



Eastminster United Church

March 29, 2015

Palm/Passion Sunday

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Palm Sunday ... reminds us that at the moment of what seems to be the height of Jesus' public acceptance also begins the process of His public betrayal, His public failure, His public abandonments" - Joan Chittister

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: He came riding on a donkey

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Emerge from the shadows

All: Celebrate the one who walked among us

One: Turn from the thoughts that bind you

All: Turn from what imprisons your heart

One: Come and shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

Introit

Enter Into Jerusalem

Richard Ho Lung

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house.
With the healthy and the sick, with the worker and the weak,
Let us go to God's house.
Come and run with the wind, and the God who reigns in peace,
Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk-a down there,
Swaying to the breeze with the God who reigns in peace.
With your papa and your mama, with your uncle and your aunt,
Come and run and catch the breeze with the God who reigns in peace,
Let us go to God's house.

We go celebrate, O Israel.
Praise the name of the Lord on high, praise God's name
with a heavenly song.

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

Lighting Lenten Candles

We light a candle for each of the Sundays in Lent. At the end of the service we extinguish one candle remembering the things we give up or let go of on our Lenten journey.

Opening Prayer

adapted from Richard Bott

Holy one, today we celebrate because we know the story. We celebrate that Jesus walked with his disciples, talked with his people, was loved by his family. We celebrate that through them we have come to know him. Help us to see ourselves in his story. Help us to make his story ours. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

Henry Moller

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Sacrifice

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode

Carl P. Daw Jr.; arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Into Jerusalem Jesus rode,
triumphant King acclaimed;
palm branches spread to honour his way,
garments laid down as tokens of praise;
shouts of "Hosanna" surged through the throng
into Jerusalem.

Outside Jerusalem Jesus hung,
crucified King despised;
wood formed a cross suspending his life,
soldiers cast lots to deal out his clothes;
his lonely cries:
"My God"; "It is done"
outside Jerusalem.

Within Jerusalem Jesus stood,
masquerade King reviled:
thorns made a crown (grim satire of truth),
robe like a wound thrown over his back;
echoes of "Crucify!" filled the air
within Jerusalem.

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: MV# 162 Christ, within Us Hidden

Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU# 960

Lee Perry

Sung Prayer Response1

Taizé Community

Noth-ing can ev-er come be - tween us and the love of God, the

love of God re-vealed to us in Christ Je - sus.

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#126 Ride On, Ride In, the Time is Right

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Postlude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

J.S. Bach

Today

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 p. 47

Special thanks to Kaleb Koslowski, organ, and Max Forster, trumpet for sharing their gifts of music with us today.

Announcements

~ **EVENT POSTPONED**

Due to our desire to make our 70's party a huge success, we have postponed the choir's presentation of Boogie through the 70's until October 3, 2015. Watch for more details to come and how you can help make this a success with silent auction items or baking. But please save the date of Saturday evening October 3 for this **MUST ATTEND** extravaganza.

~ **EASTER FLOWERS**

Please bring potted spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. After the service they will be delivered to those unable to join us at church.

~ **UPDATE: Sun. April 5 from 9-10am: MEN'S GROUP EASTER BREAKFAST!**

Yes! Once again this year the Eastminster Men's Group will be cooking up a sumptuous Easter breakfast, so come out and enjoy this wonderful spread before the Easter service!

The menu will feature their signature scrambled eggs (with onions, green/red peppers), bacon, homemade pancakes (!), hash browns, chunky fresh fruit salad and toast... along with the finishing touches of sweet maple syrup, juice, butter and jam...

**** Volunteers are needed! ****

They are seeking a few good men & women to help with set-up/take down, food prep, and dishwashing. Please speak to Winston Roach or Victor Chan if you can lend a hand.

~ **UPDATE: FUNDRAISING BOOK SALE!**

Today is the second weekly Book Sale to help raise funds for the Eastminster Accessibility Project. Following the service, please take a few minutes to browse the many books on the Book Table in the Narthex. There are new gently used books available every week and today we'll have a special section for children's books. Prices are flexible, so pay what you think it's worth. All proceeds go to the Eastminster Accessibility Fund - last week \$159 was raised! That was a great way to kick-off the Book Sales, so thank you to everyone who so generously support the Eastminster Accessibility Fund.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:

~ Thurs. April 2 at 7pm: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HAND AND FOOT WASHING

This is being held at Glen Rhodes United Church, 1470 Gerrard St. E, with the Danforth Multifaith Community.

~ Fri. April 3 at 10am: DANFORTH ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

The walk begins at Holy Name Catholic Church (71 Gough Ave) and continues on to 4 other churches.

~ Sun. April 5 at 10:30am: EASTER!

Rev. Sarah Miller preaching "The Easter Paradox: Loss, Hope and Resurrection"

Upcoming Events

~ Fri. April 24 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train* **Author:** *William Kuhn* **Moderator:** Susan Wakefield.

New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese. Location: At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC). For more info contact: John Brown at 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren at 416-465-6174 or email:

info@neilandcarolyn.com

Community Events

~ Fri. April 3 at 2pm: ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE 2015:

"COMING FULL CIRCLE: RECONCILING US." The annual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice in downtown Toronto will focus on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which will issue its final report June 2. All are welcome on the Walk and supper.

www.goodfridaywalkforjustice.wordpress.com

~ Fri. April 3 at 7.30pm: JOSEF HAYDN'S – LORD NELSON MASS

Members of the Toronto Beach Chorale warmly welcome you to enjoy *Josef Haydn's –Lord Nelson Mass* with professional orchestra and guest soloists at Kingston Rd. United Church, 975 Kingston Rd. General Admission: \$20/\$25 at door, Youth (7-18) \$10/\$12 at door Children under 7 free.

