

# LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



**LENT 2**

**Welcome on March 8, 2009**

**Worship & Celebration: 9:00am & 11:00am**

**Social Time: following Worship & Celebration**

**We are so pleased that you're able to join us today in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.**

**If today is your first time visiting us and you like what is happening here and want to get involved, please fill in the orange welcome card found in the pew pocket. After service, please meet the presider at the back of the sanctuary who will share MCC Toronto information with you.**

**At the ❖ symbol, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.**

**Phonic Ears for hearing assistance are available from the technical ministry volunteers at the sound booth.**

**We ask that you kindly turn your cell phone off during service. Our vision is to be a bridge.** Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome! Even if today is your first time here, you are invited to participate fully in every part of the service as much or as little as you like. Here is a guide to our worship:

**We are a house of prayer for all people.** We affirm many paths to God. For non-Christ-centred Anointing or Communion blessings, please approach the anointer or server with your arms crossed over your chest.

**Prayers of the People** are when you are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times, as you feel comfortable.

**Lessons for Life** are meant to inspire you in your spiritual journey and to challenge you to find ways to put your faith into action. CDs of the Lessons for Life are available at the Information Centre in the Social Hall and transcripts are available at [www.MCCToronto.com](http://www.MCCToronto.com)

**During the Time for Reconciliation and Healing** you're invited to come forward alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing. An Anointer will anoint your forehead with oil and offer you a brief blessing. We all share God's love and celebrate God's unconditional gift of peace and freedom.

**Building Bridges** is possible because of the abundant giving of people just like you. Gathering our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

**We celebrate an open Communion.** You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to participate in Communion. If today is your first time in church, you are especially welcome to share in Communion. When you come forward, a

server will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing like: "Rejoice that God is love and this love is with you always." We serve only non-alcoholic wine and the wafers are 100% wheat. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion and so we believe the bread and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment for all people.

**Our Volunteers make it all possible!** At times in our service, you may notice a number of people moving into position to serve. We extend a special thank you to all who make our celebrations possible through their gifts of time and talent today and every time we gather.

**The Touch of the Holy:** that's what our weekly celebrations are all about. We pray that God's presence will remain with you to bring you peace and joy.

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**Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation**

**One Minute Celebrations**

**Hand of Friendship**

**Prelude**

**I Will Sing Praises**

The Choir

## **Call to Worship ❖**

One: God of Mystery,

Many: **Grant us new life through you today.**

## **Processional Hymn ❖**

### **We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask for God's blessing;  
You chasten and hasten your will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
Sing praises to your name; you forget not your own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Whose story calls all to the love which endures.  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
You, Lord were at our side; all glory be yours!

We all do extole you, our leader triumphant,  
And pray that you still our defender will be.  
Let your congregation escape tribulation:  
Your name be ever praised! O God, make us free.

## **Opening Prayer ❖**

### **Re-installation of Deacons**

#### **Anthem**

#### **This I Pray**

### **Prayers of the People**

*During the Prayers of the People, you are encouraged to share aloud names of people who are brought into your thoughts for prayer.*

One: Gracious God, your abundance surrounds us and sustains us. We thank you for gifts of friendship and new beginnings, for life as it unfolds and new opportunities for

growth ... God of grace,

**Many: We know you hear our prayers.**

One: Spirit of hope, in our lives and in our world there are many troubled by concerns. Some face the uncertainty and pain of illness. Some wrestle with anxiety and fear, about work, about relationships and about themselves. We pray that your healing love may touch these lives ... God of hope,

**Many: We know you hear our prayers.**

One: Spirit of compassion, be with us as we face losses in our lives. Where there is disappointment, lead us to joy. Where there is grief, fill us with your peace. Where there is death, help us to say good-bye for now and not for ever. We pray for ... God of compassion,

**Many: We know you hear our prayers.**

One: Breath of the Universe, you have created us for joy. Open our minds to the gracious promptings of your Spirit, increase our trust and guide our hearts in the ways of the truth.

**Many: God of many Names, you transform us by grace and renew us in peace.**

**Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## **Sacred Readings**

Mark 4: 35-41

One: Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Many: Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

One: Anyone who chooses, can be with me, says our God, and where I am, there shall you also be.

**Many: Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Selections from Matthew 6: 25-34

One: These are sacred readings.

May they comfort us, inspire us, and challenge us.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Many: Open our eyes, God, we want to see Jesus.**

**To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, God, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, God, we want to see Jesus.**

## **Lessons for Life**

### **8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus: From Fear to Peace**

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

## **Time of Reconciliation & Healing**

### **Come to the Water**

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.  
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.  
I felt every tear-drop when in anguish you cried,  
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

## **Prayer of Reconciliation**

**One:** Jesus showed us a way to a new relationship with  
God, freeing us from whatever binds us, reconciling  
us with God, with each other, and with ourselves.  
And so we pray:

**Many:** **God, we recognize those times  
when we have separated ourselves  
from you and each other.  
We have not always cared for, respected and loved  
our world, our neighbour, or ourselves.  
We have sinned  
by things we have done,  
and by things we have left undone.  
We open our hearts again to the renewal,  
the forgiveness and the freedom you offer...**

A time is provided for silent reflection or confession.

