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Sunday, February 4, 2024  
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TIMOTHY EATON  
MEMORIAL  
CHURCH



a place for life

# 9:15 ORDER OF SERVICE

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## **PRELUDE**

“Softly and Tenderly”

*Thompson arr. Raney*

*Elaine Choi, piano*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MINUTE MESSAGE**

Ash Wednesday & Pancake Supper

## **CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

“King Of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Chorus*

*Praise the Father*

*Praise the Son*

*Praise the Spirit three in one*

*God of Glory*

*Majesty*

*Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died  
And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored  
And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me  
CCLI Song #7183147

## **OPENING PRAYER** *PLEASE BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

*(We invite the congregation to take a moment of reflection as the children leave for their classes.)*

## **SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 27:1-41

Peter Vincent

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*<sup>14</sup> So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared savory food, such as his father loved.<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob,<sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.<sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.*

<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him. <sup>24</sup> He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." <sup>25</sup> Then he said, "Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it to him, and he ate, and he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." <sup>27</sup> So he came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. <sup>28</sup> May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. <sup>29</sup> Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

<sup>30</sup> As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau came in from his hunting. <sup>31</sup> He also prepared savory food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father sit up and eat of his son's game, so that you may bless me." <sup>32</sup> His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your firstborn son, Esau." <sup>33</sup> Then Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him?—yes, and blessed he shall be!" <sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father's words, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, me also, father!" <sup>35</sup> But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." <sup>36</sup> Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and look, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" <sup>37</sup> Isaac answered Esau, "I have already made him your lord, and I have given him all his brothers as servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?" <sup>38</sup> Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, father? Bless me, me also, father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

<sup>39</sup> Then his father Isaac answered him: "See, away from the fatness of the earth shall your home be and away from the dew of heaven on high. <sup>40</sup> By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother, but when you break loose, you shall break his yoke from your neck." <sup>41</sup> Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

## SERMON

### **“Bless Me Also, Father!”**

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

## OFFERING

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *CHOIR ONLY*

“Let Everything That Hath Breath”

*Ames*  
Chamber Choir

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless His name for He is worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with the voice of triumph! For the Mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Come on and praise the Lord Let's all praise His name. Give him the highest praise. Praise Him, the Lord. Praise Him with the timbrel, praise him with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing “Hallelujah” Praise His holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised. Lets praise the Lord. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God . . .

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*No. 942*

Minister: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . . .

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. . . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the

Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honour and glory is yours,  
almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: Amen**

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*“Ave Verum Corpus”*

*Martin  
Chamber Choir*

*Ave verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine  
Vere passum immolatum  
in cruce pro homine;  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu, Fili Mariae,  
Miserere nobis. Amen*

Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste  
In the test of death.  
O my loving, Gentle One,  
Sweetest Jesus,  
Mary's Son. Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *SAY TOGETHER*

**God of all majesty, you make yourself small in the infant Jesus, in this bread, in this cup, and in our little hearts. Fill them all with your glory, with the hope of your coming in glory to renew your creation. For Jesus' sake, amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *PLEASE STAND*

"Jesus Thank You"

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Chorus*

*Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end  
Lover of my soul I want to live for You

*CCLI Song # 4475341*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Jesus Thank You"

**CONTEMPORARY BAND**

Elaine Choi, piano; Noel Di Tosto, guitar;  
Sean King, bass; Chris Reesor, percussion;  
Jill San Juan, Dan Bevan-Baker, David Michael Moote, vocals  
CCLI: 2792602

# 11:00 ORDER OF SERVICE

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## THE APPROACH

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Brother James Air'

*Seale Wright  
Stephen Boda*

### WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 213 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*Darwall's 148th*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: As we come into the presence of God, let us open our hearts and minds to the One who has the power to transform our lives.

**All: Just as the refiner heats gold and presses it into the shape of beautiful art, so too God's hand works in our lives to transform us into the image of Christ.**

Minister: Sometimes we feel the heat. Sometimes we feel the pressure, and we wish it would stop. But God, in His infinite wisdom, uses those things for our ultimate good.