Info at: www.torontobeachchorale.com

~ Sat. April 11 at 7.30pm: "WHY ME?" AN EASTER REFLECTION

You are invited to attend Birchcliff Bluffs United Church's Shower Curtin Productions Easter Drama, *"Why Me? An Easter Reflection"*. Located at 33 East Road, (Warden Ave. & Kingston Rd.) Adults- \$10 Children- \$2. Proceeds will go to help BBUC and the very busy **Churches by the Bluffs Community Food Bank**. Info at: bbuoffice@bellnet.ca or 416-694-4081

~ Wed. April 15 from 11am – 1pm: PRAYER VIGIL: BUDGET 2015 - NO MORE TURNING AWAY AT

QUEEN'S PARK. As release of Ontario's 2015 provincial budget draws near, join people of faith at a Queen's Park prayer vigil to pray that our society and provincial government will heed the call for forceful action to counter poverty in this budget. Leaders of various faiths will offer short reflections and prayers. The vigil is sponsored by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), Ontario's major interfaith anti-poverty organization. You are welcome even if you can only attend for half an hour or an hour, as you are able. Visit www.isarc.ca for details or follow ISARC on Facebook.

~ April 17 & 24 - 7:30 pm/April 18 & 25 -3 pm: **GODSPELL!**

Presented by the Knob Hill Community Players at Knob Hill United Church, 23 Gage Avenue, Scarborough (East of Brimley, between Lawrence & Eglinton). For more information contact Hedy Baker-Graf at 416-431-5054 or email Tracy Odell at my-universe@rogers.com. Tickets are \$15 each or \$10 for students.

~ Sun. April 19 at 1pm: **WALK LINE 9**

Re-Claiming the Corridor for People, Not Tar Sands. You and your family are invited to join us for a walk (RAIN OR SHINE) along the Hydro Corridor north of Finch Ave. (from Talbot Rd., west to Bathurst Ave.). We will be celebrating the use of this provincially-owned Corridor as a public recreation space; instead of a dangerous profit centre for Enbridge. (We will meet at 1pm at the west end of the TTC parking lot at Hendon and Yonge) <http://www.stopline9-toronto.ca/>

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

Our Staff

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Musicians

Michelle Suzanne, *soprano soloist*
Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*
Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*
Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

Custodians

Robert Covert
Jessica Aguiar
Alison LeGrow
Joseph Telford
Joshua Somer



"For the child taken, for the parent left behind."

Greater Toronto Regional Update – March 2015

National TRC Work

The last of seven national TRC events took place a year ago in **Edmonton, Alberta, March 27th – 30th, 2014**, and national and regional churches made efforts to have a large contingent of people attend, in support of the process and the survivors who told their stories.

The Commissioners, and all the participating churches, have now turned their attention to the TRC's closing events in **Ottawa May 31st to June 3rd, 2015**, including the release of the **Final Report** and its

findings and recommendations on **Tuesday June 2nd**. Many churches are preparing for a significant presence in Ottawa, as well as numerous lead-up and follow-up events, as all who have participated in the process recognize that while the work of the Commissioners may come to a close in June, the work of truth-telling, healing, and the seeking of reconciliation and right relations does not.

A partner of the TRC, **Reconciliation Canada**, is planning a major **Reconciliation Walk on Sunday May 31st** to begin the closing events with an important public witness. It is hoped that many tens of thousands of people will take part.

National Church Work

Momentum continues to build toward the closing events, as the churches who bear the legacy of abuse inflicted on children in the Indian Residential School system plan, not only to draw attention to the closing in Ottawa or for delegations of leaders to attend, but for continuing the work of reconciliation and responding with integrity and commitment to the TRC's findings and recommendations.

KAIROS Canada is planning a series of events, including an intergenerational gathering of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal delegates **May 29th – 30th** at Carleton University, as well as other education gatherings, for those who can stay longer, through **June 3rd**. A large ecumenical **Worship Service** is also planned, to be hosted by Ottawa churches, following the Walk on the afternoon of **May 31st**. For more information on the KAIROS schedule of events, or to register, go to <http://www.kairoscanada.org/get-involved/time-for-reconciliation/>

Regional TRC/ChurchWork

In the greater Toronto region efforts are being made among those who hosted **The Meeting Place**, the Toronto Region TRC event May 31st – June 2nd, 2012, including Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre and the Living Into Right Relations Circle of Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada, to work alongside others to plan for various gatherings leading up to, during, and beyond the TRC closing in June. A number of ecumenical solidarity events are being planned, including the **Good Friday Walk for Justice April 3rd** from **2 – 4:30 pm** in downtown Toronto (starting at Holy Trinity Anglican Church and continuing to Nathan Phillips Square), a **Reconciliation Walk** on the afternoon of **May 31st** (details to be announced), as well as special services to recognize **National Aboriginal Day on Sunday June 21st**. The group is also planning ecumenical training events for adults and youth, and will be supporting a delegation of survivors, with whom Council Fire works, to accompany local TRC witnesses to Ottawa, so that cross-cultural learning can take place.

Advocacy continues regarding the **Native Women's Association of Canada's** call for a **Public Inquiry** regarding the **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls** in Canada, which now numbers near 1200, as well as the need for a new and well-funded **First Nations Education Act** that provides autonomy and authority to Indigenous leaders for the education of their children.

Consider joining these regional efforts to pursue reconciliation and right relations from a faith-based perspective. Contact Linda Parsons, Facilitator of the Living Into Right Relations Circle, Toronto Conference, at linda.parsons@rogers.com or 905-895-7194.

More information about TRC events in Ottawa is available on the national website: www.trc.ca