## **Affirmation of Freedom & Invitation to Healing**

One: Hear the good news, God saying to us, "Behold, I make all things new!" In every moment, you are loved, and so you are forgiven, free in the name of God who created you, who dwells within you, and who goes with you always. Amen.

*As we sing together please come forward freely and receive anointing for healing so that God's love might transform us in body and spirit.*

### **Breathe on Me Breath of God**

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life a-new,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with thine,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

## **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a soul like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was bound but now I'm free.

'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 that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

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

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## **Jesus' Prayer ❖**

**Many: Our creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy dominion come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is dominion,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

## **Offertory**

Adrian Luces

Read about Adrian on page 3 of Connections.

## **Building Bridges**

One: ...the ushers will come forward to receive our tithes,  
and offerings.

## **Gathering of our Gifts**

### **Our Journey of Faith**

Many: **Take a look around you, what do you see?  
A world in need of comfort and peace.  
We have a vision, we have a way.  
Come walk beside us on our journey of faith.  
Build a bridge of hope.  
Make a path of understanding.  
Plant a seed of truth.  
Watch it grow. Help it grow.  
We're building bridges together  
On our journey of faith.**

## **Blessing of Gifts**

One: God, we offer these gifts out of our abundance to your work in this community. Your love frees us to be generous with each other and inspires us to action as we build bridges in this place and from this place to a world hungry for hope, for justice, and for peace. And so we commission these gifts to your service in the world.

**Many: We're building bridges together  
On our journey of faith.**

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God is with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

**Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

One: It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the company of heaven who forever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy one; my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you, holy are you Lord!  
¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
¡Mi corazón te sabe decir, Santo eres mi Dios!**

**Let us be bread, blessed by our God,  
Broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us rejoice, in love freely poured,  
Let us be one in our God.**

Choir: I am the bread of life, broken for all.  
Eat now and hunger no more.

**Many: Let us be love, blessed by our God,  
Spoken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us rejoice, in love freely poured,  
Let us be one in our God.**

**One faith, one hope, one symbol of love  
Given to us in this one bread, one cup.  
O let us be one in our God.  
Let us be one in our God.**

### **Invitation to God's Table**

*As others receive, please maintain an atmosphere of calm reflection, and join in singing the communion hymns.*

### **Give Us This Day**

Give us this day our daily bread;  
You said you would supply all my needs, according to your riches.  
I have but to ask, and I shall receive.  
To go from here and share this love you've given me,  
To show the ones who're lost and help them find the way,  
The way to truth and love, so they can be free.  
O God, we need your love!  
O God, we need your peace!  
O God, we need your joy, so we can be free!  
Give us this day our daily bread.

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Maker, I Thy true one;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High One of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High One of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Maker of all.

### **In Moments Like These**

In moments like these, I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hands,  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.  
Singing, "I love you, Lord."  
Singing, "I love you, Lord."  
Singing, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

In moments like these, I turn to my friend,  
I turn to my friend who is Jesus.  
In moments like these, I turn to my friend,  
I turn to my friend the Lord.  
Saying, "I love you, Lord."  
Saying, "I love you, Lord."  
Saying, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer,  
I breathe out a prayer to my Jesus.  
In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer,  
I breathe out a prayer to the Lord.  
Praying, "I love you, Lord."  
Praying, "I love you, Lord."  
Praying, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

## **Breathe**

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence, living in me  
This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word, spoken to me

**\*\*\*\*please rise as you are able**

And I  
I'm reaching for you  
And I  
I'm walking to you  
And I  
I'll walk beside you  
I want to be with you.

## **Benediction ❖**

**Many: Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## **Closing Words ❖**

### **Closing Song ❖**

#### **Seize the Day**

Choir: Now is the time to seize the day  
**Congregation: Now is the time to seize the day**  
Choir: Stand up tall and join the fray  
**Congregation: Stand up tall and join the fray**  
**All: Wrongs will be righted if we're united,  
let us seize the day**

Choir: Friends of the friendless seize the day  
**Congregation: Friends of the friendless seize the day**

Choir: Raise up the torch and light the way  
**Congregation: Raise up the torch and light the way**  
**All: Loud and defiant, we'll slay the giant,  
let us seize the day**

Neighbour to neighbour, mother to son, one for all and all for one

Choir: Open the gates and seize the day  
**Congregation: Open the gates and seize the day**  
Choir: Don't be afraid and don't delay  
**Congregation: Don't be afraid and don't delay**  
**All: Nothing can break us, no one can make us,  
give our rights away**

Neighbour to neighbour, mother to son, one for all and all for one

For one  
For one  
For one!

### **Please join us in the Social Hall**

Following our service, please join us for refreshments, find out about events at the Information Centre, and more!

**We care, and we're here to listen.** If you would like to pray with someone following today's service please approach the deacon who will be at the front of the sanctuary near the Communion table on the main floor.

### **We're with you in prayer.**

You can send in a prayer request in any one of four ways:

1. Through the **prayer book in the Chapel,**
2. Call **(416) 406-6228 x 114,**
3. Send an e-mail to: **care@mcctoronto.com,** or
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:  
**www.mcctoronto.com**