

# LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



**LENT 4**

## **Welcome on March 22, 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 ❖**

#### **Sunrise, Sunset**

Sunrise,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Sunset,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Praise God!

#### **Great Are You God**

Great are you, God, you are holy and just

By your power we trust in your love.

Great are you God, you are faithful and true;

By your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you God, and worthy of glory!

Great are you God, and worthy of praise!

Great are you God,

We lift up our voice, we lift up our voice,

Great are you God!

Great are you God!

Great are you God, and worthy of glory!

Great are you God, and worthy of praise!

Great are you God,  
we lift up our voice, we lift up our voice,  
Great are you God!  
Great are you God!

## **Run to You**

Your eye is on the sparrow, and your hand it comforts me.  
From the ends of the earth to the depths of my heart,  
let your mercy and strength be seen.

You call me to your purpose, as the angels understand.  
For your glo-ry may we say "A-men", as you hold us in your hand.

And I will run to you for your words are true:  
"Not by might, not by power, but by the spirit of God"  
Yes, I will run the race, till I see your face,  
O let me dwell in the glory of your grace,

You call me to your purpose, and I reach to take your hand.  
I will learn from you how to love so true, unafraid to make a stand.

And I will run to you for your words are true:  
"Not by might, not by power, but by the spirit of God"  
Yes, I will run the race, till I see your face,  
O let me dwell in the glory of your grace, **(repeat)**

O let me dwell in the glory of your grace, **(repeat)**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Church on Fire**

Well the Spirit is here and its power is real.  
Anything can happen and it probably will.  
Something very good,  
something good is going on around here.

There's a light that shines around us all here.  
A power and work and there's nothing to fear.  
Something very good,  
something good is going on around here.

This is a church on fire,  
this is a Holy Spirit place!  
We have a burning desire  
to spread God's love and grace.  
Let fire burn in every heart,  
from little sparks the fire will start;  
So let the flame of love burn higher,  
this is a church, this is a church on fire!

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## **Lessons For Life**

**8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus:  
From Judgement to Forgiveness**

Rev. Jo Bell

## **Special Music**

**The Hammer Holds**

## **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.

## **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;  
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When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O God, have mercy on me.

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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.

## **Holy Ground Medley**

This is holy ground.

We're standing on holy ground.

For the Lord is present,

and where God is, is holy. (***repeat***)

These are holy hands.

God's given us holy hands.

God works through these hands,

And so these hands are holy. (***repeat***)

We are standing on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now;

for we are standing in God's presence

on holy ground. (***repeat***)

## **Bright Side**

There's a bright side somewhere

There's a bright side somewhere

I'm gonna keep on till I find it

There's a bright side somewhere

There's a bright side somewhere

There's a bright side somewhere

I'm gonna keep on till I find it

There's a bright side somewhere

There is more love somewhere

There is more love somewhere

I'm gonna keep on till I find it

There is more love somewhere

There is more peace somewhere  
There is more peace somewhere  
I'm gonna keep on till I find it  
There is more peace somewhere

There's a bright side somewhere  
There's a bright side somewhere  
I'm gonna keep on till I find it  
There's a bright side somewhere  
I'm gonna keep on till I find it  
There's a bright side somewhere  
There's a bright side somewhere

## **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

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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 the 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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