

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



September 17, 2023 - 11:00 am

*All who are able are invited to stand

Preludes - Prelude
Lied

*Everett Titcomb
Louis Vierne*

***Processional Hymn 826** - Ye holy angels bright (Darwall's 148th)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit: As torrents in summer

Edward Elgar

As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels, suddenly rise, tho' the sky is still cloudless. For rain has been falling far off at their fountains. So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'erflowing, and they that behold it, marvel, and know not that God at their fountains far off has been raining!

Invocation

The Rev. Paula Willis

The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Responsive Psalm 103:1-13**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Family Ministries

Heather Mackey

***Hymn 587** - Amazing Grace (New Britain) *(omit vs. 5 & 6)*

(Children are invited to come sit on the chancel steps)

Prayer with the children

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes &
Heather Mackey**

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture - Romans 14:7-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Geri Montgomery

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Paula Willis

Offering

*Remember the words of our Lord Jesus who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
(Acts 20:35)*

Anthem - Purest and highest

Charles Villiers Stanford

Purest and highest, wisest and most just, there is no truth save only in thy trust. Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall, and bring thro' Christ to him for whom are all. Eternal Glory, all men thee adore, who art and shalt be worship'd evermore. Us whom thou makest comfort with thy might, and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Hymn 669** - I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfols)

Sermon - The Poetry of Grace

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Recessional Hymn 806** - There's a wideness in God's mercy (Stuttgart 272)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Choral Amen** - Udell in A

Postlude - Allegro and Fugue (Sonata #2) Felix Mendelssohn

Parents are invited to go and sign-out their child(ren) in Cameron Hall during the Postlude.

*Jessica Willingham, Emily Lapin, Loren Graziano, sopranos
Margaret Terry, Alessia Vitali, altos
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors
Lutzen Riedstra, Stephen King, basses
Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician*

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers this morning are placed in loving memory of **Robert Montgomery** by Geri and family. Today would have been his 81st birthday; we are so grateful for his life.*

Since the departure of our former Administrative Assistant, Cody Berevich, in May 2022 the Board of Finance and Administration has had an ongoing search for a replacement. In the interim, the church engaged the services of a temp agency through which Jessica came to us. Jessica has served the church faithfully and well and been a delight to work with. The Board of F&A announced last week that their ongoing search is now complete and **Lily Petick** is our new Administrative Assistant. Lily started on September 11 and Jessica will remain on duty with us through this week. We welcome Lily warmly and express our heartfelt gratitude to Jessica.

We have been saddened this week by three deaths in the church family.

A Funeral Service will be held for **Christena Gay** on Thursday, September 21 at 11 a.m. at the Morley Bedford Funeral Home, 159 Eglinton Ave. West

A Memorial Service will be held for **Catherine Palmer** on Thursday, September 28 at 11 a.m. at the Church of The Ascension, at 33 Overland Drive in Don Mills.

A Memorial Service will be held for **Jeffrey Speller** on Wednesday, October 4 at 2 p.m. at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.



Lighthouse Kids DOXA Youth

Every Sunday Morning at 11am:

Upon arrival, parents are to sign-in their child (Gr. 5 & under) before the service begins at the Centre Hall Table and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall following the Benediction of the Service (during the postlude).

- Children/youth and their families stay in the Sanctuary for the first part of the Worship Service
- After the Children's Prayer Time in the Worship Service, children, youth and leaders will go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning
- For Youth (Gr. 6-12) joining online, please use our zoom link to gather with DOXA at 11:40am (Hybrid)

Mid-Week Ministries:

Tuesdays ONLINE:

- Family Ministry (ALL ages) 6:30-7:15pm

After DOXA every Sunday, we encourage YOUTH (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs to connect with snacks and activities!

To receive our weekly Family Ministry E-update, Zoom links or any information about our ministries, schedule, events, collage and more, please contact **Heather Mackey** at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com

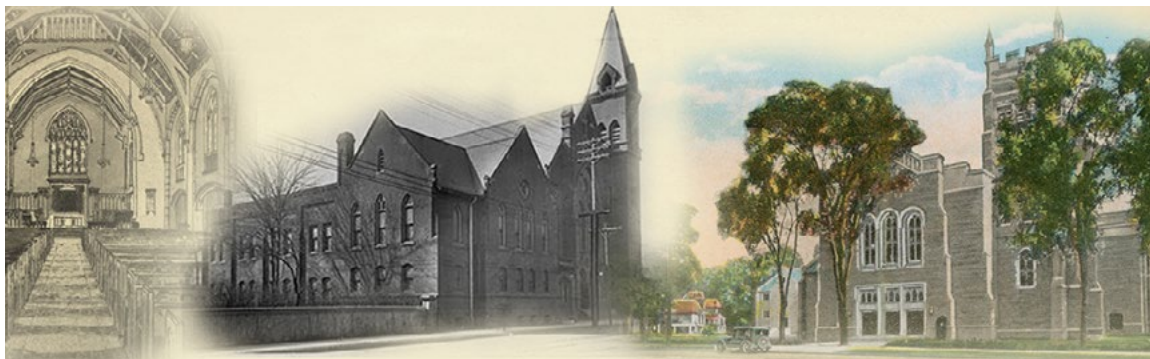
DOXA Youth and their leaders are having a chilli & chip luncheon, today after the service!

