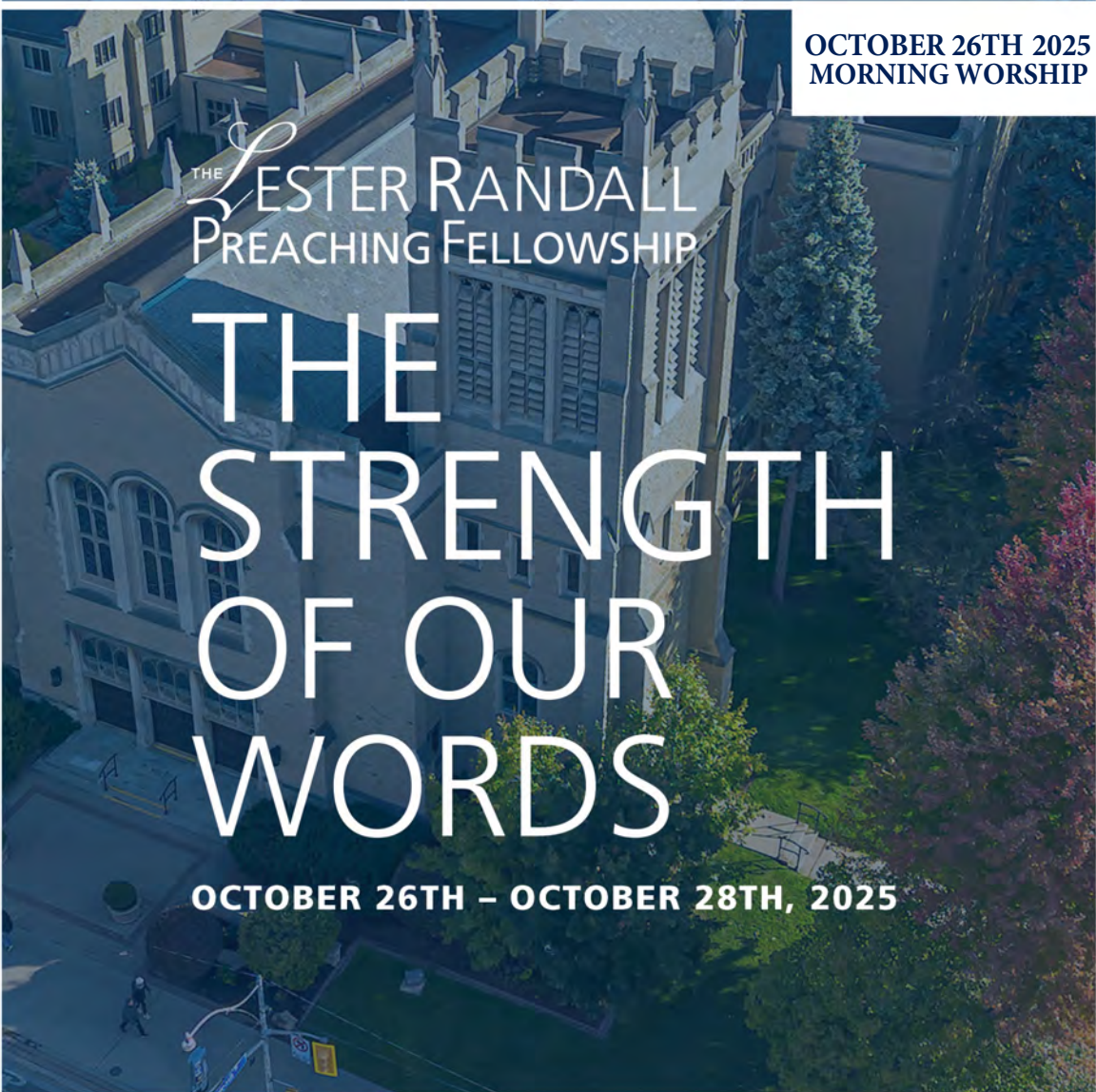


WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 26TH 2025
MORNING WORSHIP



THE *L*ESTER RANDALL
PREACHING FELLOWSHIP

THE
STRENGTH
OF OUR
WORDS

OCTOBER 26TH – OCTOBER 28TH, 2025

Sunday, October 26th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship

*Indicates places in the service where worshippers are invited to stand as they are able.

