptist just who he thought he was, he quoted from this passage. This is why this hymn is often sung in Advent, when we recall John’s ministry. John was able to quote from Isaiah because he knew Isaiah’s words. How important for the Church’s worship to continue to be grounding people in Scripture.

Second, I love it because it is deeply apostolic in content. The meaning of the word “apostle” is “one sent out with a message.” Isaiah was sent with this message, John the Baptist was sent with this message, and the Church is sent with it today. The kingdom of God is already on the way! Get ready people! In an age when so few Christians seem to have either the will or the skill to share their faith, the message of this hymn to live out our apostolic calling remains as important as ever.

Third, I love it because it is steeped in a desire for Christian unity. This hymn was written by James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), a journalist and poet who in 1911 immigrated to Canada from the UK, first serving as a Methodist lay pastor in Actinolite, north of Tweed. In 1913, he became the editor of the Peterborough Review, and in 1922 he was hired as head of public relations for church union. Within three years The Methodist Church, The Congregational Union of Canada, and a majority of the congregations of The Presbyterian Church of Canada had decided to unify. Milligan wrote this hymn in 1925 to celebrate the formation of the United Church of Canada. By the 1930s it was well-loved by Anglicans as well, and so became a musical tie-that-binds believers of many different backgrounds.



You (and an optional plus one) are invited to the
At Home 2018: Dinner and Dance

Fri, Feb 2, 2018

6pm: Dinner & Dessert | 7:30-11:00pm: Dance

Dress code: semi-formal/cocktail

Dinner sign-up closed on Jan 24, but all are welcome to the dance!

Registrar's Office

The last day to drop a class without [financial penalty](#) is Feb 11, and without academic penalty is Mar 9.

If you are planning to convocate in May, please return the Graduate Information Form to the Registrar by Feb 16.

Check out these resources from Wycliffe and UofT:

[Academic Primer for Success](#)

[Learning Strategies](#)

[Success Centre Workshops](#)

Got questions about life

Mondays
6:30-8:15pm
Cody Library

Alpha

If you have questions, or are simply curious to learn more about Jesus and what Christians believe, then why not try ALPHA? Alpha provides an ideal setting where no question is considered dumb and every honest opinion is welcomed. Alpha begins with an informal supper, continues with an engaging 30-minute video, and concludes with comments and discussion. There is no charge, and no obligation to attend more than once. For more info, contact Prof. Glen Taylor at 647-464-2886 or stop by his office (Rm 218).

Intramural Soccer sign-ups are on the bulletin board or by emailing Dayo.

Calling all MDiv and MTS Students:

Your Personal Writing Coach Awaits!

Book an appointment at:

<http://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/arts-and-science/>



FIELD EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Calling on Second-Year M.Divs!

Murray would love to help you with placement this year, but needs to meet you first! Stop by his (Annette's) office or send him an [e-mail](#) to set up an appointment. He hopes to be able to "work prayerfully and discerningly with each student and potential supervisor, to make your placement a vital and memorable part of your theological education."

1st- year student appointments to follow.



MON, FEB 26 STARTING AT 10AM

PREACHING DAY 2018 +++++

CHRIST MEETS US IN THE PSALMS

C. S. Lewis once said that to love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken.

What's wrong with this? It's plagiarism.

Quote your sources rightly:

C. S. Lewis once said, "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken" (*The Four Loves*, 121).

Students!

In an effort to be more green, the College has purchased re-usable interdepartment envelopes for returning your papers for class.



After receiving your paper, please return them to the Front Desk so that we can use them again!

This Wednesday



*Lecture, Prayer, and
Dinner at St.
Augustine's*

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

3:15pm-7:00pm

**There is no Holy Eucharist or
Community Dinner this week. We
expect you to be at St. Augustine's.**

Sign up for Fellowship Groups

On the Wycliffe Bulletin Board

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Behold, I Am Coming Soon

A Sermon Series on the Apocalypse

Morning Prayer | Thursdays

Dr. Jonathan Turner

Career Educator, University of Toronto Career Centre

"Career Planning and Work Search Strategies"

Regis College, Classroom C

Mon, Feb 5, 2018 from 3:00-4:00pm

You must register online prior to Jan 31, 2018

Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 28	29 Alpha @ 6:30	30 MP: S. Pollard	31 Evensong @ St. Augustine's <i>(no Wycliffe Eucharist or Dinner)</i>	Feb 1 MP: A. Hayes EP: G. Taylor	2 The At Home	3
Feb 4	5 Alpha @ 6:30	6 MP: A. Johnson	7 WE: Senior Comps Discussion Euch: Tyler Wigg-Stephenson	8 MP: A. Jervis EP: D. Smith	9	10
Feb 11	12 Alpha @ 6:30	13 MP: A. Pohlod	14 Ash Wednesday WE: Bp. Fred Hiltz Euch: Bp. Fred Hiltz Israel Trip Leaves	15 MP: P. Robinson EP: G. Taylor	16	17
18	19 <i>Family Day— SCHOOL IS CLOSED</i>	20	21	22	23 Board Meeting	24
Reading Week						

Weekly Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	B. Poole	J. Paulsen	D. Olusegun, B. Jenkins	D. Olusegun
	EP—Taize	A. Pohlod	B. Poole	A. Pohlod, A. Witt (music)	A. Pohlod
Tue	MP	A. Pohlod	W. Hannam, S. Pollard (homilist)	J. Henderson, D. Butorac	D. Butorac
	Evensong	A. Pohlod	J. Smith	A. Pohlod, J. Mangina	A. Pohlod
Wed	MP	C. Upton	+SGWA	D. Choi, C. Love	C. Love
	Eucharist	VISIT TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S THIS WEEK			
Thu	MP	A. Johnson	T. Power, A. Hayes (homilist)	D. Choi	D. Choi
	EP	J. Smith	G. Taylor	D. Butorac, C. Curtis	C. Curtis
Fri	MP	A. Johnson	M. Henderson	M. Taylor, D. Olusegun	D. Olusegun
	EP	D. Badgley	J. Duerrstein	D. Badgley, D. Badgley	



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