Like us on [Facebook](#) | Follow us on [Instagram](#) | Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#)

Family Ministry Collage - September 17, 2023



"LORD, IF MY BROTHER OR SISTER SINS AGAINST ME, HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?"
JESUS SAID TO HIM, "NOT SEVEN TIMES, BUT, I TELL YOU, SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES."
 Matthew 18: 21-22



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.

A special worship service to celebrate the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith.



This year the **Reverend Craig Rumble** will be our guest preacher. Craig is the Pastor of Markham Baptist Church, and Past President of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. Over his career Craig has served churches in Sarnia, Windsor, and Littleton, Colorado. It will be an honour to welcome Craig to our pulpit.

We have chosen the last Sunday in September as our Anniversary Sunday because we have several important dates to recognize each year. At our current location, our sanctuary was dedicated in March 1928 as Yorkminster Baptist Church. Its predecessor - Bloor Street Baptist Church - opened in 1882, while earlier congregations on Bond Street and in the Yorkville area of Toronto can be traced as far back as 1829. We also celebrate the 1961 merger between Yorkminster and Park Road Baptist Church (which was founded in 1922). Now, as Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, we have much to celebrate!

Please mark your calendar for this special service of worship with us.



YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

FLEETING VISTAS

NELSON CHENG

SEPTEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Reception: Sunday, September 17, 2023, 12:30 - 2:00pm

GALLERY HOURS:

Sunday: 11am-12pm and 12:15pm- 1pm | **Saturday:** noon-4:00pm

Private viewings are also available by appointment with the artist: info@nelsoncheng.ca

BEGINNER WATERCOLOUR AT YORKMINSTER PARK

ANN STIRLING, INSTRUCTOR

WEDNESDAYS, September 20 - November 22 | 10:30am - 1:30pm

10 weeks for **\$300*** | Limited to 12 people

*For those of you who have always dreamed of painting
with watercolour – this course is designed for you.*

The instructor's motto is, "It's easy with Ann."

Registration forms are available in the Yorkminster Park Gallery

All proceeds support Yorkminster Park | For more information: annstirling34@gmail.com

*Supplies are extra. Materials list, supplier and guidance available to all.



THE CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

COTH Food Bank is facing historic demand for its services.

What they used to dispense in a week is now being given out in one day. Working people and families can no longer afford rent **AND** food. COTH Food Bank offers food parcels to clients outdoors and home delivering parcels to infirm and elderly.

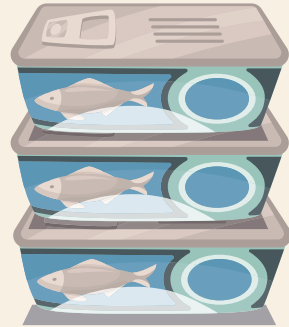
Please remember those in our city are who are struggling and in need of assistance. Visit us at our website www.cothfoodbank.ca for more info or to donate.

Thank you for your support.



The Food of the Month
for SEPTEMBER is

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PRAYER SERVICE

OCTOBER 1, 7:00 P.M. **IN-PERSON** ONLY

Music by Iona Passage with Sharlene Wallace on harp, Sue Piltch on flute, and Eric Robertson on the piano.

If you are unable to be with us but would like us to light a candle and say a prayer for someone, please email the name to pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



YPBC LIFE GROUP **BOOK CLUB**

Are you a reader?

Do you like to discuss books that you have read? Then this group is for you.

When: Third Tuesday of each month from September 2023 to June 2024
(no December meeting)

Where: by Zoom | **Time:** 7:30– 8:30 p.m.

We will be meeting this Tuesday September 19

We will be discussing the book *“Run Towards the Danger: Confrontations with a body of memory”* by Sarah Polley (Non-fiction) .

For more information and to **register**, please contact office@yorkminsterpark.com



Run Towards the Danger: Confrontations with a Body of Memory

Sept. 19, 2023
Sarah Polley



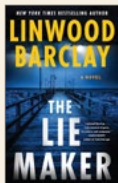
One Brother Shy
NOTE the author will be joining us.

