

# **LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE**



**CHRISTMAS 2**

**Welcome on January 4, 2009**

**Worship & Celebration: 7:00pm**

**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, you like what is happening here and want to get involved, please fill in the orange welcome card found in the pew pocket and meet with a H.O.M.E. Team volunteer after service on the north side of the sanctuary. They 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.

**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)

**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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## **We Gather with Music**

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

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

### **Worship & Praise ❖**

#### **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart, God;

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you; (2x)

We feel your love, it lifts us up

Shining in the light of your glory;

Pour out your power and love,

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, God;

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you; (2x)

We feel your love, it lifts us up

Shining in the light of your glory;

Pour out your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you (4x)

We feel your love, it lifts us up  
Shining in the light of your glory;  
Pour out your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, God;  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you (*repeat*)

### **Lead Me to the Rock**

When my heart is overwhelmed, hear my cry,  
give heed to my prayer,  
and my eyes are dim with tears,  
O God make them clear.  
From the ends of all the earth  
when my heart is fainting  
let me know that you have heard  
and lead me into safety. And ...

### **(chorus)**

Lead me to the rock, the rock that's higher  
Lead me to the rock that's higher than I.  
Lead me to the rock, the rock that's higher,  
higher than I.

You, O God, have been for me  
a refuge from my enemies.  
Let me live within your strength  
in the shelter of your wings.  
From the ends of all the earth  
when my heart is fainting  
let me know that you have heard  
and lead me into safety. And ...

***(chorus 2x, and then repeat "higher than I" 3x)***

### **Your Love Is Amazing**

Your love is amazing  
Steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain  
Firm beneath my feet

Your love is a mystery  
How you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded  
Your love carries me

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

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising  
I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing  
Deep inside of me

Every time I greet you  
All your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song  
rising up in me

***(chorus) 2x***

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **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.

This is the day that God has made,  
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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.

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**  
**Taking Flight, Part I: The Butterfly**  
Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

**Sermon Song**  
**Go Light Your World**

**Building Bridges**  
**Gathering 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 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.**

## **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. 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.

### **Surely the Presence**

Surely the presence

Of our God is in this place.

I can feel your mighty power

And your grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence  
Of our God is in this place.

## **You Are**

You are my one and only God.  
You are the great I Am.  
You are my joy, my shining star.  
You are.  
You are my hope, my heart's desire.  
In you I find my strength.  
You are my peace, my resting place.  
You are...

You are.  
And with my mind, my soul and my heart,  
God I praise you for who you are.  
Yes with my mind, my soul, and my heart,  
I praise you for who you are.  
You are

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You are the great I Am.  
You are my joy, my shining star.  
You are.

### **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.

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Words**

### **Closing Song ❖**

#### **Set On Freedom**

Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing  
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing  
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Walk, walk, you gotta walk, walk.  
you gotta walk, with your mind on freedom  
Talk, talk, you gotta talk, talk.  
you gotta talk, with your mind on freedom

Walk, walk, you gotta walk, walk.  
you gotta walk, with your mind on freedom...Ohh

Oh, well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom  
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah  
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah  
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

## **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 a Prayer Partner who will be in the chapel.

## **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 171**,
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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