

PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

CONTEMPORARY – 9:15 AM

TRADITIONAL – 11:00 AM



TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH



a place for life

9:15 AM ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Margaret R. Tucker
Choir School

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

"Hosanna"

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes, yeah

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

OPENING PRAYER *PLEASE BE SEATED*

READING

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Dayle K. Barrett

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MUSICAL REFLECTION *CHOIR ONLY*

"Our Highest Praise"

Lantz
Choir School

Wake up, you heavens, and sing! The day of rejoicing is here! The skies with hosannas will ring! King Jesus is coming near! Day of all days, like none we've seen before; King of all kings, he will reign forevermore. We marvel at his miracles, what wonders he has done, and now he's coming closer, God's everlasting Son! The highest praise to him belongs, our greatest worship, our finest songs. We will bow down before his holy face and give him our highest praise. As the people gather 'round to view the coming king with one jubilant sound, the children start to sing: The highest praise to him belongs, our greatest worship, our finest songs. We will bow down before his holy face and give him our highest praise. Hosanna! We give him our highest praise!

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:45-54

Janet Stephenson

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SERMON

"Both Donkeys"
Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

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

Those wishing to receive communion will be ushered forward. You will receive a wafer in your open palm, please dip this into the communion cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the ministers; please raise your hand to receive one.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ride on King Jesus”

*Moses Hogan
Chamber Choir*

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquering King! No man can hinder thee. I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross. He's the King, and the Lord! He's the first, and the last! He's the Lord of Lords! Jesus is the Prince of Peace! Ride on, King Jesus!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

God of the palms and the hosannas. God of the cross and the nails. God laid in the tomb. God on the table in the bread and wine. You constantly come to us, feed us, forgive us, and resurrect us. One day bring your kingdom in full. And let that day be so soon, Lord Jesus. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND

No. 122 "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

St. Theodulph

CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON

Minister: Open the gates of righteousness: I will go into them and praise the Lord!

All: This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

Minister: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Hosanna! Save us, O Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! King Jesus, you are welcome!

All: From the house of the Lord, we bless your holy name.

All Sing: Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!

Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!

Let all with heart and voice,

saved by God's gracious choice,

now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

(No. 345, v.1)

PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess the fickleness of our hearts. We are the crowd that welcomes you with palms on Sunday, only to turn away in silence by Friday. Forgive us for the ease with which our "Hosannas" become "Crucify him." Have mercy on our inconsistent devotion and lead us from our denial back to the grace of your Cross, where Jesus died to give us life and perfect love abounded. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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THE WORD OF GOD

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RECESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Ellacombe

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 968

Norman Johnson

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fanfare

John Cook
Stephen Boda

The standards of palms are a donation from the Sanctuary Guild.

Holy Week at TEMC

Thursday, April 2:

Maundy Thursday

- 2:00 PM Homecoming Service with Communion, followed by tea.
- 7:30 PM Musical Reflection

Friday, April 3: 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 4: Holy Saturday

- 10:00 PM Holy Saturday Vigil (If you plan to come to this service, please contact joanneleatch@temc.ca)

Sunday, April 5: Easter – Festival of Flowers

- 9:15 & 11:00 AM – Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching



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.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026
9:15 & 11:00 AM

Jason Byassee preaching:
"Thundersnow"
from Matthew 28:1-10

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER:
(PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29)**



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 (March 29).

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)

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



EASTER DINNER

On Monday, April 6, we'll be feeding the masses yet again with our community Easter Dinner in the Flora McCrea Auditorium.

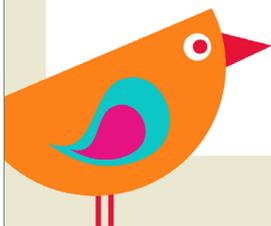
Come and join us for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, drinks, and dessert. Vegan and gluten free options are available upon request, so nobody needs to go hungry. Celebrate Easter with a fantastic festive feast as we break bread with our wider community.

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 at temc.ca 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.



How can you help? We need volunteers to serve food, greet guests, clear tables, etc. We're using SignUp.com to organize our volunteers. Volunteer by scanning the QR Code.

Want to help but not available that day? No problem. You can make a donation at temc.ca/donate (specify "Easter Dinner").



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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF CHANGE
THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2026 – 2:00 P.M.**

You may be facing additional changes in your life as well as the usual uncertainties and challenges of the day – an illness, downsizing, losing a job, stopping driving, a difficult relationship. This workshop will help you to achieve resilience amidst the vagaries of life. You will find a clear and effective roadmap to bringing back joy, meaning and purpose to your life, at any stage in your life.

**OVERCOMING OVERWHELM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

Modern life makes it especially hard to keep all the balls in the air – are you juggling constant emails, texts, work pressures, family obligations and sometimes feel overwhelmed? This workshop will help you identify what is causing overwhelm in your life and explore ways to respond in clear and effective ways. Simple, practical tools will help you regain a sense of balance, ease and wellbeing.

Both workshops are led by Paula Vital, an award winning mindfulness coach, writer and speaker, with over 20 years experience in helping you to move from striving to thriving. Paula returns to Timothy Eaton after the extremely successful Lunch and Learn in November 2025. Please register online at [temc.ca](https://www.temc.ca) and contact joanneleatch@temc.ca for further information.

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SERMON SERIES

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PICKLEBALL
AT TEMC

Fridays | 4:30 - 6:30pm
Flora McCrea Auditorium
Scan code to sign-up weekly ▶

ALL AGES + SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The MARCH Food of the Month donation is FAMILY SIZED PEANUT BUTTER for our Babies program. 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.

ART & TREASURES SALE SATURDAY, MAY 2

We need to restock our cupboards for the Art & Treasures Sale, Saturday May 2. 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.) All proceeds from the sale go to TEMC General Fund and the Food Bank.



COMMUNITY OF FAITH CONNECTION

As the Community of Faith Connection team, we are tasked with serving as the eyes and ears on the ground as Pastor Dayle Barrett ministers to the congregation. We meet regularly with him to offer support, encouragement, and honest feedback about the congregation's experience of his ministry. We are responsible for helping him understand the congregation and supporting his learning process. We are accountable to him and the candidacy board for evaluating his effectiveness as a minister at TEMC.

We kindly ask you to reach out to us anytime over the next year with any feedback regarding his performance in any of the following categories:

- Pastoral care
- Worship
- Faith formation / Education
- Leadership
- Administration
- Community Connection

Our goal is to highlight areas for growth, acknowledge his strengths and help sharpen and focus them. We will compile our findings regularly and submit them to the Candidacy board.

You can talk to any one of us privately in person or send an email to: temccof25@gmail.com

Mary Lou Taylor, Robert Positano, Komi Olafimihan

Worship Information:

- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance.
- Sunday School is held for children of all ages during the 9:15 service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at temc.ca/livestream or youtube.com/@TEMCToronto/streams
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex or at temc.ca/sermons.

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