



Lent V

March 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.

*Previously recorded on April 7, 2019

TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH



a place for life

11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Prelude in B Major”

Camille Saint-Saëns
... Stephen Boda, organ

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 143 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

All: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Minister: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

All: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Minister: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

All: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

All Sing: Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who holds all my days secure,
in God's heart where love is sure?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

(VU 338, v. 3)

PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

Gracious and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

KYRIE *SING TOGETHER*

Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY *PLEASE STAND*

No. 321 v. 2

Diademata

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to you for your redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners shown, you heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Lift Up Your Heads"

Handel

... Sanctuary Choir

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts: He is the King of glory

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 3:2-21

... Megan Deeks

So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as

sweet as honey. He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, "Thus says the Lord God"; whether they hear or refuse to hear. Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days. At the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die," and you give them no warning, or speak to warn the wicked from their wicked way, in order to save their life, those wicked persons shall die for their iniquity; but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and they do not turn from their wickedness, or from their wicked way, they shall die for their iniquity; but you will have saved your life. Again, if the righteous turn from their righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before them, they shall die; because you have not warned them, they shall die for their sin, and their righteous deeds that they have done shall not be remembered; but their blood I will require at your hand. If, however, you warn the righteous not to sin, and they do not sin, they shall surely live, because they took warning; and you will have saved your life.

HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND

No. 116 "Giver of the Perfect Gift"

Song 13

Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift
trembling at thy throne of grace.

Though the accusing voice within
speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin,
thou canst set the conscience free.

Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power;
lo, we plead thy promise now,
now, in this accepted hour.

Oh! may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.

God the holy trinity,
grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee
through the ages evermore.

SERMON

"Where Is God When Needed?"

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer"

Malotte

... Paul Williamson

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *PLEASE STAND*

No. 541

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No. 262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper sure amid the flood

of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
power and malice great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no equal.

Did we in our strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
the truth to triumph through us:
the prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Christ, who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
God's kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 966

Dresden

POSTLUDE

"La Marche"

G.F. Handel
... Stephen Boda, organ

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Service – streamed at temc.ca/livestream

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**The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching
“Palms Up and Palms Down”**

from Matthew 21:1-9; 26:36-39

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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS EASTER SUN., APRIL 12

We invite you to give a donation for flowers in memory or honour of a loved one. The flowers will grace the chancel during worship celebrations on Easter Sunday.

Donation Order forms are available online and in the literature racks. Please return the completed forms to the volunteer office with cheques payable to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church **by Sunday, April 5**. We suggest a donation of \$25 per plant.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK

The APRIL Food of the Month donation is boxes of KRAFT DINNER. As a result of COVID 19 we have cancelled our Annual Food Drive – our largest food and fundraiser of the year. This will have a significant negative impact on our ability to provide for our clients.

Please consider making a financial donation via our website www.cothfoodbank.ca.

On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

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