

The Morning Star

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Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

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Written in the flyleaf of one of my father's bibles are the words "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness". The hymn written by J. S. B. Monsell was categorized, in older hymn books, as an Epiphany hymn with the gold of obedience and

incense of lowliness representing the gifts of the three magi. That narrow classification is unfortunate given that this hymn is a splendid offertory hymn rooted as it is in the praise of the people of Israel as the Ark is brought back into Jerusalem (1 Chr. 16).

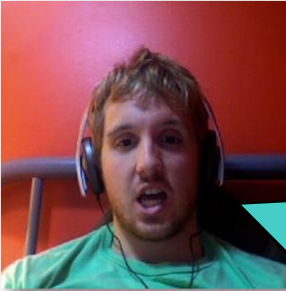
Some commentators have suggested that the author of Chronicles cut and pasted parts of three psalms together (Pss. 96, 105, 106) in order to represent the hymns of praise which might have been sung as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem, with David leaping and dancing before the Lord. Whatever its origin, the hymn, as Monsell clearly intended, orients our hearts and minds toward the privilege of worshipping this holy and glorious God.

In much of our contemporary worship we seem to struggle to hold together the holy otherness of God with our freedom to know God in a personal and intimate manner. Either we see God's

transcendence spatially so that God is perceived as existing in an altogether different realm at a great distance from us, or we assume we can enter directly into God's presence without any sense of the utter holiness of God and our own unworthiness. For example, some contemporary worship songs affirm that God accepts us "just the way we are" or alludes to an intimacy with God that is warm and fuzzy. Somehow we fail to recognize that we have traded the solid foundation of God's grace and mercy for a friable notion of our own self-worth.

In his hymn Monsell offers us a more holistic understanding in which we may enter with assurance into the presence of God because God accepts in Christ: "God will accept for the name that is dear." Monsell gets it right, the transcendence of God is not that God lives in an altogether separate realm but that God is holy and good and true while we are not. And yet we can enter into God's presence with steady confidence because it is in Christ that we are brought before the throne of the Almighty God. Instead of collapsing the difference between God and ourselves in order to make God more accessible, Monsell directs our hearts towards the person of Jesus Christ as our hope and confidence: he is the one who, in the midst of our fear and trembling, makes space for us with God.

NOMINATION



You'll likely recognize me from MySpace, but if not, I'm Jordan Duerrstein, Wycliffe's current Senior Student.

Nominations for next year's Senior Student will start on Monday, Feb 5, with elections to follow after. Stop by our nomination table in Wycliffe's foyer to sign up your friends!

Registrar's Office

The last day to drop a class with *partial financial penalty* is Feb 11 (after Feb 11 there is no refund), 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:

[Academic Primer for Success](#)

[Learning Strategies](#)

[Success Centre Workshops](#)

The At Home 2018 was a great time! To all who came, ate, and danced, and to all who helped organize, decorate, clean, make and help with food, and otherwise gave of their time and effort, Student Council gives you a hearty thank you! We hope everyone had a fun night of togetherness at our Wycliffe home. You can find the photobooth pictures here: <https://tinyurl.com/yd93ggo6>

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? There is 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 Results

Co-Ed

Wycliffe Stars	2
Innis FC	2

Men's Division 2

Wycliffe Stars	0
Innis FC	2

Upcoming Games

Co-Ed

Feb 10, 3:00p	Mar 3, 7:00p
Feb 24, 3:00p	Mar 10, 5:00p

Men's Division 2

Feb 12, 9:00p
Feb 26, 10:00p
Mar 12, 10:00p

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
REGISTER ONLINE!

PREACHING DAY 2018 +++++

CHRIST MEETS US IN THE PSALMS

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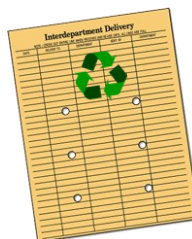
What's wrong with this? It's plagiarism.

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



*Senior
Comprehensive
Discussion*

Reading Room @ 3:00pm



**Homilist at
Eucharist**

**The Rev. Tyler
Wigg-Stevenson**

Asst. Pastor at Little Trinity
(Toronto), Founding Director of
Two Futures Project



MDiv and MTS Students:

Your Personal Writing Coach Awaits!

Book an appointment at:

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



Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 4	5 Alpha, 6:30, Cody	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, Cody	13 MP: A. Pohlod	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 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—Wycliffe Closed</i>	20	21	22	23 Board Meeting	24
Reading Week						
25	26 Preaching Day Alpha, 6:30, Cody Israel Trip Returns	27 MP: S. Pollard	28 WE: Black History Month Euch: TBA	Mar 1 MP: J. Paulsen EP: J. Morris	2 Annual Review	3

Weekly Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	C. Upton	J. Paulsen	J. Smith; K. Baker-Bigauskas	R. Sykes
	EP—Taize	L. Hurst	B. Poole	L. Hurst; T. Hubschmid (music)	A. Pohlod
Tue	MP	A. Pohlod	W. Hannam; A. Johnson (homilist)	R. Sykes; N. Cunha	N. Cunha
	Evensong	D. Badgley	+SGWA	G. Westgate; J. Mangina	G. Westgate
Wed	MP	B. Poole	+SGWA	C. Upton; N. Cunha	C. Upton
	Eucharist	A. Pohlod	J. Paulsen T. Wigg-Stevenson (homilist)	Readers: C. Upton; B. Tshin Server: E. Waller-Roy; Sub-deacon/ deacon: J. Steiner	C. Upton B. Tshin
Thu	MP	A. Johnson	A. Hayes; A. Jervis (homilist)	R. Sykes	N. Cunha
	EP	J. Smith	G. Taylor; D. Smith (homilist)	M. Quach	M. Quach
Fri	MP	A. Johnson	M. Henderson	M. Taylor; T. Everett	T. Everett
	EP	D. Badgley	G. Westgate	D. Badgley; D. Badgley	



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