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Easter has less to do with one person's escape from the grave than with the victory of seemingly powerless love over loveless power.

– William Sloane Coffin

## Join your MCC Toronto Family for Easter

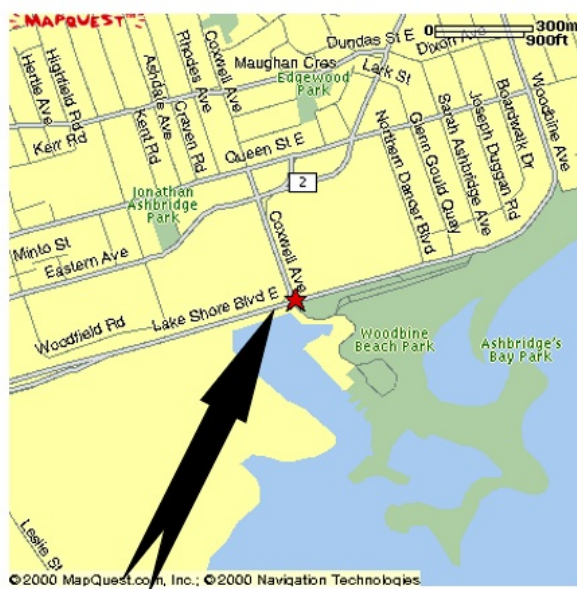
The long 40 days of Lent are almost over, and all of us here at MCC Toronto are looking forward to joyous Easter Celebrations. It looks like we will even have warmer sunny weather on Easter Sunday, to lift our spirits even higher! Come on out for any or all of these services.

**MAKE AN EASTER OFFERING**

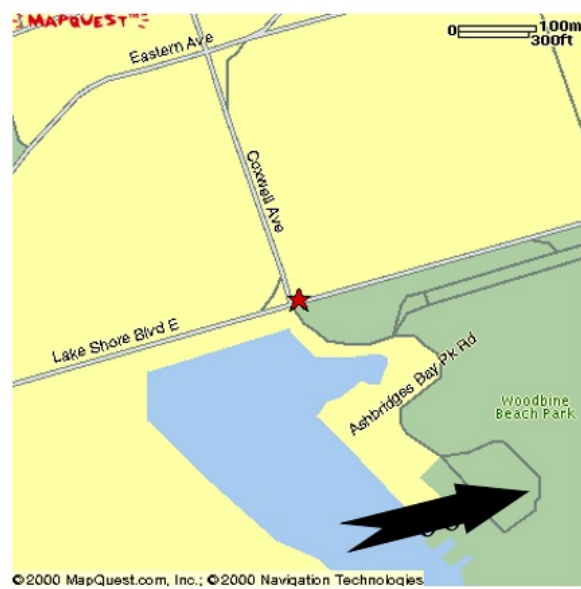
Tonight (**Apr 7**), on this Good Friday, we remember the Seven Last Words of Christ in word and music with an in-person and **livestreamed Good Friday Service at 7 PM**.



Our **Easter Sunday** begins with a Sunrise Service at Ashbridges Bay at **5:45 AM**, followed by breakfast at the Sunset Grill (2006 Queen St. East) at **7 AM**. The Service will also be uploaded to our **Facebook page** at approximately **7 AM**.



Enter Ashbridges Bay Park Rd just east of Coxwell Ave at Lakeshore Blvd. East.



Proceed to the parking lot and look for the MCC Toronto folks. We'll gather from 5:45 am and walk to the worship site at 6:00am.

All are welcome to join us for our fabulous celebratory **Easter Sunday Service at 11 AM**, which will be livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#).

## Easter Memorial Donors



MCC Toronto is grateful to the following for their Easter Memorial Donations. We join with you in remembering your loved ones at this special time.

