Bloor Street United Church

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Mr. John Bell - - - Sexton
Sunday, October 22nd, 1944

MORNING

CALL TO WORSHIP
(The Congregation standing)

PRAISE (unannounced)
Hymn 9—Lobe den Herren
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING
Selection 742
Psalm 139

GLORIA PATRI
(Choir and Congregation)

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 33: 17-23; 34: 5-8

CHOIR
“Holy, Holy, Holy”
—Handel

PRAYER

PRAISE
Hymn 306—St. Peter
“How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds”

SERMON
The Minister
“THE SACRED NAME”
Matthew 6: 9

PRAYER

SOLO

OFFERING

PRAISE
Hymn 349—St. Andrew
“I’m not ashamed to own my Lord”

BENEDICTION
Amen

NATIONAL ANTHEM

EVENING

CALL TO WORSHIP
(The Congregation standing)

PRAISE (unannounced)
Hymn 680—French
“I to the hills will lift mine eyes”

PRAYER

CHANT (unannounced)
Selection 740
Psalm 130

SCRIPTURE
Mark 10: 35-45

SOLO

PRAYER

PRAISE
Hymn 355—Lille
“Saviour, while my heart is tender”

OFFERING

CHOIR
“God so Loved the World”
—Stainer

PRAYER

SERMON
The Minister
“THE VICARIOUS LIFE”
I John 3: 16

PRAYER

PRAISE
Hymn 71—Forest Green (No. 51)
“O sing a song of Bethlehem”

BENEDICTION
Amen

NATIONAL ANTHEM
LOOKING AHEAD

Last Sunday, in this space, we were looking back on the beginnings and earlier developments of this congregation. But we must be backward looking only so far as it encourages us to work and plan ahead for greater achievements in the work of extending His Kingdom.

In the postwar world the Christian Church will face larger opportunities. It will be looked to more than ever for spiritual guidance and upbuilding. To it will come another chance to carry Christ's gospel to those countries where war has thwarted regular missionary activities. At home and abroad doors temporarily closed will again be wide open.

To serve well in the new day, to be equal to the new challenge, the individual congregations that make up the Church will require strong bases all along the home front. In the particular section of the Master's vineyard, where Bloor Street Church holds the line, we shall be ready for the postwar advance only to the extent that we have: (1) a well maintained building and equipment in use for worship services and all mid-week activities; (2) able and consecrated ministers, an efficient staff and a working membership.

It is to that end your Board of Management invites the members and adherents to contribute a special anniversary offering of $4,500 on November 12th. Early next month a letter from the Board will be issued to outline more fully this anniversary appeal.

—THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

WHAT NOT SALE

Have you sent in your "WHAT NOT'S" for the Sale on November 2nd?

Anything from toys to furniture will find a place in one of the many booths.

Come and bring your friends. Do Christmas shopping. Afternoon tea and evening refreshments will be served.
SUNDAY
10.00 a.m. — Senior Church School Classes.
11.30 a.m.—Primary and Junior and Intermediate Departments.
4.30 p.m.—The Welcome Circle will meet in the Club Room (downstairs).

FRIENDSHIP HOUR
in the Kirk Club Room. It is Music Night. Come and get acquainted with other young folk.

MONDAY
8.00 p.m.—At the Young Business Women's Club Miss M. Leader, Librarian of the Danforth Technical School, will give a book review, after which there will be a social half hour. All young business women are cordially invited.

TUESDAY
10.30 a.m.—The Executive of the Wallace Auxiliary will meet in the downstairs club rooms.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Meeting of the Woman's Association. Speaker: Mrs. H. M. Aitken, lecturer and radio commentator, and food editor of the Montreal Sphere.
Subject: “Life can begin at Forty.”
7.00 p.m.—Kirk Club Red Cross Sewing in the Assembly Hall.
8.00 p.m.—Young People’s Association.
The programme will be under the leadership of the Citizenship Group.
Miss Frances Wright, of the National Selective Service, will speak on “Unemployment Insurance.”
Recreation and refreshments.

WEDNESDAY
8.00 p.m.—Meeting for Prayer. During the month of October Trinity congregation will unite with us for these meetings and they will be held in Bloor Street Church.

THURSDAY
10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.—Workers for the Red Cross Supplies will meet as usual.

FRIDAY
5.30 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Supper Meeting.
7.00 p.m.—Trail Rangers and Tuxis Groups.

FLOWERS — In Memoriam
The flowers on the Communion Table to-day are in memory of Mr. Wm. Inglis.

BADMINTON CLUB
Hours: Thursday—7.30-10.30 p.m.
Monday—7.30-10.30 p.m.
Saturday—2.30-5.00 p.m.
For further information, please call:
Miss Olive Luke, Mt. 8701
Miss Betty O’Keefe, Kl. 3626.