Jan. 16, 2024
Terry Fallis



The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times

Apr. 16, 2024
Michelle Obama



The Lie Maker

Oct. 17, 2023
Linwood Barclay



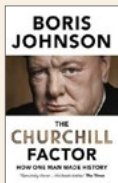
My Seven Black Fathers: A Young Activist's Memoir of Race, Family, and the Mentors Who Made Him Whole

Feb. 20, 2024
Will Jawando



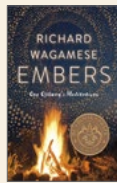
Old Filth

May 21, 2024
Jane Gardam



The Churchill Factor

Nov. 21, 2023
Boris Johnson



Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations

Mar. 19, 2024
Richard Wagamese



Coronation Year

Jun. 18, 2024
Jennifer Robson



IMPORTANT FALL DATES AT YORKMINSTER PARK

Sunday, September 17, 12:30 p.m. Yorkminster Park Art Gallery
Nelson Cheng art exhibition opens YP Gallery's 2023-2024 season

Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Beginner Watercolour classes start
Ann Stirling, Instructor. Course runs for 10 weeks. Registration forms in the gallery.

Friday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. YP Speakers Series
Ron Brown, Travel writer – “Top 170 Unusual Things to See in Ontario” www.ypspeakersseries.com

Sunday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. Yorkminster Park Anniversary Sunday
A service to celebrate the blessings of our history and heritage as we press on in faith. The Rev. Craig Rumble will be our guest preacher.

Friday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. YP Speakers Series
Dr. Andrea McCrady, Canada's Dominion Carillonneur from the Peace Tower in Ottawa – “Toronto: Home of the Oldest and Newest Carillons in North America” www.ypspeakersseries.com

Saturday, September 30, 4:00 p.m. Inaugural Recital on the YP Carillon with Dr. Andrea McCrady

Sunday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. Dedication of the Yorkminster Park Carillon

Sunday, October 1, 12:30 p.m. - Sunday Recital on the YP Carillon with Dr. Andrea McCrady

Sunday, October 1, 7:00 p.m. Iona Liturgy with music by Iona Passage

Sunday, October 22 - Tuesday October 24 The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
An annual continuing education event for clergy and all who value quality preaching. To learn more or register visit www.lesterrandall.com

STAY CONNECTED:

Share your email address to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park and to notify you of any special upcoming services and events. You can also **sign up to receive** the **Sunday calendar** in your inbox every Friday. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, September 17

- 10:00 am** Berean Class, Red Board Room / Zoom
- 10:00 am** Bible-in-one-year Discussion Group, Fifth Floor Boardroom
- 11:00 am** Morning Worship featuring The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching
- 11:00 am** Family Ministries (Lighthouse Kids and DOXA Youth), Cameron Hall
- 11:40 am DOXA Youth Zoom (Hybrid)
- 12:30 pm** DOXA Youth Lunch, Youth Zone

Monday, September 18

- 10:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 1:00 pm** Women of the Word (Zoom Only)
- 6:00 pm** Women's Executive Pot Luck Dinner, Friendship Room

Tuesday, September 19

- 10:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 am** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Friendship Room (302)
- 10:00 am** Dorcas, Youth Zone (508)
- 11:00 am** Open Door Ministry
- 6:30 pm** Family Ministries (Zoom Only)
- 7:30 pm** Book Club (Zoom Only)

Wednesday, September 20

- 7:00 am** Morning Brew, Friendship Room
- 10:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 am** Water Colour Art Lessons, Youth Zone (508)
- 11:00 am** Open Door Ministry
- 12:30 pm** Noonday Organ Recital, featuring Hanné Becker
- 7:00 pm** Board of Music Meeting, Red Board Room / Zoom

Thursday, September 21

- 10:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Door Ministry
- 11:00 am** Christena Gay Funeral, Offsite Event
- 7:00 pm** Singing Praises Life Group (Zoom Only)
- 7:00 pm** Path Finder's Group (Zoom Only)
- 7:30 pm** Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, September 22

- 10:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 6:00 pm** Bay Street Life Group, Youth Zone (508)
- 7:00 pm** YPSS Presents Ron Brown - Top 170 Unusual Things to See in Ontario, Cameron Hall / Zoom

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

- 11:00 am** Anniversary Sunday, Morning Worship, The Rev. Craig Rumble preaching

Cover: On Saturday, September 9th, the Needlework Guild of Toronto and Yorkminster Park Dorcas hosted Knitting-in-the-Park. Thirty-five needlework enthusiasts attended the event.

