

# **LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE**



**EASTER 4: 7:00pm**

## **Welcome on May 3, 2009**

**Social time with coffee and refreshments follow  
our Worship Service in the Social Hall**

**We are a house of prayer for all people and are pleased that you're able to join us in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome! Even if this 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.**

**We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.  
Our vision is to be a bridge.**

**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.**

## **We Gather with Music**

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

One Minute Celebrations

Blessing of Families

Hand of Friendship

### **Opening Songs ❖**

#### **Awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God  
Who lives in heaven and earth  
With wisdom, power and love,  
our God is an awesome God.

#### **I Will Lift My Eyes**

I will lift my eyes to the Maker  
of the mountains I can't climb  
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer  
of the oceans raging wild  
I will lift my eyes to the Healer  
of the hurt I hold inside  
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

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I will lift my eyes to the Calmer  
of the oceans raging wild  
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I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

'Cause You are and You were and You will be forever  
the Lover I need to save me  
'Cause You fashioned the earth and You hold it together, God  
so hold me now

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### **Dreaming Mary**

There was a child in Galilee  
Who wandered wild along the sea  
A holy child, alone was she,  
And they called her Dreaming Mary.

And she dreamed, rejoicing in her saviour  
She dreamed of justice for the poor  
She dreamed that kings oppressed no more  
When she dreamed, that Dreaming Mary.

One holy day an angel came  
With voice of wind and eyes of flame  
He promised blessed would be her name  
When he spoke to Dreaming Mary.

Then she spoke, rejoicing in her saviour  
She spoke of justice for the poor  
She spoke that kings oppressed no more  
When she spoke, that Dreaming Mary.

And did she dream about a son?  
And did he speak, the angel one?  
We only know God's will was done  
In the son of Dreaming Mary.

Then she prayed, rejoicing in her saviour  
She taught him justice for the poor  
She taught that kings oppressed no more  
When she taught, that Dreaming Mary.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **This is the Day**

This is the day that God has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day that God has made,  
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad be glad and rejoice in it.  
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad be glad and rejoice in it.

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Let us be glad, be glad, be glad be glad and rejoice in it.  
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad be glad and rejoice in it.

Alleluia  
Glory, glory!  
Alleluia  
Let us be glad! (**repeat**)

This is the day that God has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day that God has made,  
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad be glad and rejoice in it.

Alleluia  
Glory, glory!  
Alleluia  
Let us be glad! (**repeat all four lines**)

## **Lessons For Life**

Celebrate...!

Deacon Randi Williams

*In many traditions these are called sermons. 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 in the Social Hall and audio files are available at [www.MCCToronto.com](http://www.MCCToronto.com).*

## **Special Music**

**Anything is Possible**

## **Building Bridges**

**Gathering Our Gifts**

*As we gather our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.*

*It is only with your generosity that MCC Toronto continues to be a thriving spiritual home. Gifts can be made via credit card, cheque or automatic withdrawal. Other options include publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. MCC Toronto is a registered charity, so we are able to issue tax receipts for the gifts we receive.*

*For more information, please visit [www.cra.gc.ca/donors](http://www.cra.gc.ca/donors), and see your financial advisor to help you make the decision that is right for you.*

## **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 Our 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.**

## **Special Music Seasons of Love**

## Intercessory Prayer

### Jesus' Prayer ❖

#### **We Celebrate Connection & Transformation**

*Communion (in front of the altar), Anointing for Healing (against the north west wall), and Personal Intercessory Prayer (in the chapel) are offered simultaneously at this time.*

***We celebrate an open Communion.*** When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. 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. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a non-Christ centered blessing, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

***Anointing for Healing*** A volunteer will place oil on your forehead and offer a simple blessing such as "Be anointed for healing and to be a healer in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Friend and the Holy Spirit."

***Intercessory Prayer*** A Prayer Partner volunteer will pray with you after you share a brief description of your concern/celebration.

***Self-Administered Communion Stations*** A table is set-up at the back of the Sanctuary. Instructions are on the table.

*Please come for any or all as you are moved to and please join in singing:*

#### **Come Just As You Are**

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive.

Come and live forever.

Love everlasting, and strength for today;  
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come and live abundantly.  
Come and live forevermore.

### **In Moments Like These**

In moments like these I sing out a song  
I sing out a love song to Jesus  
And In moments like these I lift up my hands  
I lift up my hands to my God

Singing, I love you, God  
Singing, I love you, God  
Singing, I love you, God  
I love you

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I love you

## **Blessing, Honour and Glory**

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.  
Holy, righteous, worthy are you God.

Nothing can hold us down  
For you bring freedom  
Showing us all your love  
We come to you, O God.

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.  
Holy, righteous, worthy are you God.

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We come to you, O God.

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.  
Holy, righteous, worthy are you, O God.

## **Sanctuary**

God, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
And with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary, God, for you.

## **Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## Blessing

## Closing Words

## Closing Song ❖

### Trading My Sorrow

La la la

La la la

La la la

I'm trading my sorrow  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God

### ***(chorus)***

We say yes God, yes God, yes, yes God,  
Yes God, yes God, yes, yes God,  
Yes God, yes God, yes, yes God, Amen  
I'm trading my sorrow  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God ***(chorus)***

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I am blessed beyond curse for your promise will endure  
And your joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night your joy comes with the morning  
Though the sorrow may last for the night your joy comes with the morning,  
yeah

I'm trading my sorrow  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God (**chorus 2X**)

Yes God, yes God,  
yes, yes God, Amen

**If our evening service doesn't suit you, come and try either our 9:00am or 11:00am services.**

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

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

**If you have any questions about this service, ask a Deacon.**

### **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** located 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:  
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