



The Immaculate Conception by Diego Velazquez

Advent III
Sunday, December 15, 2024
9:15 a.m. (pages 2-5)
11:00 a.m. (pages 6-8)



9:15 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great God of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing night;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

The Crane family

Family: There are many who say,

“Who will show us any good?””

Let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord.

Fill our hearts with joy, as when grain and new wine abounds.

**All: God has multiplied us and increased our joy.
 We rejoice before Him as in the joy of harvest,
 For Christ comes to break the yoke of our burden,
 The staff of our shoulders, and the rod of the oppressor.
 The joy of the Lord is our strength!**

ADVENT HYMN *SING TOGETHER* (No. 6, v. 3)

Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"O Gracious Light"

*David Gungor and John Arndt
John Arndt*

O Gracious Light so pure and bright, dispel the darkness of our hearts that by your brightness we may know the light. Incarnate word, grant that the light, deep and kindled in our hearts may shine forth and grant us divine light. Dayspring of life, true light from light pour into every broken heart peace and virtue binded by the light. Oh Jesus Christ, Holy and Blessed; we sing your praises in our hearts, God of heaven giver of all life. Bring your peace, hope and love; bring your peace Gracious one.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

We invite all the children to come up for a short prayer before proceeding to Sunday school.

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Peter Vincent

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory.² There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.³ Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,

but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰ The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

SERMON

"Mary in Israel"

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *CHOIR ONLY*

"Breath of Heaven"

Amy Grant

Olivia LaPointe, Chamber Choir

I have travelled many moonless nights; cold and weary with a baby inside, and I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son; I am waiting in a silent prayer; I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone; must I walk this path alone? Be with me now, be with me now, Breath of Heaven; hold me together; be forever near me Breath of Heaven, Breath of Heaven. Lighten my darkness; pour over me Your Holiness, for you are Holy; Breath of Heaven. Do You wonder as You watch my face? If a wiser one should have had my place, but I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong, help me be. Help me.

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Lo, how a rose, e'er blooming,
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Saviour
when half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CONTEMPORARY BAND

John Arndt, (Band leader, arranger)
Noel Di Tosto, Stephen San Juan, Etienne Levesque (Band)
Elaine Choi, William Byassee, Rosie Scopacasa,
Ella Xu, Madeline Wood (Strings)
Olivia LaPointe, David Michael Moote (Vocals)
CCLI: 2792602

CHOIR SCHOOL CAROLLING

TEMC's Choir School will be carolling at the Russell Hill Retirement Centre on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:15 PM.



11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.
These services are live streamed (a live video presentation)*

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Pastorale on ‘Gesu Bambino’”

*Pietro Yon
Stephen Boda*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

No. 38 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

The Maroon/Cubrt family

Family: There are many who say,

“Who will show us any good?”

Let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord.

Fill our hearts with joy, as when grain and new wine abounds.

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THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *CHOIR ONLY*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER

No. 74 "What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

SERMON

"Mary in Israel"

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *CHOIR ONLY*

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Darke
Sanctuary Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *PLEASE STAND*

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 48 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 967

Danish

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Hark the Herald Angel's Sing"

David Willcocks
Stephen Boda, organ

*Join us at 2:00 pm today in the East Chapel for (Bilingual Welsh/English)
Addoldy Cymraeg Toronto Service of Lessons and Carols*

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. We pray that the Holy Spirit will gather all people into one body of Christ.



ADVENT IV

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

9:15 AM: CONTEMPORARY

11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching

“Mary in Pain”

from Luke 2:22-35



EL HOGAR BAKE SALE & PINNINGTON PRESERVES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Too busy to bake? You can load up on homemade baked goods and preserves at our sale on Sunday, December 22 during coffee hour and after the 11:00 AM service if anything remains.

DEDICATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund by Carolyn Williams, wishing Ross & Marilyn Durant a Merry Christmas.

At the Christmas Season a donation has been made to the General Fund in memory of John Edward Deeks by his wife Magaret.

STEWARDSHIP

The committed financial support of our donors is vital to TEMC's ongoing ministry. Please consider making your contributions on a pre-authorized monthly basis by bank transfer or credit card. For more information you make contact Jaelyn Didiano, 416-925-5977 ext. 223.

Have you checked out our blog? Visit us at temc.ca/blog to see what's new.

The background of the top section is a dark blue night sky with several white stars. A large, bright white star in the upper right corner has a white beam of light shining down from it, illuminating a white silhouette of a stable. Inside the stable, a white silhouette of a woman is kneeling and holding a baby, with another white silhouette of a man standing beside her. To the left of the stable, three white silhouettes of the three wise men are walking towards the right. The title 'The Night Before Christmas' is centered in the upper half of the page in a large, bold, black font.

The Night Before Christmas

A traditional nativity pageant
December 24 @ 3:00 & 5:00 PM

For many years TEMC's Christmas pageant has been a highlight of the season, when the congregation, their families and people from the community gather to celebrate the birth of Christ. More than 100 volunteers give of their time to make the pageant possible and many months of planning and work go into the production.

The pageant is free to attend – it is our gift to the community – so we are dependent on donations to make it happen. Due to economic conditions being felt by the whole country, we're inviting all who wish to support the pageant to become patrons. Patrons will be recognized with their names appearing in the pageant program, unless you advise us that you prefer to remain anonymous. You can make your donation online at temc.ca/donate (select "Christmas Pageant Patron") or by cheque payable to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (please note "Christmas Pageant Patron" on the memo line). Receipts will be issued in February 2025. We thank you for your generous support.

Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank Donations

The Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank expects to feed more than 500 hungry families in our community this Christmas, and is looking to us for help. Please leave donations of canned and packaged food in the bin in the narthex and cheques (payable to Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank) at the Volunteer Office. You can also donate online at cothfoodbank.ca. Thank you for your support.



TOGETHER AT
CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 | 9 - 10 AM



TIMOTHY EATON
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230 St. Clair Ave W

DIASPERSIA ESL CLASSES



- **WHEN:** Weekdays
- **WHERE:** TEMC
- **TAUGHT BY:** Certified and experienced teachers, including instructor Payman Doddress
- **WHAT WE OFFER:** General English: Enhance your communication skills and Test Prep: Get ready for standard English exams
- **WHO IT'S FOR:** These classes are open to everyone and are designed especially for the Iranian diaspora.



CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The DECEMBER Food of the Month donation is FAMILY SIZED DRY PASTA. With rising food costs the food bank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). In order to ensure that the food bank can continue in future years we need the financial support of the community.

Visit us by going to cothfoodbank.ca for more information or to donate. You can also scan the QR code. Thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS AT TEMC

Sunday Advent Services: 9:15 & 11:00 AM - December 1, 8, 15, 22

Saturday, December 14: Yule Sing! Concert

4:00 PM: TEMC with special guests, The Weston Silver Band.

Sunday, December 15: Addoldy Cymraeg Toronto

2:00 PM: Bilingual (Welsh/English) Service of lessons and carols.

Wednesday, December 18: Children's Christmas Party

6:00 PM: Santa Claus, hot chocolate booth, decorating cookies, games, dinner, fun for the whole family!

December 22: El Hogar Bake Sale/Pinnington Preserves

10:15 AM: The sale takes place between the services and after the 11:00 AM service (if anything remains).

December 24: Christmas Eve

3:00 & 5:00 PM: Christmas pageant

9:30 PM: Carols by candlelight: in the nave

10:00 PM: Christmas Eve service with communion (live streamed)

December 25: Christmas Day

9:00-10:00 AM: Together at Christmas Carol Service

December 25: AA Winter Season Open House - Free event

10:00 AM-4:00 PM: Turkey, ham, stuffing, all the things. All are welcome to attend. If you'd like to volunteer to help with prep or set-up on Dec. 24 contact: WinterSeasonOpenHouse@outlook.com

December 25 & 26: Christmas Day/Boxing Day

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, December 29

11:00 AM Worship Service

January 1: Happy New Year!

Church Offices Closed

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday the minister will lead a study on the focus passage for the coming Sunday's sermon. It's a great way to prepare for Sunday, ask questions, and dive deeper into the passage.

Please join us at 1:30 pm in the Allan Beattie Room.

ADVENT STUDY– WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Never been confirmed, or are looking for more after Alpha? Let's gather on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM in the Allan Beattie Room. If you know some things about the faith but hunger to know more, this class is for you.

Advent study on Jim Harnish's book *Surprised by Mary* starts November 27 and runs for four weeks.



BAPTIZED WITH JESUS CLASSES

Do you have young people between the ages of 12-18, who are ready to be confirmed? Perhaps your youth was never baptized at all, but they're curious about joining the church.

This Advent, TEMC will be preparing our young people to receive and confess their own faith in Christ. Rev. Dayle will lead a weekly confirmation class, every Sunday from 12:45–1:30 pm in the Reception Room. The final class will be on Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 5) before we welcome our new members through baptism and/or confirmation on Baptism of Jesus Sunday (Jan. 12).

Is your young person ready to be "baptized with Jesus?" Contact daylebarrett@temc.ca for more information.





COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 27 – 7:00 PM

The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis by Michael Higgins

A fresh look at a complex pope with a simple agenda: radically reforming the Catholic Church. In his determination to reform the Vatican and ensure the Catholic faith evolves in a way that is relevant to the 21st century, Francis is very much carrying on the tradition of the Jesuits, an order known for their work in education, humanitarian missions, and social justice. A deep understanding of the Jesuit order informs Michael W. Higgins's approach in this novel reading of a papacy unlike any other.

A limited number of copies are available in our library. Also, both e-book and paper copies are available at the Toronto Public Library or they can be purchased online at Indigo.ca

Copies will also be available for purchase at the book club event.

Author, Dr. Michael W. Higgins, Ph.D., is the leading biographer of Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He is an author, Vatican affairs specialist for the Globe and Mail and CTV Network, Catholic educator, CBC radio documentarian, scholar, and administrator. He is Professor of Religious Studies and Vice-President for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University.

LAWSON LIBRARY

TEMC's Lawson Library is a volunteer-run library with a wide variety of books to help you on your spiritual journey. You can browse our book selection from the comfort of your home at librarycat.org/lib/TEMCLibrary. On Sunday morning from 10:00-11:00AM, volunteers are on hand to help you set up your own online Library Patron account so you can sign books out whenever you want! For more information email: library@temc.ca

Worship Information:

- Sunday School is held for children of all ages during the 9:15 service. Nursery is held for children up to three years of age during the 11:00 am service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony.
- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance. Large-print copies of the orders of service and assistive hearing devices are available upon request.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at temc.ca/livestream or facebook.com/temctoronto.
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at temc.ca/sermons.

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