Preludes – Fidelis
Communion (Tryptique)

Percy Whitlock
Louis Vierne

***Processional Hymn 691** – Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Duke Street 475)

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Introit – Come, I pray thee

W. H. Anderson

Come, I pray Thee, Thou sweet and true joy. Enter a soul that longs for Thee. Enflame with Thy divine fire all my heart. Enlighten my inmost parts with Thy radiant light. Come, I pray Thee, Thou sweet and true joy. Amen.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)

The Rev. Paula Willis

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 84:1-7**

The Rev. Paula Willis

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: **As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

Leader: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

***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.

***Hymn 587** – Amazing grace (omit vs. 5 & 6) (New Britain)

Prayer with the Children

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Holy Scripture

Stuart Campbell

1 Kings 18:8-17
Philippians 1:3-6

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Response – O let my prayer enter into Thy presence

C. M. Palmer

Offering

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”
(Ephesians 5:2)

Anthem – Jubilate in B♭

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Gloria.

***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 618** – Come Thou fount of every blessing (Nettleton)

Sermon – “Bread at the Gate”

The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

***Recessional Hymn 652** – Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer (Cwm Rhondda)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen – Udell in A

Postlude – Allegro marziale e ben marcato

Frank Bridge

Carillon – Rejoice, the Lord is King (Darwall's 148th)

arr. Beverly Buchanan

Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur
Jessica Willingham, Loren Graziano, Cassandra Amorim, sopranos
Margaret Terry, Amanda Weatherall, altos
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors
Stephen King, Joseph Ernst, basses
Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Chancel have been placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Gerard H. Collins and John N. Gladstone, the co-founders of the Preaching Fellowship,
and Lester Randall for whom it is named.*

*The Sanctuary Flowers are placed by James Thompson to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of his mother, Linda Thompson, and very dear friend, Michael Parker,
who both shared a birthday on October 28th.*

YPBC FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSES

January 1st to September 30, 2025

	2025	2024	2025
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	Budget
Donations from Congregation	\$ 872,625	\$ 853,243	\$ 1,274,500
Use of Facilities, Sundry Income	\$ 262,452	\$ 248,005	\$ 332,760
Total Revenue	\$ 1,135,077	\$ 1,101,248	\$ 1,607,260
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	\$ 1,473,677	\$ 1,423,762	\$ 2,047,144
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ (338,600)	\$ (322,514)	\$ (439,884)
Recoveries from trust funds	\$ 98,735	\$ 91,324	\$ 134,332
Operating deficit	\$ (239,865)	\$ (231,190)	\$ (305,552)
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 81,464	\$ 83,815	\$ 150,000
	\$ 1,315,276	\$ 1,276,387	\$ 1,891,592

Members and friends of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

The September 2025 Financial results include the final installment of a generous legacy that we have been blessed to receive over the last three years. The ministries and operations of the church are ongoing even as we undergo a time of change in our church. We continue to share God's generosity and love. None of this can happen without your continued support.

- John Speller, Treasurer, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY

*In this harvest season of bounty, consider borrowing a book to help recharge your praise and
gratitude to God. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow, so we do not lose track of it.*

It is a privilege to welcome the **Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence** to our pulpit today. Anna is with us for the next three days as one of the keynote speakers at the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship. This is the third time Anna has been a keynote speaker at the LRPF. She has also often been with us as a summer preacher. Anna is an author and the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Today is the beginning of the **Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship**, a ministry program started by Yorkminster Park in 1987 by the late Gerrard Collins and Dr. John Gladstone and named in honour of the late Lester Randall, a leading lay person in this church. To learn more about the Preaching Fellowship go to www.lesterrandall.com

The Preaching Fellowship expanded in 2013 when Metropolitan United, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church all entered into a partnership with Yorkminster Park. This year we are pleased to welcome St. Andrew's United Church as a partner church.

