

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



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Welcome on March 29, 2009

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

Social Time: following Worship & Celebration

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

If this 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 webcasts are available at 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.

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

Prelude

Jubilate Deo

The Choir

Call to Worship ❖

One: God of Mystery,

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

Processional Hymn ❖

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own love he bought her
And for her life he died.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
'Til with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Opening Prayer ❖

Choir Member of the Year Presentation

Anthem

Beati Quorum Via

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

Luke 15: 11-16

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!

Luke 15: 17-24

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 Lost to Found

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

Time of Reconciliation & Healing

I'll Say Yes

I'll say yes, God yes

To your will and to your way

I'll say yes, God yes

I will trust you and obey

When your spirit speaks to me

With my whole heart I'll agree

And my answer will be yes, God yes

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.

Holy Ground Medley

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
for we are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present,
and where God is, is holy.

This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present,
and where God is, is holy.

These are holy hands.
God's given us holy hands.
God works through these hands,
And so these hands are holy.

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God's given us holy hands.
God works through these hands,
And so these hands are holy.

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
for we are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within.
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

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

Katie White

Read about Katie 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!
Saint, Saint, Saint Très-Haut, mon coeur te donne louange,
Mon Dieu, mon coeur proclame avec joie,
Tu es le seul Éternel.**

**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.

The Summons

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind, if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r, in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true, when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

All That We Have

(chorus)

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in God's name.

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their saviour,
Whose faithfulness never grows old. ***(chorus)***

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day. **(chorus)**

Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you. **(chorus)**

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 ❖

This Little Light

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

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