

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EASTER 6: 9:00am and 11:00am

Welcome on May 17, 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.

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation
One Minute Celebrations
Hand of Friendship

At the ❖ symbol, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude
Thy Word

Call to Worship ❖

One: Come, let us sing for joy to our God,

Many: Let us praise God with music and song.

Processional Hymn ❖

River

River, rushin' down to ocean blue,

River from a mountain high.

River, as you do what rivers do,

River, draw the Spirit nigh.

Spirit, comin' down to the riverside,

Spirit, spark of wond'rous thought.

Spirit, I am free for you to guide.

Spirit, pray that I be taught!

Water, let me drink of your healing pow'r.

Water, strength and life you give.

Water, as I travel with each hour,

Water, help my body live.

River, flowin' down where you ran before,

River, source of clearer view.

River, as I walk your rocky shore,

River, see my journey through.

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Opening Prayer ❖

Anthem

Ordinary Miracle

Prayers of the People

During this time you are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times (✠), as you feel comfortable.

One: Gracious God, your abundance surrounds us and sustains us. We thank you for gifts of friendship and new beginnings, for life as it unfolds and new opportunities for growth (✠) ... God of grace,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Spirit of hope, in our lives and in our world there are many troubled by concerns. Some face the uncertainty and pain of illness. Some wrestle with anxiety and fear, about work, about relationships and about themselves. We pray that your healing love may touch these lives (✠) ... God of hope,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Spirit of compassion, be with us as we face losses in our lives. Where there is disappointment, lead us to joy. Where there is grief, fill us with your peace. Where there is death, help us to say good-bye for now and not for ever. We pray for (✠) ... God of compassion,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Breath of the Universe, you have created us for joy. Open our minds to the gracious promptings of your Spirit, increase our trust and guide our hearts in the ways of the truth.

Many: God of many names, you transform us by grace and
renew us in peace.
Amen, Amen, Amen!

Sacred Readings

Act 1: 8 – 11a

One: Alleluia!

Many: Alleluia!

One: Jesus said to the people,
"Love each other as God loves you."

Many: Alleluia!

Luke 24: 49 - 53

One: These are sacred readings.
May they comfort us, inspire us, and challenge us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

**Many: Glory to God all around us,
And to all creation peace!
O God all loving, we thank you
And give praise to you for your glory.
Jesus Christ, one with God,
Guide us, and show us the way.
For you O God are the holy one,
You O God are most high.
To Jesus Christ our trusted friend
And Holy Spirit evermore,
Be blessing and honour and glory,
Be all blessing and honour and glory,
Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Lessons for Life

Why All the Joy?

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

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 at the Information Centre and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

Time of Reconciliation

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 angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

Prayer of Reconciliation

One: Jesus showed us a way to a new relationship with God, freeing us from whatever binds us, reconciling us with God, with each other, and with ourselves.
And so we pray:

**Many: God, your grace
liberates us from the past,
frees us from sadness,
releases us from guilt.
Your love inspires us to sing a new song,
as we embrace the beauty within us,
in others and in you.
We open our hearts again
to the renewal, the forgiveness,
and the freedom you offer ...**

Affirmation of Freedom

One: Hear the good news, God saying to us, “Behold, I make all things new!” In every moment, you are loved, and so you are forgiven, free in the name of God who created you, who dwells within you, and who goes with you always. Amen.

Invitation to Time of Anointing

As we sing together please come forward freely alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing so that God’s love might transform us in body and spirit. A volunteer will anoint your forehead with oil and offer you a brief blessing.

Wind of the Spirit

Wind of the Spirit, flow through my soul
Move in my being, I surrender control
Teach me to walk with your guiding hand
Wind of the spirit, move in me

Wind of the Spirit, flow through my mind
Through your soft touch renewal I find
Replace every fear with your calming peace
Wind of the Spirit, flow through me

Wind of the Spirit, guide my wayward feet
Gently until my journey’s complete
Awaken my fervor to serve and obey
Wind of the spirit, flow through me

We Come to Thee

In the moments of days, in the hours of the night,
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
In the twilight’s soft glow, or the dawn’s gleaming light
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
In the winter’s dark chill, or in warm summer air,

There is never a season when you are not there and
We come to Thee, we come to Thee we come to Thee.

With a smile filled with joy or eyes filled with tears
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
When our hearts are at peace or in sadness or fear
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
In our happiest times, or when sorrows arise,
We lift up our hearts and we close our eyes and
We come to Thee we come to Thee we come to Thee.

In the seconds we count, or the years that fly by
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
In good times or bad, all the days of our lives
We come to Thee, we come to Thee.
From the start of our lives to the end we shall see
You have always been there and forever will be and
We come to Thee, we come to Thee, we come to Thee.

Jesus' Prayer ❖

**Many: Our creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy dominion come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is dominion,
and the power and the glory,
for ever. Amen.**

Offertory

Kenny Kirkwood

Building Bridges

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

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One: ...the ushers will come forward to receive our tithes, and offerings.

Gathering of 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 of 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.**

Celebration of Holy Communion

We celebrate an open Communion. We serve only non-alcoholic juice and the wafers are 100% wheat. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion. We believe the wafers and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a blessing without the host/wafer, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

Self-Administered Communion *Separate communion tables are set up at the centre back of the Sanctuary on the ground floor and under our DNA banners upstairs. Instructions are at each table.*

One: God is with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

One: It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, loving God, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the company of heaven who forever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy one; my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you, holy are you God!
¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
¡Mi corazón te sabe decir, Santo eres mi Dios!**

One: On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread,
After giving thanks you broke it and said,
"This is my body, broken for you,
And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my body, broken for you,
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup.
After giving thanks, you lifted it up.
"This is my life, poured out for you,
And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my life, poured out for you,
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread,
For we see the love you gave and the life you led.
And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.

**Mothers: And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.**

**Many: And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.**

One: Let us now proclaim the Mystery of our Faith:

Many: Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

Invitation to God's Table

As others receive, please maintain an atmosphere of calm reflection, and join in singing the communion hymns.

Give Us This Day

Give us this day our daily bread;
You said you would supply all my needs, according to your riches.
I have but to ask, and I shall receive.
To go from here and share this love you've given me,
To show the ones who're lost and help them find the way,
The way to truth and love, so they can be free.
O God, we need your love!
O God, we need your peace!
O God, we need your joy, so we can be free!
Give us this day our daily bread.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Maker, I Thy true one;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High One of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High One of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Maker of all.

In Moments Like These

In moments like these, I sing out a song,
I sing out a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these, I lift up my hands,
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love you, Lord."

Singing, "I love you, Lord."

Singing, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

In moments like these, I turn to my friend,
I turn to my friend who is Jesus.

In moments like these, I turn to my friend,
I turn to my friend the Lord.

Saying, "I love you, Lord."

Saying, "I love you, Lord."

Saying, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer,
I breathe out a prayer to my Jesus.

In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer,
I breathe out a prayer to the Lord.

Praying, "I love you, Lord."

Praying, "I love you, Lord."

Praying, "I love you, Lord; I love you."

Alleluia

Because You Live ❖

Benediction ❖

Many: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Words ❖

Closing Song ❖

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna walk my whole life through
With this living light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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