YPBC OUT OF THE COLD

WANTED! A couple of volunteers (or pairs of volunteers) to shop for OUT OF THE COLD. Once every four weeks, purchase items at the supermarket of your choice from a provided shopping list and deliver to the church kitchen on Monday or Tuesday or on Wednesday morning. Expenses will be reimbursed.

If this is something you could help with, please email Don Deathe at don.deathe@gmail.com.

Welcome families! In support of our Protection Plan, upon arrival, parents/guardians may sign-in their child (Babies to Gr. 5) at the Centre Hall Table before the service begins and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall following the Choral Amen of the Service (during the Postlude).

Sunday Morning:

- Family Ministry Leader Prayer Time: 9:45-10:15am
- Family Ministries (children/youth): 11:10am-12:15pm
 - o Children/Youth and their families are in the Sanctuary for the first part of the 11am Worship Service
 - o After the Children's Prayer Time in the Service, children, youth and leaders go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning before dividing into age-appropriate groups
- We encourage all youth (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs after the service for fellowship time
- Family Ministry Potluck Luncheons (Scheduled Sundays throughout the year)

Tuesday Online:

- Family Ministry (ALL Ages) Bible Study and Activities: 6:30-7:15pm
- Family Ministry Leader's Bible Study and Prayer: 7:15-8pm

Youth Nights (twice a month):

- Youth (Gr. 6-12) are welcome to experience Fun, Faith and Fellowship two scheduled nights a month

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

Family Ministry Worship Service and Potluck Supper!
Sun Nov 16, 4:30pm - Cameron Hall

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

Family Ministry Collage - October 26th, 2025





**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
7:30 P.M.**

Join us for a rare and unforgettable night of music, poetry, and story

**SPECIAL
YPBC TICKET PRICE:
\$20.00**

To reserve your tickets:
office@yorkminsterpark.com
or, 416-922-1167



IONA PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM

FEATURING MUSIC BY IONA PASSAGE

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

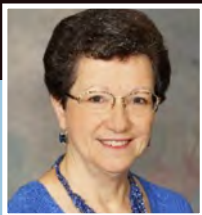
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Six Mondays: November 3 – December 8, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:45pm

Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd.

\$25 per participant for the course materials

This education and support group is designed for those who are dealing with the death of a loved one. Taking a faith-based perspective, we will explore various aspects of grief, how grief affects one's emotions, behaviours, body, mind and spirit. We will look at tasks one can do and adjustments one can make to move through grief, and help find ways to reinvest in one's life in meaningful ways.



The content will be based on the materials of Dr. Bill Webster, Centre for the Grief Journey.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Hart, recently retired United Church minister, has been facilitating grief support groups for more than 30 years.

Contact: Deborah Hart for information or to register

Phone: 416-626-2958 Email: revdeb5@sympatico.ca



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Go into all the world
and preach
the Good News
to everyone.

FROM PETER'S PEN REMARKABLE GIFTS

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year, especially when the Blue Jays make the playoffs. It seems the whole country is united behind them. Back in the summer when we were visiting our daughters in Europe, I would wake up in the morning to check the scores as the games didn't start till after midnight European time. One day we were lined up at a venue and I noticed the man in front of us was wearing a Yankees cap and so I asked who was going to win the game that night, as the Jays were playing the Yankees. "Game? What game?" he responded. It turned out his NY hat was more of a fashion statement than an allegiance to the striped Yankees. Nonetheless my enquiry about his hat turned out to be the springboard to a great conversation about New York, Toronto, and even baseball. At the end he even said, "Maybe one day I will visit Toronto and see the Blue Jays play".

I couldn't help but wonder: what might happen if when seeing someone wearing a cross, we were to comment on their cross and ask them which church they attend? Chances are they don't, because the cross would seem to be almost as popular a fashion statement as a Yankees hat, but who knows where the conversation might lead? Maybe by the end of the conversation the other person would even be thinking about a visit to Yorkminster Park.