Photo: Janice Ivory-Smith

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

Thank you for joining us in person and online via our webcasts.

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Accessibility: Large-print Bibles and calendars, hearing assistance and a limited number of wheelchairs are available upon request. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

Offerings and Gifts

There are a number of ways to make offerings or gifts to the church.

In Person: Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or events.

By Mail: Send your offering to the church by mail (please send cheques, if possible).

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.

Online: Visit yorkminsterpark.com > Give
OR

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code:
It will take you directly to our Canada Helps page. ▶



Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

In the prayerful hope of true reconciliation and healing, we acknowledge the land we are meeting on has been the site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to live, work and worship on this land.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Paula Willis

Minister of Pastoral Care
and Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox

BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

Ms. Heather Mackey

Director of
Family Ministries

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi

RN, Parish Nurse

The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care



The Yorkminster Park Speakers Series is a continuing education program of Yorkminster Park Church intended to engage the Midtown community at Yonge & St. Clair, and from across Toronto and beyond – Everyone is welcome.

We aim to build and sustain *a community of the curious*, where you can encounter authoritative speakers eager to share their knowledge, discover new areas of interest or dig deeper into familiar ones, and engage with others of like mind in a convivial setting of mutual respect.

Although accessible online and recorded for those unable to attend in person or watch live, these lectures are intended as *social occasions*. Meet your neighbour, invite your colleague, bring your grandchild. We extend a particular invitation to students ready to supplement their formal education and set out on the road of *life-long learning*.

Your donation at the door (\$15 or ‘pay what you can’) is voluntary and only partially covers program costs. If you agree that *continuing education* is worth the investment, would you consider making a legacy gift or sponsoring a specific speaker from out of town? If so, we’d love to hear from you. You can also support the series by buying a “Season’s Pass” for just \$99 (\$79 for students).

With your *Season’s Pass* you can attend any or all of the thirteen lectures in the 2023–24 season. Your support in whatever form helps us maintain the high quality and versatility of our program.

Thank you.

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2023-24 SEASON

Cameron Hall, 1585 Yonge Street
(also available as a live webcast)



A lecture by **Ron Brown**
Friday, September 22nd 2023 | 7:00pm
“**Top 170 Unusual Things to See in Ontario**”



A lecture by **Dr. Andrea McCrady**
Friday, September 29th 2023 | 7:00pm
“**Toronto: Home of the Oldest and Newest Carillons in North America**”



A lecture by **Adam Shoalts**
Friday, October 13th 2023 | 7:00pm
“**Where the Falcon Flies: A 3,400 Kilometre Odyssey From My Doorstep to the Arctic**”



A lecture by **Heather McTavish Taylor**
Wednesday, October 25th 2023 | 7:00pm
“**Uncovering the Past: Tales from a Passionate Genealogist**”



A lecture by **Professor Jan Grabowski**
Wednesday, November 8th 2023 | 7:00pm
“**Holocaust Distortion as a new form of Holocaust Denial: The Case of Poland**”



A lecture by **Neil Hetherington**
Friday, November 24th 2023 | 7:00pm
“**‘It’ll never happen to me’ is happening to over 2.5 million Canadians relying on foodbanks**”



A lecture by **Barbara Dickson**
Friday, January 12th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo – Munitions Production in Scarborough during World War Two**”



A lecture by **Jon Allen**
Wednesday, January 24th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Israel – Palestine: The Two State Solution is Not Dead – Health Care Cooperation Can Keep it Alive**”



A lecture by **Don Loucks**
Friday, February 9th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Modest Hopes: Homes and Stories of Toronto’s Workers from the 1820s to the 1920s**”



A lecture by **Peter Neary**
Friday, March 1st 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Newfoundland: From Country to Province**”
(On the 75th anniversary of Newfoundland’s Confederation with Canada)”



A lecture by **Marlis Butcher**
Friday, April 12th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Park Bagger: Exploring Gausuittuq (Kow-soo-ee-took) National Park In the High Arctic**”



An Evening with **The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark**
Friday, May 10th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**Joe Clark in Conversation with Former Ambassador and MP Chris Alexander**”



A lecture by **Greg Lyle**
Friday, June 7th 2024 | 7:00pm
“**How Canadians View Their World: Taking the mystery out of Public Opinion Research**”

Hymns September 17th

Processional Hymn 826 - Ye holy angels bright (Darwall's 148th)

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

***Hymn 587 - Amazing Grace (New Britain)**

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

***Hymn 669** - I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfols)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

***Recessional Hymn 806** - There's a wideness in God's mercy
(Stuttgart 272)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.