

Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 23, 2025 – Lent III

9:15 a.m. (pages 2-5)

11:00 a.m. (pages 6-9)



TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH 
a place for life

9:15 ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off electronic devices. Nursery care is available.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE MESSAGE

Easter Dinner

Dayle K. Barrett

OPENING SONG

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER *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

"Christ Be With Me"

Gungor/Arndt
Chamber Choir

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me. Christ be with me at my right hand, at my left hand, as I lie down, as I rise up, as I stumble, as I fall down. Christ as I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me; Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me; Christ in every eye that sees me; Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen. Amen

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE

John 17:11-23

Caitlin Vincent

¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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SERMON

"Jesus the Priest" **Jason Byassee**

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *CHOIR ONLY*

"Be Not Afraid"

Courtney
Chamber Choir

Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. You are precious in my sight.
based on Isaiah 43

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

"Now and at the Hour"

The Brilliance

Holy Mother of God, pray for us
Pray for us.

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Pray for us.

Now and at the hour of our death,
Amen, amen.

Now and at the hour of our death,
Amen.

Oh, merciful God, forgive us,
Forgive us.

Oh, merciful God, forgive us,
Forgive us.

For all the things we have done,
And left undone.

For all the things we have done,
And left undone.

Oh, Son of God, rescue us,
Rescue us.

Oh, Son of God, rescue us,
Rescue us.

Now and at the hour of our death,
Amen, amen.

Now and at the hour of our death,
Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*If you would like to be mentioned in our pastoral prayer
please contact Joanne Leatch.*

CONTEMPORARY BAND

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

**BUSHCRAFT AND WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS
WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM**

This multi module course will cover the immediate skills to be comfortable camping, applied in a survival situation, or to enjoy learning skills that have been long lost in modern society. Modules covered will be lost person behavior, fire making and ignition sources, building shelters, water purification techniques and equipment, land navigation, components of a survival kit, tool safety and sharpening techniques, land navigation and wilderness first aid. Cost: \$95



The Instructor Dean Copecege is a survival, tracking and SERE Instructor. He is also Anishnawbe from the Williams Treaty Area and a Anishinaabe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Pipe Carrier.
For further information contact Dean at dean@summit-intel.com

**PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID COURSE
THURSDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, 24 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM**

Psychological first aid is a crisis intervention tool. Our approach provides individuals the means to identify psychological distress in themselves and others, and valuable tools to effectively address it. Further, we focus on tools to be applied to one's wellness and self care addressing grief, anxiety and crisis. Our approach is interactive, with examples, video tutorials, and real world experiences. Cost: \$95
The facilitator Dean Copecege a certified Psychological First Aid instructor, an Anishnawbe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Pipe Carrier.
For further information contact Dean at dean@summit-intel.com

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson
Stephen Boda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE MESSAGE

Easter Dinner

Dayle K. Barrett

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 325 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Westminster Abbey

CALL TO WORSHIP *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING (BASED ON PSALM 28)*

Minister: Saints, let us exalt name of the Lord who answers our prayers!

All: To you we will cry, O Lord our Rock.

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the voice of our supplications!

**All: The Lord is our strength and our shield;
our hearts trust in him and we are helped.**

Minister: Therefore, our hearts greatly rejoice, and with our song we will praise him.

**All Sing: What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O, what peace we often forfeit,
O, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

(No.664 v.1)

PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

Holy God, we confess that we have wronged you. We have sinned against heaven, and against each other, and we are not worthy to be called your children. If you gave to us according to our deeds and rendered to us what we deserve, we would be destroyed. If you were

silent to us, we would be like those who go down to the pit. So, hear our prayer as we cry out to you. Hear the prayer of your Son who has prayed for us. Forgive our sins, protect us from evil, and sanctify us in the truth. For Jesus' sake. 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. 264 v.1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *BASED ON ISAIAH 43*

"Be Not Afraid"

Courtney
Chamber Choir

Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. You are precious in my sight.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:11-23

Marni Whitaker

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HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND

No. 116 "Giver of the Perfect Gift"

Song 13

SERMON

"Jesus the Priest"

Jason Byassee

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER

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hallowed be thy name.**

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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

"God So Loved the World" from Crucifixion

Stainer

Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

RECESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

No. 654 "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

Michael

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 967

Danish

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Paul Fey

Stephen Boda

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please contact Joanne Leatch.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 – LENT IV

9:15 AM: CONTEMPORARY | 11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching:
“Jesus the Convict”
from Mark 15:1-15

Holy Week at TEMC

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

- 9:15 AM Contemporary | 11:00 AM Traditional
Services with Communion and we’re bring back our favourite donkey!

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday

- 2:00 PM Homecoming Service with Communion, followed by afternoon tea.
- 7:00 PM Musical Reflection

Friday, April 18: Good Friday

- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Neighbourhood Cross Walk, begins at Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and ends with a service at TEMC at 1:40 PM

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

- 7:00 PM Johns’ Boys Concert
- 10:00 PM Holy Saturday Vigil

Sunday, April 20: Easter – Festival of Flowers

- 9:15 AM Contemporary | 11:00 AM Traditional Services

DEDICATIONS

In memory of my husband Ross Howat, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Marjorie Howat.



BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 7:00 PM

Join us at 7:00 PM to discuss our latest book club pick: *Who Has Seen the Wind* by Canadian author W.O Mitchell.