Ron Beben In Memory of William (Bill) Denison  
 Jorge da Costa In Memory of da Costa family & Gary Santos  
 Rev. Deana Dudley & Janet Fitzsimmons In Memory of our mothers  
 Lorraine Geiger In Memory of Morris Strong & Miles Hearn  
 Bradley Hickman In Memory of Paul Patrick Duffy  
 Joan Lowden & Susan Maddick In Memory of Ian Campbell  
 MCC Toronto Staff In Memory of Mark Asselin  
 Patty McVitty In Memory of Diana McVitty  
 Catherine Meade In Memory of My Great Cloud of Witnesses  
 Adenike M Oniyelu In Memory of Tunde Oniyelu  
 Sheryl Pollock In Memory of Jim Needham  
 Leighton (Leigh) Sayers In Memory of Sandra Tucker  
 Brian Strem In Memory of Olga Strem

## Musical Guests

Our Good Friday Service Musical Guests are **Peter Henderson** and **Geneviève Trudel**.



Peter grew up in rural Ontario where, without a lot else to do as a kid, he spent many hours sitting in front of his parents' old Zenith console singing along to the likes of the Carpenters, Elvis, Engelbert Humperdinck, Tammy Wynette and Ronnie Milsap.

Peter joined the choir in 2012. His proudest musical accomplishment to date is having written two songs with Diane Leah and Stephanie Martin. Stephanie sang "Middle Ground" at MCC in 2018, and Peter has performed "Me, Jesus and Jack" at MCC on several occasions.

Peter credits his love of music to his mother, who sang around the house in a beautiful, unacknowledged soprano voice as she went about her task of looking after EIGHT children. At 86, she still has perfect pitch.

Geneviève (she/they) is a young and passionate musician, born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. From the moment she could talk, she wanted to sing. She was always drawn to the stage, which led her to perform in musicals and sing in an adult church choir at the age of 10. Now, working as a soloist, she has a well-rounded repertoire and wants to share her love of music and performing with the world.



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On Easter Sunday, our Musical guests are **Billy Newton Davis** and **Shannon McCracken**.



Billy Newton-Davis is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Billy is a singer/songwriter/recording artist and four-time Juno Award winner. He has performed in venues across Europe and North America and has sung with artists such as Celine Dion and is perhaps best known for his extensive work with The Nylons.

Billy also donates his talent towards numerous humanitarian causes including AIDS awareness, Actors Equity, and housing for

people living with mental illness.

Shannon is a singer, actor, voice-over artist and teacher. Some of Shannon's oratorio work includes Handel's *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Bach's *Magnificat in D Major*. As well as



frequenting as a guest soloist for choirs and orchestras, Shannon has been featured in cabarets at the *Banff Centre*, with *New Stages*, and at the inaugural *Women of Musical Theatre Festival* in Toronto, and her recital and concert work have taken her across Canada.

On the stage, some of Shannon's favourite credits include: Esme in the world premiere of *Buying the Farm* (Port Stanley Festival Theatre); Galinda in *Wicked*; Amalia in *She Loves Me* (CMTP); *Oklahoma!* and *The Sound of Music* (Port Hope Festival Theatre); and Barbarina in *The Marriage of Figaro* (Opera Laurier).



Shannon teaches voice from her home studio in Peterborough, loves going for walks with her dog, and is excited to be a part of MCC Toronto this week.

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## Taking Action for Uganda



Last Sunday (**Apr 2**), MCC Toronto joined with partner organizations in **Dignity Network Canada** and hundreds of community activists at a Protest Rally against the Ugandan government's anti-LGBTQ+ laws. Rev. Deana spoke at the protest and you can watch her remarks above!

MCC Toronto has also joined with 100 other queer and queer friendly organizations in signing a declaration asking the Canadian government to take action. Congregants and community members are encouraged to contact their local MPs to ask them to get Canada to do more to

support LGBTIQ+ Ugandans right now.

We are grateful for the 40+ members of the MCC Toronto family who attended the Protest Rally. This is our Human Rights work in action!

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We're looking for volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on Sundays from **9-11 AM** and every second Thursday from **1:30-3:30 PM**. You don't need to have any experience to join us! Just bring your enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to learn.