**All: We trust in God's goodness and in God's holy purpose for our lives. As we worship God together, may our hearts be transformed, that we might be sent into the world to touch the lives of others in His name.**

**All sing: Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.**

*(No. 393 v. 4)*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTE MESSAGE

Ash Wednesday and Pancake Supper

## THE WORD OF GOD



## SCRIPTURE READING

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## **HYMN OF PREPARATION** PLEASE STAND

No. 337 "Blessed Assurance"

Assurance

## **SERMON**

**"Bless Me Also, Father!"**

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

# THE RESPONSE

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"The Ground from Sunrise Mass"

Gjeilo

Sanctuary Choir

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osana in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domina.  
Benedictus qui venit. Osana in excelsis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi.  
Dona nobis pacem.*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he who comes. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Grant us peace

# HOLY COMMUNION

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**People: Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

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hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven**

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**And lead us not into temptation,  
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## COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Martin

Sanctuary Choir

*Ave, verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum  
in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste  
In the test of death.  
O my loving, Gentle One,  
Sweetest Jesus,  
Mary's Son. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

**God of all majesty, you make yourself small in the infant Jesus, in this bread, in this cup, and in our little hearts. Fill them all with your glory, with the hope of your coming in glory to renew your creation. For Jesus' sake, amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 325 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Westminster Abbey

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL AMEN

No. 967

Danish

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on ‘Vulpius’

Healey Willan  
Stephen Boda

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Following the service please join us in the  
Flora McCrea Auditorium for our annual Chilly Day Chili.



**Join us at 12:00 noon TODAY  
in the Flora McCrea Auditorium**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**9:15 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Rev. Lorraine Diaz preaching  
"More Than Just a Great Pair of Legs"  
from Mark 9:2-9

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Audrey Sixt



# Songs of Love

Friday  
February 9  
(doors open at 7:00 PM)

An immersive candlelit concert  
[temc.ca/songsoflove](http://temc.ca/songsoflove)

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Emily Kozak, who taught Sunday School to our two children, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Peter & Lynda Salloum.

In loving memory of our friend Emily Kozak, a donation has been made to the General Fund by John & Yvonne Trapman.

In memory of Emily Kozak, a treasured friend, beloved Sunday School teacher, church librarian, and volunteer in the Handicapable Ministry, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Mary Lou Taylor.

In loving memory of Emily Kozak, a dear friend and mentor at TEMC Church School's Primary Department, 1974-1986, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Janice Boneham.

In memory of Emily Kozak a donation has been made to the General Fund by John Coulton.

In memory of Emily Kozak, my former Sunday School teacher, who was always there to greet me with a big smile, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Caroline de Vries.

In memory of my good friend, Emily Kozak, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Iona Bell.

Have you checked out our blog? Visit us at [temc.ca/blog](http://temc.ca/blog) to see what's new.



## **CHURCHES CARING FOR CREATION: AN IDEA EXCHANGE TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH & A ROCHA ONTARIO**

What can churches do to care for creation? Many of us are asking this question. It's hard to know where to start. The list of environmental challenges is long, but increasingly faith communities are experimenting with new and exciting possibilities. If you would like to hear some of these stories, exchange ideas and discuss roadblocks, please join A Rocha and friends in midtown Toronto for a warm afternoon of conversation and encouragement.

The event takes place on Sunday, February 11 from 1:00 - 3:30 PM and is being hosted by Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (230 St. Clair Ave. W, Toronto). Registration is free at [arocha.ca/event/churches-caring-for-creation-toronto-on](http://arocha.ca/event/churches-caring-for-creation-toronto-on) so please join us and invite others who might be interested!

## **CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK**

The FEBRUARY Food of the Month donation is CANS OF BOOST OR ENSURE (MEAL REPLACEMENT). 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 at our website: [www.cothfoodbank.ca](http://www.cothfoodbank.ca) for more information or to donate. On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Food Bank, thank you for your support.

# DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 21!



## **JOURNEY TO TURKEY AND GREECE MAY 21-JUNE 4, 2024**

In the Footsteps of Paul, The Early Church and The Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation. Led by Rev. Lori & Chris Diaz.

Interested? Contact Rev. Lori at ext. 222 or [lorrainediaz@temc.ca](mailto:lorrainediaz@temc.ca)

A stack of several books with yellow and green covers is on the left side of the image. On the right side, there is a green ceramic cup on a matching saucer. The background is dark brown.

## *Cover to Cover* **BOOK CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 26 AT 7 PM**  
*This Year in Jerusalem*  
by Mordecai Richler  
Rev. Lori hosting



# Festival of Flowers

We invite you to make a donation for flowers in memory or honour of a loved one. The flowers will grace the chancel during worship celebrations on Easter Sunday. Afterward, they will be delivered to our members in care settings. The recipients are extremely grateful for the thoughtfulness.



You can make your donation **online at [temc.ca/festival-flowers](https://temc.ca/festival-flowers)** or pick up a form in the narthex, complete and return it to the Finance Office **no later than Palm Sunday (March 24)**.

Your donation will be acknowledged in the Easter Memorial booklet printed for the Easter Sunday service and posted on our website.

**We suggest a donation of \$30.00/plant.**

**Please make cheques payable to: Timothy Eaton Memorial Church** (and in the memo line: Festival of Flowers)

## SHINING WATERS REGION ASKS US TO PRAY FOR

Knox United Church, Dorset  
St. James United Church, Stroud  
Rama United Church

Did you know? We are part of a larger church community across Ontario, specifically the Shining Waters Regional Council. There are many events happening throughout the year at different churches. Visit: [shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/events/](https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/events/) if you are interested in checking some out.

## IN HONOUR

In honour of our sister Carolyn's birthday a donation has been made to the Churches on the Hill Food Bank by Ross and Marilyn Durant. Happy birthday, Carolyn!

*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.*



**TEMC 2024 FINE WINE AUCTION UPDATE.** So far, nearly \$40,000 worth of wines have been donated to the auction. Thank you! We continue to accept donations of wine from TEMC supporters, family and friends, with a focus on classed growth Bordeaux and Burgundy, Italian Super Tuscans, great California Cabernets, and outstanding wines from Spain, Portugal, and Australia, in multiples and large format sizes. Donated wines will be appraised by an expert, and donors will receive a 2024 tax receipt for the full appraised value. For any potential wine donations, please send pictures of the labels, taken on a smart phone, clearly showing the name of the producer, the wine type, vintage year, and volume, to Jaclyn Didiano, at [jaclyndidiano@temc.ca](mailto:jaclyndidiano@temc.ca), by March 28.



## CHURCH ON-THE-MOVE FEEDBACK

We've officially wrapped up our first instalment of Church On-the-Move! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Whether or not you attended, we would love your thoughts!

*(Answers remain anonymous unless you fill out the 'OPTIONAL' section below)*

Which Church On-the-Move did you attend?

- December 31 – Chancel
- January 14 – Atrium
- January 28 – West Chapel
- I did not attend Church On-the-Move

Please provide your thoughts on Church On-the-Move

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*(OPTIONAL) If you want to continue the conversation...*

Leave your name, email and/or phone number below and we'll get back to you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd prefer to fill out the form online please scan the QR code below.



***Please leave your feedback form in the bin provided in the narthex.***

## Worship Information:

- Nursery staff care for infants and children up to age four during the worship service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony. Classes are held for children from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 6 during the 9:15 service.
- 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](http://temc.ca/livestream) or [facebook.com/temctoronto](https://facebook.com/temctoronto) and audio broadcast on CHIN 1540 AM.
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at [temc.ca/sermons](http://temc.ca/sermons).

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