

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EPIPHANY 4

Welcome on February 1, 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

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.

We Gather with Music

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Blessing of Families

Hand of Friendship

Worship & Praise ❖

I Came to Praise

I don't know what you came here for,
But I came to praise my God. (*repeat*)

Clap your hands, lift your voice,
Help me make a joyful noise.
Lift God high in this place.
Make this house a house of praise.

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to be set free.
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to be set free.
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to be set free.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to be set free.

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to be set free.

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to be set free.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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More Love, More Power

More love, more power, more of you in my life. *(repeat)*

And I will worship you with all of my heart.
And I will worship you with all of my mind.
And I will worship you with all of my strength,
For you are my God. You are my God.

Prayer of Invocation

Why So Downcast?

Why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God,
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God,
O, why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God
And bless our God, O my soul. *(repeat)*

Bless our God,
who's the lifter of my countenance,
Bless our God, who's the lifter of my soul,
Bless our God,
who's the lifter of my countenance,
I will never be afraid.

Why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God,
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God,
O, why so downcast, O my soul,
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And bless our God, my soul. *(repeat)*

Lessons For Life

Even in This Economy There is Still a “Prophet”

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

Special Music

A Change is Gonna Come

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.

When the Wind of Winter Blows

When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude,
Fill the silent icy night; be our hearts' compassion

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

When we shiver in despair, when the chill of death comes near,
Hold us, Spirit, calm our fear, while the evening deepens.

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

When in days of fallen snow, change confounds or love burns low,
From the ashes may there rise phoenix of our growing.

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.
Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

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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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, O God.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O God, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
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Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

Everyday

What to say, God? It's
You who gave me life and I
Can't explain just how
Much you mean to me now
That you have saved me, God
I give all that I am to you
That everyday I can
Be a light that shines your name

Everyday, it's you I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after you
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my God

Everyday, God, I'll
Learn to stand upon your word
And I pray that I

That I might come to know you more
That you would guide me with every single step I take, that
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

Everyday, it's you I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after you
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my God

It's you I live for, everyday
It's you I live for, everyday
It's you I live for, everyday
It's you I live for, everyday

Everyday, it's you I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after you
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my God

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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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