

Canadian Rockies Theological Conference 2018

April 10-13 2018

Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre

Canmore Alberta

Truth, Beauty, and the 'True Myth'

Thinking with the Inklings and Beyond.

Tuesday April 10

2 -4 pm Registration & settle in time

4:00 pm Vespers
Supper (on own)

7:00 pm Welcome and introductions

7:30 pm **Tolkien, Lewis, and the True Myth.** *Malcolm revisits the momentous conversation between Lewis and Tolkien on Addison's walk, showing how it helped bring Lewis to faith and drawing out what it might mean for us in our own time.*

9:00 pm Compline

Wednesday April 11

7:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am Matins

9:30 am **Why do we hunger for Beauty?** *Malcolm will introduce the 'Theology of Beauty' starting with Plato and moving on to Augustine, and then be 'in conversation' with Steve about the Christian artist's response to beauty in the world and in the making of our art. Steve and Malcolm will illustrate with occasional poems and songs*

11:00 am Break

11:30 am **Imaginative Apologetics: how beauty in art and myth can help us prepare the way for Christ.** *Malcolm will reflect on the importance of beauty in Lewis's life and conversion, and lead a discussion of how we might prepare the way for Christ in our own life and work*

12:30 pm Lunch

Free time until 7 pm

7:00 pm Behind the Inklings, Coleridge, Nature, and the gospel: *Drawing on his recent book 'Mariner', Malcolm will tell the story of how Coleridge (a huge influence on the inklings) recovered his faith, in part by responding to beauty in nature*

8:00 pm Worship

8:30 pm Gemütlichkeit

Thursday April 12

7:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am Matins

9:30 am **In the Image of the Trinity' Christian collaboration.** *A joint session with Malcolm and Steve. The Inklings all collaborated, set ego aside, critiqued, and contributed to one another's work. In this session Malcolm and Steve will talk about how our understanding of God as Trinity, as a loving communion of persons each addressing and giving to the other, forms the foundation for all good human interaction. This will be illustrated by stories of our own collaboration, and with songs and poems arising from it.*

10:30 am break

10:45 am **Panel discussion.** *Where do we take it from here? How can the example of the inklings, and the songs and stories we have shared enable us to proclaim and share Christ and the Kingdom more widely?*

12:30 pm Lunch

Free time until 7 pm

7:00 pm **Concert Steve and Malcolm**

Friday April 13

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Eucharist