

# The Morning Star

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## “It is Well with My Soul”

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you to read on in the hope that it might become one.)

Its writer, Horatio Spafford, was certainly no stranger to adversity. A prominent lawyer in Chicago, Spafford lost a fortune in the Chicago fire of 1871. That same year he and his wife Anna lost a son to pneumonia. And just a few years later they lost *all four of their daughters*—Annie, Maggie, Bessie, and Tanetta—to a shipwreck at sea.

The story goes like this. In 1873 the Spafford family decided to take an ocean-liner to England, but Horatio stayed back at the last minute for a business matter. He promised to follow soon. However, at mid-sea *The Ville du Havre* collided with another ship and sunk, killing most of the passengers, including the Spafford girls. Anna survived and soon sent a telegram from Wales: “Saved alone. What shall I do?”

Spafford took the next available ship to visit

Hearing “It is well, it is well, with my soul,” sung slowly has the power to offer deep comfort to those facing adversity. This is one reason why this hymn is a favorite of mine. (If it isn’t a favorite of yours, I ask

and comfort his wife. Four days out, the captain showed Mr. Spafford the approximate location where his daughters had drowned. Whether right then or not, it was on this journey that he wrote: “When peace like a river attendeth my soul, When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, ‘It is well, it is well, with my soul.’”

The end of the story might be a bad spoiler for some (fair warning!), but takes little if anything away from the faith and courage these hymn lines reflect and evoke. Although the Spaffords moved to Jerusalem where they founded a care centre for all of Jerusalem’s people, they soon drifted into wildly heretical ideas and practices, along with, in the case of Horatio, becoming delusional. Tragedy had befallen them again. Or perhaps it is better to say that tragedy caught up with them in the end.

Rather than spoil anyone’s love for this hymn, I hope that I might have brought comfort and hope to another group of people—those who cannot sing “It is well with my soul,” in the midst of tragedy! After all, God knows we Christians are only human. Besides, whatever is well with our souls owes nothing to human fortitude and everything to God. Horatio died in 1888 and was buried in Jerusalem.

## From the Registrar's Office...

### E-Newsletter!

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.

### TST Bursaries!

Applications are now being accepted for TST Board of Trustees Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards, and

must be submitted by 4:00pm on Tuesday, March 27.

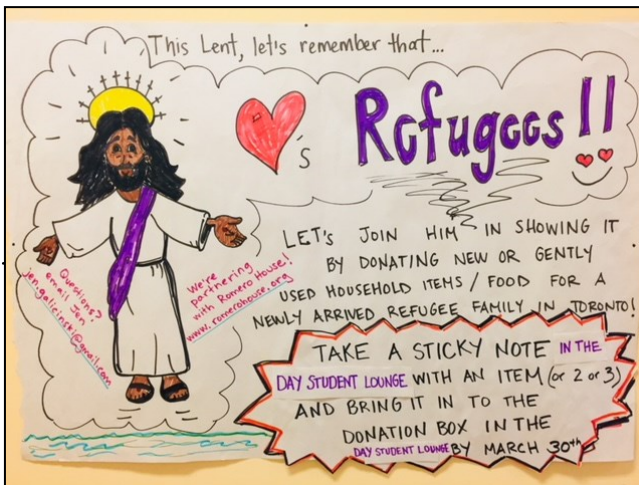
Detailed information about each award and the application process is available on the [TST website](#) (click on "TST Board of Trustees Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards" to open that selection).

Questions can be directed towards [Beth Neilly](#) at the TST office (416-978-1285).

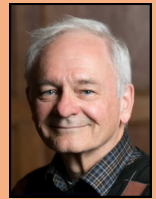
### Summer OSAP!

The online Summer OSAP Extension Application is now available and can be accessed at <http://future.utoronto.ca/finances/financial-aid/summer-osap>

Eligibility requirements and deadlines are listed on the OSAP web page. Students who apply by the March 31 deadline should expect to receive funding, if approved, within the first two weeks of classes.



“At the Reformation, the Anglican church retained the practice of sacramental confession to God in the presence of a Minister of the Gospel. Some Anglicans engage in ‘Confession’ or ‘Reconciliation’ as one of their spiritual disciplines. Our Acting Chaplain, [Fr. Murray Henderson](#), is available for any students, faculty, or staff who feel led to make their Confession, a discipline especially appropriate in the Lenten Season. Please speak to Murray or contact him for an appointment. A preliminary discussion can be helpful for making a confession for the first time.”



“The civil powers must drive the common people, whip, choke, hang, burn, behead and torture them, that they may learn to fear the powers that be” ~ Martin Luther (*El. ed.* 15, 276).