On another note, I read a delightful article in the Meaford newspaper this week about an unusual gift which had been received by the local hospital. There have been articles in the past about major gifts that have been given by wealthy members of the community which were lovely, but this gift was not nearly as large yet without question it was every bit as significant. The donor was a man who had suffered from a cognitive disability his whole life. By the end of his life his entire estate had a worth of only \$15,000 and yet he left every penny to the hospital. The hospital called it a remarkable gift and highlighted the difference such a gift makes.

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Battle of Britain: Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour

A LECTURE BY

TED BARRIS

Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster

Friday, November 7, 2025 | 7:00pm

Cameron Hall, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

(also available as a live webcast)



YOU'RE INVITED!

DROP-IN COFFEE HOUR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
FRIENDSHIP RM

Join Rev. Paula Willis for a relaxed time of community and fellowship. Whether you're new, reconnecting, or just craving a friendly space – we'd love to see you!

No agenda, no pressure – just coffee, conversation, and connection.

**NINE SPARROWS
ARTS FOUNDATION**

REMEMBRANCE *at 80*

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM**

SPECIAL GUESTS:

AL KAY

Trombone (Tár;The Boss Brass)

JONATHAN MEYER

Bass

FEATURING:

Rob Crabtree, Piper

Sharlene Wallace, Harp

Lark Popov, Piano

The Hedgerow Singers

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes and

Colleen Burns, narrators

Eric N. Robertson, Conductor

ADMISSION FREE
DONATIONS WELCOME

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 9, 11:00AM

Yorkminster Park is looking forward to marking Remembrance Sunday on November 9th at 11:00 a.m.

We will have the honour of sharing this sacred occasion with the Toronto Police Services Military Veteran's Association and the Toronto Police Services.

Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, October 26

All Day	Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)
10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
11:00 am	Worship Service, The Rev. Anna Carter Florence preaching, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	LRPF Evening Worship, The Rev. Anna Carter Florence preaching, Sanctuary
8:15 pm	LRPF Introductory Panel, Sanctuary

Monday, October 27

All Day	Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
1:00 pm	Women of the Word Bible Study, led by Esther Barnes, Zoom Only
7:00 pm	The Bell and the Bard, Steve Bell in concert with renowned English poet Malcolm Guite, Sanctuary, Discounted Tickets (\$20.00) available through the YP Church Office - 416-922-1589

Tuesday, October 28

All Day	Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship
9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm	FM Meeting, led by Heather Mackey, Zoom Only
7:00 pm	CIHE presents "J.D.M. Stewart and the Prime Ministers" www.cihe.ca , Cameron Hall

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 am	Morning Brew Bible Study, led by Stuart Campbell, Friendship Room (302)
9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
11:00 am	Open Doors, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Thursday Night Bible Study, led by John Speller, Zoom Only
7:30 pm	YPBC Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

Friday, October 31

9:00 am	Meals on Wheels
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Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

10:00 am	Mustard Seed Fellowship, Teal Boardroom (502)
10:00 am	Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room (120)
11:00 am	Worship Service, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Communion, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	YP Gallery Opening Reception, Artists Kim Atkins, Heidi Burkhardt, Maurice Snelgrove, Kat Palmer, YP Centre Hall
7:00 pm	Iona Evening Worship, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching, Sanctuary

Cover: The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship is a continuing education event for clergy and all who value excellence in preaching. It features a rich blend of workshops, lectures, private and public preaching events, and meaningful opportunities for networking and fellowship. Led by distinguished keynote speakers, clergy, and preaching scholars from across North America, the Fellowship offers a dynamic and inspiring environment for learning, renewal, and connection.

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

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

Stay Connected: Please [share your email address](#) to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park and to notify you of any special upcoming services and events. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

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

Tap to Give using our TipTap display **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. Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Director of Mission and Community Engagement

The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

Hymns – Oct 26th 2025

***ProceSSIONal Hymn 691** – Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run ;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns :
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains ;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head ;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King ;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

***Hymn 587** – Amazing grace (omit vs. 5 & 6) (New Britain)

- 1 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.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
- 4 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 618 – Come Thou fount of every blessing (Nettleton)**

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace ;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above ;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love !

2 Here I find my greatest treasure :
hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God ;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be !
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love ;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it from thy courts above !

***Recessional Hymn 652** – Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
(CWM Rhondda)

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.