

# LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



**LENT 3**

**Welcome on March 15, 2009**

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

**Social Time: following Worship & Celebration**

**We are so pleased that you're able to join us in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.**

**If this 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.** 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. 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 this 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 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

Hand of Friendship

### **Opening Songs ❖**

#### **The River is Here**

Down the mountain the river flows  
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes  
Through the valleys and over the fields  
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet to dancing  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life  
And all who touch it can be revived  
And those who linger on this river's shore  
Will come back thirsting for more and more

The river of God sets our feet to dancing  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain we love to go  
To find the presence of our God  
Along the banks of the river we run  
We dance with laughter in the warmth of the sun

The river of God sets our feet to dancing  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice for the river is here

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### **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)***

### **Breathe**

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.  
Your very word spoken to me.

And I...I'm desperate for you. And I...I'm lost without you.

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Allelujah, Praise to God**

Alleluia, praise to God  
Alleluia, praise to God  
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God  
Alleluia, praise to God ***(repeat)***

Songs of joy sing out to God  
Songs of joy sing out to God  
Dancing and singing, we praise you, Oh God  
Songs of joy sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God  
Alleluia, praise to God  
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God  
Alleluia, praise to God

Beat the drums, sing out to God  
Beat the drums, sing out to God

Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God  
Beat the drums, sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God  
Alleluia, praise to God  
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God  
Alleluia, praise to God

Alleluia, praise to God  
Alleluia, praise to God  
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God  
Alleluia, praise to God (*repeat last line*)

## **Lessons For Life**

### **8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus: From Want to Gratitude**

Rev. BK Hipsher

## **Sermon Song**

### **Hallelujahs**

A purple sky to close the day  
I wade the surf where dolphins play  
The taste of salt, the dance of waves  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

A lightning flash, my pounding heart  
A breaching whale, a shooting star  
Give testimony that you are  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

Oh praise we all your mighty works  
There is no language where you can't be heard  
Your song goes out to all the Earth  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O cratered moon and sparrow's wings  
O thunder's boom and Saturn's rings  
Unveil our maker as we sing  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

Oh praise we all your mighty works  
There is no language where you can't be heard  
Your song goes out to all the Earth  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

The pulse of life within my wrist  
A fallen snow, a rising mist  
There is no higher praise than this  
And my soul wells up  
O my soul wells up  
Yes my soul wells up with hallelujahs

Oh praise we all your mighty works  
There is no language where you can't be heard  
Your song goes out to all the Earth  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## **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.

## **I Will Pledge This Song to You**

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands  
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

Ev'ry dream I've known, ev'ry heartache, too,  
They have all been shared with you  
All the times I've failed been untrue to you  
I have known your mercy, too.

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands  
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

Now the way shines clear and your presence here  
Gives me strength to carry through  
God, you are my way  
And so ev'ry day I will pledge this song to you

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands  
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

## **Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises**

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness (2x)

Christ our guide, to us, said I am water, I am bread  
I am water, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness (2x)

Now God sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt  
strong in faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful gospel.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness (4x)

### **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.

### **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

## **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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