CHURCH EXITS
To relieve the congestion at the Huron-Bloor exit, may we suggest that it would add to the comfort and convenience of many if the Bloor Street exit and the exits through the north doors in and below the gallery, were more generally used when leaving the church.

NEEDED — 30,000 DITTY BAGS

We have been advised by the War Service Units of the United Church of Canada that the Navy League has requested the United Church to provide 30,000 Ditty Bags for the Merchant Marine. This is a call we cannot ignore.

The Woman’s Association feels that this church should undertake as its share at least 150 of these bags. Each bag must contain at least one knitted article, and the women of the congregation are asked to donate as many of these as possible. Please bring them to the church on or before October 26th.

Donations may be made for the financing of this work through the envelopes in the pews to-day and next Sunday.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WORSHIP AND IN ACTION

(Extracts from sermon delivered by Dr. Pidgeon on Sunday, October 15th.)

The Church’s object in everything done in her name is to lead men to God. We teach in the Church School with a view to the conversion of our children. Our services of worship are directed to the same end. One cannot study the teaching and example of Jesus without feeling at every point that to Him the salvation of persons was God’s chief aim in all His dealings with men. If we fail in this we fail to lead them even to begin the Christian life.

The public worship of God is a sacred obligation. The position of this church on the city’s thoroughfare is a silent summons to worship to everyone who sees it. It is a silent announcement of our belief in the value of the soul’s union and communion with God. The services of worship which we conduct are channels through which our devotion rises to God. The Church thus stands at the very fount of life.

The Church is founded on the fact of God. Our Church stands on and stands for the fact that God is and God reigns, that God judges and God saves, and that men are called to accept His grace. When we are called to support our church we are called to maintain a corporate witness to the Unseen and to insist that our destiny depends on God’s grace.

This congregation has mid-week activities for her young people ministering to every side of their nature. The salvation of the soul is not enough; the whole man, body, soul and spirit, must be brought under Christ’s dominion. All that we do is with a view to the Church’s chief end in their experience and character. Every child knows the Church’s object in all that she does for him, but it ought to be made clear and emphatic at every turn.

Our Church is historic. It has a glorious past which we are called to fulfill. Our Church is part of the universal Church of Christ; it is the universal Church in action at this corner. Our fathers fought for her faith and her freedom, and carried her message to all the world. We must hold high the torch they kindled.

The boys and girls whom we try to interest and serve in this church are our richest asset. They may upset things once in a while, but all our finances and equipment are intended to build up their manhood or womanhood in Christ. The future of the church is with them; if we win them and hold them for Christ the Church will be a power in the days to come.

Our work in this congregation is part of an enterprise which has been carried on through the centuries and now reaches out to all the world. If we fail, the Church of Christ will be let down at this spot; our success will strengthen the whole.
Church to-day because they had the courage and faith to claim the world for Christ. In that enterprise this congregation took its full share. If we, their descendants and heirs, equally full of self-reproach for our defects, give ourselves to our tasks with equal devotion, we, too, will see God's work prosper in our hands. The reason is that although we are frail human beings, we are dealing with divine forces. God turns the visions He inspires into realities through those that trust Him, weak though they may be. In fact, their awareness of their weakness gives scope for the exercise of His power. Take hold, then, of God's ideal for this Church, and make it a reality.

I have no regrets, but rather devout thankfulness for having given the best years of my life to this congregation. In this thirtieth year of my labors with you, I dare to say that there is no more important work facing the Church of Christ in Canada than building up a powerful congregation at this centre, and I believe that you are the men and women to do it. Take hold of God's ideal for you and call on Him to fulfill it, offering yourselves as His agents. God believes in you; if you have similar confidence in what He can do, through you, then all things are possible to them that believe.

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Dear Bert,—I cannot tell you how much we miss you. As you see, the Church is “carrying on” while we wait and pray for the success of our cause, and the safe return of our boys. Sadly,
ALAMEIN

You've heard of Churchill and his famous cigar,
Most of you have shifted a native bazaar,
I'll tell you a story that is quite true,
Of a Field Marshall Rommell who stopped in the blue.

CHORUS
Tally Ho, Tally Ho,
And that was as far as the bastard could go.

At first when it started he had all the luck,
He first took Beira Hakim and then took Tobruk.
The boys were amazed at him doing so well,
He said he would dine at the Shepherd's Hotel.

Along came the Nazis and Ities as well,
That was the time that we blue them to hell,
For the answer to the Panzers out there in the blue,
Was the 25 pdr and a bofors or two.

The Highland Division went in with the steel,
That was the night that they started to squeal.
For shoulder to shoulder in the Alamein box,
Was a handful of Tommies, Anzacs and Jocks.

When this war is over and the fighting is done,
Back to our c'ivvies, we all will run,
And when they ask us - Oh, where have you been,
We've been to a party at El Alamein.
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