

# LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



**LENT 2**

**Welcome on March 8, 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 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.

**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*)

### **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 2 x)***

### **Like the Sunshine**

Like the sunshine after rainfall like the gentle breeze,  
Like the stillness of the morning like the radiant trees:  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such life to me,  
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the nurture of a baby at its mother's breast,  
Like the closeness of a lover, like two souls at rest;  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such peace to me,  
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
the earth resounds with your love;  
be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the vastness of a desert, like the ocean's roar  
Like the greatness of the mountains where the eagles soar,  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such power to me,

Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.  
The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

To rest in you  
To rest in you  
To rest in you

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **This Is the Day (Leon Roberts)**

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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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**  
**8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus:**  
**From Fear to Peace**  
Rev. Jo Bell

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

There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a spirit who brings a fire,  
Ignites a candle and makes a home

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way,  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a family whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our one God of many names  
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world

Take your candle and go light your world  
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.

### **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.

### **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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## **Blessing**

## **Closing Words**

## **Closing Song ❖**

### **Every Time I Feel the Spirit (*chorus*)**

Every time I feel the spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray  
Every time I feel the spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray

Up on the mountain, when my God spoke  
All about was fire and smoke  
I looked around me, it looked so fine  
I asked my God if all was mine (***chorus X2***)

Oh, I have sorrow and I have woe  
And I have heartaches here below  
But while God leads me I'll never fear  
Because I know that love is near (***chorus X2***)

Oh, Jordan river is chilly and cold.  
It chills the body but not the soul.  
And if you get there before I do  
Reach out your hand and pull me through  
***(repeat chorus 2-3x)***

### **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 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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