**What's wrong with this? Luther didn't say it.**

*Always check your sources!*

For the original Luther text, see Joel Baseley, *The Festival Sermons of Martin Luther* [2005], 248-249.

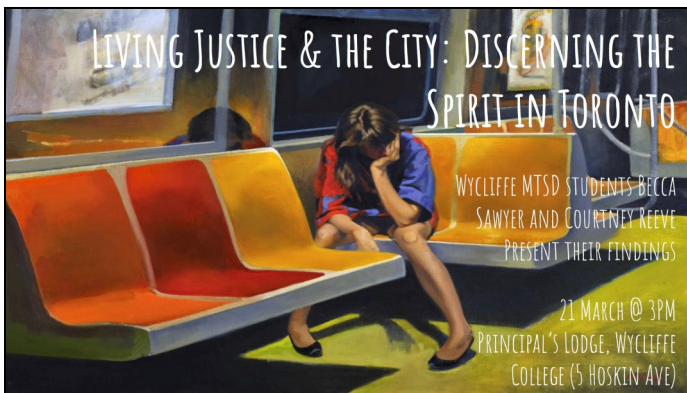
# Summer Courses 2018

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**THE STRANGE  
NEW WORLD  
WHERE MY  
WEAKNESS IS  
MY STRENGTH**

Hosted by Wycliffe and the U of T Multi-Faith Centre  
Thursday, March 22, 2018 in the Wycliffe Chapel  
5:00-6:00pm | All are welcome | Free dinner will follow

## This Wednesday



**4:45 Eucharist  
with Rev. Ajit John**

*St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
Toronto, ON*

# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

**Senior Student**  
Ruth Bartlett

**VP Theology**  
Daniel Bach

**VP Spirituality**  
Bridget Poole

**Treasurer**  
Ben Tshin

**Social Chairs**  
Sonya Lawley & Kenny Innis

**Missions Chair**  
Mimi Kam

**House Advocate**  
Emma Mittermaier

**Green Chair**  
Sydney Caron

**Day Students Rep**  
Logan Hurst

**Second Year Rep**  
Matthew Waterman

# Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18	19 <b>Alpha @ 6:30</b>	20 <b>MP:</b> D. Smith	21 <b>WE:</b> Living Justice and the City <b>Euch:</b> Ajit John	22 <b>MP:</b> T. Power <b>5:00-6:00</b> Strange New World of Jesus @ Chapel	23 <b>Board Meeting</b>	24
25	26 <b>Alpha @ 6:30</b>	27 <b>MP:</b> D. Lee	28 <b>WE:</b> Dr. Anders Runesson, 3:00 <b>Euch:</b> Dr. Anders Runesson	29 <b>MP:</b> C. Sider-Hamilton <b>EP:</b> G. Taylor <i>Maudy Thursday: Admin Closes @1:00</i>	30 <i>Good Friday: College Closed</i>	31
<i>Apr 1</i>  <i>Easter</i>	2 <i>No Alpha This Week</i>  <i>Easter Monday</i>	3 <b>MP:</b> TBA	4 <b>WE:</b> Exit Interviews & Ice Cream! <b>Euch:</b> J. Duerrstein	5 <b>MP:</b> +SGWA <b>EP:</b> G. Taylor	6 <b>Last Day of Classes</b>	7
8	9 <b>Alpha @ 6:30</b>	10	11	12	13 Summer Internship Orientation	14
Exam Week						

## Weekly Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	C. Upton	J. Paulsen	J. Morris; K. Baker-Bigauskas	J. Loewen-Samuels
	EP—Taize	C. Upton	B. Poole	J. Sholl; T. Hubschmid (music)	J. Sholl
Tue	MP	A. Pohlod	W. Hannam; D. Smith (homilist)	Z. Bartkus; D. Badgley	G. Hynds
	Evensong	J. Smith	A. Pohlod	S. Lawley; J. Mangina	S. Kitchen
Wed	MP	B. Poole	+SGWA	J. Morris; Z. Bartkus	G. Hynds
	Eucharist	A. Pohlod	A. Hayes A. John (homilist)	Readers: S. Kitchen; J. Loewen-Samuels Server: Z. Bartkus; Deacon: E. Waller Roy Intercessor: F. Andrews	S. Kitchen J. Loewen-Samuels
Thu	MP	A. Johnson	A. Hayes; T. Power (homilist)	J. Morris	G. Hynds
	EP	<b>Strange New World of Jesus Meeting, 5:00-6:00</b>			
Fri	MP	A. Johnson	M. Henderson	M. Taylor; J. Loewen-Samuels	
	EP	D. Badgley	G. Westgate	D. Badgley; D. Badgley	



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