

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EASTER 2: 7:00pm

Welcome on April 19, 2009

**Social time with coffee and refreshments follow
our Worship Service in the Social Hall**

We are a house of prayer for all people and are pleased that you're able to join us in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome! 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.

**We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.
Our vision is to be a bridge.**

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.

We Gather with Music

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

Opening Songs ❖

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 (3x)

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**)

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

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

Sharing of Stories

Brian Brenie

In many traditions these are called sermons. 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 in the Social Hall and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

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

As we gather our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

It is only with your generosity that MCC Toronto continues to be a thriving spiritual home. Gifts can be made via credit card, cheque or automatic withdrawal. Other options include publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. MCC Toronto is a registered charity, so we are able to issue tax receipts for the gifts we receive.

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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.

We celebrate an open Communion. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. 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. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a non-Christ centered blessing, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

Anointing for Healing A volunteer will place oil on your forehead and offer a simple blessing such as "Be anointed for healing and to be a healer in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Friend and the Holy Spirit."

Intercessory Prayer A Prayer Partner volunteer will pray with you after you share a brief description of your concern/celebration.

Self-Administered Communion Stations *Separate communion tables are set-up at the centre back of the Sanctuary on the ground floor. Instructions are on the table.*

Please come for any or all as you are moved to and 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.

Again and Again

Again and again you blessed me,

Again and again you kept me,

Again and again you brought me all the way.

You've been better to me

than I've been to myself,

Better to me than anyone else.

Again and again you brought me all the way.

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

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)**

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

Where Justice Rolls Down

(chorus)

Where justice rolls down
Like a mighty water
And righteousness grows
Like an ever flowing stream
And mercy resounds
Like the waves on the oceans
Let praises rise high
On the songs of the redeemed

There is a river that streams from the temple
Begins as a trickle and ends in the sea
As it grows, healing it will give
Where it flows everything will live ***(chorus)***

Wade in the water and feel the strong current
Remember the stagnance of stale life before
God is here leave the past behind
In the clear waters you will find
(chorus twice, and then repeat last line)

If our evening service doesn't suit you, come and try either our 9:00am or 11:00am services.

Please join us in the Social Hall

Following our service, please join us for refreshments and to meet others. Also find out about events at the Information Centre, and more!

If you have any questions about this service, ask a Deacon.

We care, and we're here to listen

If you would like to pray with someone following today's service please approach the deacon who will be at the front of the sanctuary near the Communion table on the main floor.

We're with you in prayer

You can send in a prayer request in any one of four ways:

1. Through the **prayer book** located 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:
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