

# LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



**PENTECOST 8: 9:00am and 11:00am**

## **Welcome on July 26, 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.**

**Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation**  
**One Minute Celebrations**  
**Hand of Friendship**

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

**Prelude**

**Thy Word**

***(chorus)***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

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and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still you're right beside me.

And nothing will I fear  
as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. ***(chorus)***

I will not forget  
your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide,  
and hold me to your side,

and I will love you to the end. ***(chorus)***

**Call to Worship ❖**

**One:** Holy Spirit of God,

**Many:** **Whisper to us as we honour each other's journey.**

## **Processional Hymn ❖**

### **We Are Called**

Come live in the light.  
Shine the joy and the love of our God.  
We are called to be light for creation,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

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

We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk closely with God.

Come open your heart.  
Show your mercy to all those in fear.  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
So hatred and blindness will be no more. ***(chorus)***

Sing, sing a new song.  
Sing of that great day, when all will be one.  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other,  
As sisters and brothers united in love. ***(chorus)***

## **Opening Prayer ❖**

### **Anthem**

#### **Jabula Jesu**

### **Prayers of the People**

*During this time you are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times (✠), as you feel comfortable.*

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**

Acts 15: 30-35

One: Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: Jesus said to the people,  
"Love each other as God loves you."

**Many: Alleluia!**

Matt 18: 19-20

One: These are sacred readings.  
May they comfort us, inspire us, and challenge us.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Many: Glory to God all around us,  
And to all creation peace!  
O God all loving, we thank you  
And give praise to you for your glory.  
Jesus Christ, one with God,  
Guide us, and show us the way.  
For you O God are the holy one,  
You O God are most high.  
To Jesus Christ our trusted friend  
And Holy Spirit evermore,  
Be blessing and honour and glory,  
Be all blessing and honour and glory,  
Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## **Lessons for Life**

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Rev. BK Hipsher

*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 at the Information Centre and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at [www.MCCToronto.com](http://www.MCCToronto.com).*

## **Time of Reconciliation**

### **Anointing, Flow Through Me**

Anointing, flow through me

Anointing, flow through me

Let the power of your healing spirit, flow through me

Anointing, flow through me

## **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...**

## **Affirmation of Freedom**

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.

## **Invitation to Time of Anointing**

*As we sing together please come forward freely alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing so that God's love might transform us in body and spirit.*

## **Shepherd of My Heart**

My Shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;  
Green are the pastures where I'm, led to repose.  
Near waters still and deep God will re-fresh my soul.  
I am led onward in ways true to thy Name.

***(chorus)***

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;  
Lead me homeward through the dark,  
Into everlasting day.  
Show me the way of truth and light;  
Keep me always in your sight.  
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,  
No evil shall I fear with God at my side.  
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort;  
You spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. ***(chorus)***

You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup is overflowing;  
Goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.  
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ever;  
Within the house of God my soul is at rest. ***(chorus)***

**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**

**Thom Allison** (*bio on page 2 of Sunday News*)

### **Building Bridges**

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

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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**

*We celebrate an open Communion. We serve only non-alcoholic juice and the wafers are 100% wheat. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion. We believe the wafers and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a blessing without the host/wafer, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.*

**Self-Administered Communion** *Separate communion tables are set up at the centre back of the Sanctuary on the ground floor and under our DNA banners upstairs. Instructions are at each table.*

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

One: On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread, After giving thanks you broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you, And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my body, broken for you,  
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup. After giving thanks, you lifted it up. "This is my life, poured out for you, And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my life, poured out for you,  
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread, For we see the love you gave and the life you led. And we remember your wondrous love, You gave your body, you showed your love.

**Many: And we remember your wondrous love,  
You gave your body, you showed your love.  
And we remember your wondrous love,  
You gave your body, you showed your love.**

One: Let us now proclaim the Mystery of our Faith:

**Many: Christ has died!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**Christ will come again!**

### **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.

### **As the Deer**

As the deer pants for running water,  
So my soul longs for you, my God;  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield,  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you!

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy;

You alone are the real joy-giver,  
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield,  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you!

You're my friend and you are my neighbour  
Even though you rule us all;  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything!

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield,  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you!

### **Come Touch Our Hearts**

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion  
from failing embers build a blazing fire.  
Love strong enough to overturn injustice, to  
seek a life more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel.  
Create a space for spirit to grow in us, let  
life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason set free  
our thoughts to wonder and to dream  
Help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom,  
come touch and bless our minds

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel  
That we may rise to follow and to serve steady now our nerve,  
come touch and bless our wills

Come touch us now, this people that are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace  
That we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,  
come touch us with your grace.

## **Alleluia**

### **Because You Live ❖**

Because you live,  
I can face tomorrow;

Because you live,  
all fear is gone;

Because I know  
you hold the future,

And life is worth the living,  
Just because you live.

### **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!

**If our morning services do not meet your needs, we invite you to attend our 7:00pm service.**

### **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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