Who Has Seen the Wind tells the story of young Brian O'Connell growing up in the 1930s on the Saskatchewan prairies.

Copies available in the Lawson library, at your local library, and at [Indigo](#).



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 or pick up a form in the narthex, complete and return it to the Finance Office **no**

later than Palm Sunday (April 13).

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)

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

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN TEMC?

On Resurrection Sunday, April 20th, we will be welcoming new members into our community of faith.



Whether you are seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a transfer of membership, we are excited to invite you into our church this Easter.

In preparation, candidates are invited to a series of four weekly classes led by Dayle K. Barrett, beginning on March 23rd. During these weeks, we will explore the faith of the Church, deepen our commitment to Christ and one another, and learn about TEMC's unique vision for ministry in the heart of Toronto. Meet friends, share faith stories over lunch, and create bonds that last a lifetime.

Join us on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room.

For more information, email daylebarrett@temc.ca.



ANNUNCIATION DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | 8:00 PM

Nine months before Christmas Day, TEMC will join Christians around the globe to celebrate Annunciation Day. Join us in the East Chapel at 8 pm for a time of worship and reflection as we mark the day that the Virgin Mary accepted her calling as mother of our Lord.

CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The MARCH Food of the Month donation is BOXES OF CRACKERS. 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 cothfoodbank.ca for more information or to donate. Thank you for your support.





Join us for a powerful night of worship, community, and inspiration as we celebrate our amazing serving teams and explore ways to awaken community at TEMC. Experience beautiful contemporary worship led by John Arndt, Elaine Choi, and our Sanctuary Choir, an inspiring discussion from Pastors Jason and Dayle, and a chance to connect with ministry leaders over wine, treats, and great food.

Questions? Reach out to Olivia LaPointe (olivialapointe@temc.ca) or Josh Del Rosario (joshdelrosario@temc.ca).

We can't wait to see you there!

LUNCH & LEARN RETIREMENT PLANNING SUNDAY, MARCH 30



Whether you are thinking of retiring or are already there, you may have questions. There can be surprises or just topics on which you would like more information. Join us for lunch and a presentation on retirement by experienced retirement planner, Brenda Parris. Free will donations appreciated but not required.

Please register online at temc.ca.

For more information, contact Joanne Leatch.

A decorative border surrounds the central text area. At the top, a row of colorful Easter eggs in teal, red, yellow, blue, and pink features various white patterns like hearts, flowers, and snowflakes. On the left side, a green egg with a heart pattern is visible. On the right side, a purple egg with a heart pattern is visible. At the bottom left, a stylized orange bird with a red beak and a blue and pink wing is shown. The background of the border is a light beige color.

EASTER DINNER

On Monday, April 21, we'll be feeding the masses yet again with our community Easter Dinner in the Flora McCrea Auditorium.

Come and join us for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, drinks, and dessert. Vegan and gluten free options are available upon request, so nobody needs to go hungry. Celebrate Easter with a fantastic festive feast as we break bread with our wider community.

There is no admission fee, but you can donate by cash, card, or cheque, to help us keep these events going.

Meals will be served at 12:00, 2:30, and 5:00. Register NOW at temc.ca or scan the QR code below and choose your mealtime, so we can make sure that every mouth gets fed.

These events can't happen without your help. We need volunteers to serve food, greet people, clear tables, and accept donations. Please email daylebarrett@temc.ca if you can lend a hand.



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 contact Jaclyn Didiano, 416-925-5977 ext. 223.

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.

Tickets: \$45 available at the door or
online at torontowelsh.org



Johns' Boys Male Chorus is one of the most decorated British male choirs in history. Please join us for a very special performance in Toronto for one night only:

Saturday April 19 – 7:00 PM
at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

ART & TREASURES SALE **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

We need to restock our cupboards for the Art & Treasures Sale, Saturday May 3. We are accepting all your fine treasures of crystal, silver, jewellery, linens, artwork, paintings and collectibles (think Antiques Roadshow).

Please leave your donations boxed and labelled in the glass enclosure off the parking lot. (Reminder: no books or clothing – thank you.)



CLOSER THAN WE THINK:

60 years of Jewish-Christian Relations
& their importance to the Church.

Saturday, March 29
10 am – 12 pm

St. Joan of Arc Church

1701 Bloor Street West, Toronto ON M6P 1B1

Registration (optional):
NDSionToronto@gmail.com

(When registering, kindly write your name,
email address and *Closer Than We Think* event
or scan our QR code above.)



In 2025 let us join with the whole Church, as Pilgrims of Hope, in celebrating the Second Vatican Council's historic teaching of *Nostra Aetate* #4: The Catholic Church's relationship with the Jewish people.

In the Present, the Church invites us to continue to create/foster the Future of this relationship between Christians and Jews as we honour the Past.



**Some Key moments
in Catholic-Jewish
Relations**

Mia Theocharis
PhD Candidate
St. Michael's Univ.
College, U. of Toronto



**Significant links
between Passover
and Easter**

Murray Watson
PhD, Faculty
of Theology,
Huron Univ. College,
London, ON



WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS:
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RELATION AND ENCOUNTER TEAM



TEMC GOLF CLASSIC MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

You don't want to miss the Annual
TEMC Golf Classic at The Ladies'
Golf Club of Toronto.

1:30 PM Shotgun Start — golf,
dinner, and silent auction

All in support of TEMC.

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: Open to
everyone!

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.
- 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 or at temc.ca/sermons.

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