If you're up for this delicious challenge, sign up as a volunteer baker today!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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## Volunteer with MCC Toronto's Congregational Care Ministry

This spring, MCC Toronto is looking to grow our team of congregational care ministers. We're currently seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to serve as lay ministers in the congregational care program. Lay minister responsibilities include providing basic pastoral care to folks who submit care requests at [mcctoronto.com/care](http://mcctoronto.com/care) as well as occasionally leading the prayers of the people during worship. If you think you may be suited for the work of congregational care, or would like to learn more about the role, please contact Rev. Junia Joplin at [jjoplin@mcctoronto.com](mailto:jjoplin@mcctoronto.com). An information session will be hosted on **Sunday, May 7** after Service in the Rainbow Room.

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# Volunteer with us!

Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

Right now we need volunteers for our **Triangle Program Lunches, Information Desk, Thrift Shop Cleaning and Sale.**

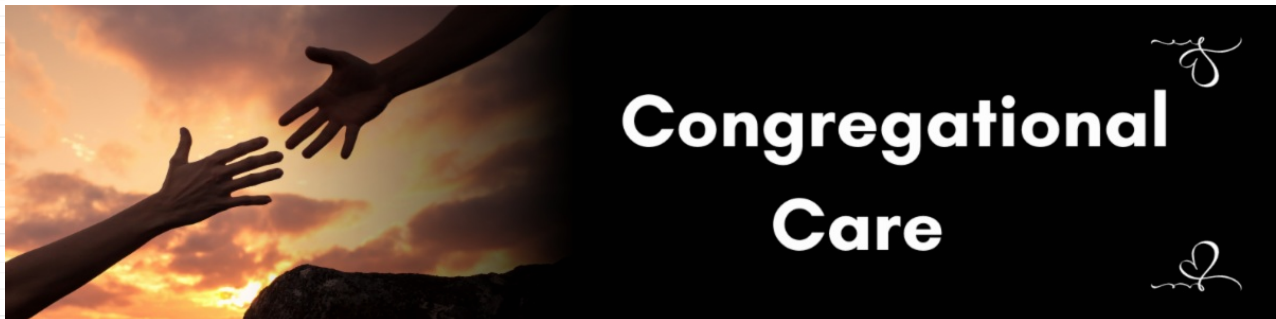
To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

## Become a Monthly Donor



It is always a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate members and congregants enrolled in our weekly and monthly giving program! The on-going support of our 300+ sustaining donors is so critical to the work MCC Toronto does everyday, and we are extremely grateful for your gifts. However, like a lot of churches, MCC Toronto has seen our weekly and monthly contributions decline over the past two years. Today, we invite you to consider joining our family of weekly or monthly donors. Whether your gift is \$5 a week, or \$25 a month, every bit helps support our operations. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com) for more information.



## Congregational Care

Taking care of ourselves or others is always important. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more about our Congregational Care program? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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### This Week at a Glance April 9 - 15

#### Sunday:

5:45 AM - Sunrise Service

7 AM - Breakfast at the Sunset Grill

11 AM - Online and In-Person Easter Sunday Service

#### Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

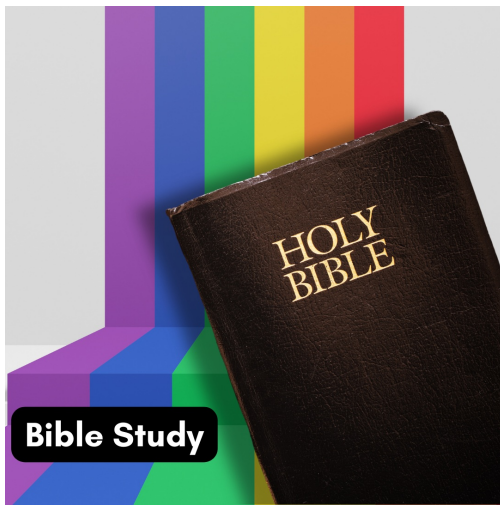
(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

3 PM - [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)

#### Tuesday:

7 PM - [Bible Study](#)





### Bible Study

**Bible Study**  
Tuesday | 7:00 PM  
[ZOOM Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479  
Password: 559690



### Digital Fellowship Hall

**Digital Fellowship Hall**  
Thursday | 3:00 PM  
[ZOOM Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853  
Password: 560461



**Sunday Service Worship**  
Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

Questions? Comments? Inquires?  
We'd love to hear from you!

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