

The Morning Star

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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This is the hymn that I sing to my children first thing Easter morning. Long ago I sang it to them in their beds down the hall to wake them up for Easter egg hunts and church. Now I sing it to them over the phone –

sometimes still waking them up.

No one knows who composed either the hymn's words, or its tune. The words of the first three verses are based on an anonymous Latin 14th century poem. The hymn first appeared in English translation in the early 1700s. A little after that, Charles Wesley wrote the final verse.

Among the many things I love about this hymn, I will mention two.

First, I love the way the text deals with time. "Jesus Christ is risen today!" This exclamation encourages us to recognize that Jesus' resurrection is now. It is here and now. The excited, almost breathless words – there is no qualification here, just a forthright proclamation – ask us to understand ourselves as singing not about something that happened generations ago,

but something that happened and is now. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! And this means victory for us: "Our triumphant holy day." The loss of our friendship with God, of our communion with God, has been redeemed.

Another aspect of the hymn's treatment of time is its simultaneous focus on the cross, the resurrection, and the ascension. We are asked to pay attention to all at once. This, I think, is profoundly scriptural – in particular, I see it as very Pauline. Christ is at once crucified and risen; and as the risen one, Christ is now at God's right hand: "Now above the sky he's King."

Second, I love the structure of the Alleluias. Alleluia - the word that praises God for who God is and what God does. Alleluia - the word that acknowledges that God alone is the source of our hope and our life. The hymn does not, as some do, emphasize the wonder of God's faithful sacrificial love by lingering over several Alleluias. The power of the hymn's use of this word of praise is sourced in placing a single Alleluia as the response to each of the marvelous claims it makes about Christ. It is as if to say – what else can one do but praise, since Jesus Christ is risen today!

Bursary Applications for 2018-2019

If you are a returning student next year, and want to be considered for financial assistance, the first deadline is March 16, 2018. Fill out the application on the [website](#).

Note 1: *Students with multi-year awards need not reapply, but all single-year awards must reapply.*

Note 2: *If you apply late then you will have missed out on being considered for larger bursaries.*

Registrar's Office

If you are intend to take **Ann Jervis' summer course** *Time, Participation in Christ, and Theosis in Paul*, an early information session to sign up for presentations has been scheduled for 10:30-11:30am March 9 in the West Lecture Room.

All Students:

Please sign up for the [Wycliffe E-Newsletter](#) if you have not already. You can find a link on the front page of the Wycliffe website. Receiving the newsletter will help keep you up to date with important events and announcements.

Summer Courses 2018

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admissions@wycliffe.utoronto.ca — 416-946-3547

The College is hiring paid proof-readers to help some of our international students with their papers. If interested, please contact [Karen Baker-Bigauskas](#).

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).

WYCLIFFESERMONS

Behold, I Am Coming Soon

A Sermon Series on the Apocalypse

Morning Prayer | Thursdays



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Follow the podcast of our own research professor Christopher Seitz, as he comments on the Gospel of Mark and the chosen lectionary readings, providing background, illustration, and description of what in general the New Testament refers to when it speaks of Jesus Christ in "accordance with the scriptures."



INSIGHTS WITH SEITZ

The Symphony of Scripture

Calling All First-Year M.Div Students!

Make an appointment with Canon Murray Henderson to begin the process for your Field Ed Placement for September. Please contact him at mhenderson@wycliffe.utoronto.ca before Feb 28

This Wednesday

*Celebrating Black
History in the Church with
David Kirk McCleary & Friends*

The Principal's Lodge @ 3:00pm



Eucharist Preacher

**The Rev David
Kirk McCleary**

Calvary Baptist Church
(Toronto)

Senior Student

ELECTION

Will it be Ruth Bartlett or
Jordan Smith? Place your
vote in the foyer during
lunch (1-2pm) from Feb 26
to Mar 2.

Lunch & Learn

For Faculty & AD Students

with Karen Stiller

"Author Platforms: How to Build One
Without Having a Heart Attack!"

Thursday, Mar 8, Leonard Hall
1:00-1:50pm

Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 25	26 Preaching Day Alpha, 6:30, Cody Israel Trip Returns	27 MP: S. Pollard	28 WE: Celebrating Black History in the Church (@the Lodge) Euch: Rev. David Kirk McCleary	Mar 1 MP: J. Paulsen EP: J. Morris	2 Annual Review	3
Mar 4	5 Alpha @ 6:30	6 MP: D. Choi	7 WE: "Spirituality" w/ Gordon Smith Euch: Rev. Dr. Gordon Smith	8 MP: D. Kupp EP: G. Taylor	9	10
Mar 11	12 Alpha @ 6:30	13 MP: S. Kitchen	14 WE: PREACH OFF! Euch: TBA	15 MP: W. Hannam EP: J. Steiner	16	17
Mar 18	19 Alpha @ 6:30	20 MP: D. Smith	21 WE: Student Council Event (TBA) Euch: Rev. Ajit John	22 MP: T. Power EP: G. Taylor	23 Board Meeting	24

Weekly Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	C. Upton	M. Henderson	L. Hurst; B. Jenkins	L. Hurst
	EP—Taize	A. Pohlod	C. Sider-Hamilton; J. Byassee	B. Poole	B. Poole
Tue	MP	A. Pohlod	W. Hannam; S. Pollard (homilist)	D. Smith; C. Inniss	C. Inniss
	Evensong	J. Smith	D. Badgley	B. Poole; J. Mangina	D. Smith
Wed	MP	B. Poole	J. Steiner	L. Hurst; C. Inniss	C. Inniss
	Eucharist	A. Pohlod	C. Sider-Hamilton D. K. McCleary (homilist)	Readers: M. Waterman; C. Pais Server: S. Pollard Deacon: D. Smith	M. Waterman C. Pais
Thu	MP	A. Johnson	P. Robinson; J. Paulsen (homilist)	J. Galicinski	J. Galicinski
	EP	J. Smith	G. Taylor; J. Morris (homilist)	C. Pais	C. Pais
Fri	MP	A. Johnson	M. Henderson	M. Taylor; J. Galicinski	J. Galicinski
	EP	D. Badgley	J. Duerrstein	D. Badgley; D. Badgley	



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