



Sunday April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here;
he has risen! Luke 24:5-6*

Prelude: *Jesus Christ is risen today* arr. Anthony Giamanco
The Strife is O'er arr. Jason W. Krug

*Processional Hymn: *Jesus Christ is risen today* #243

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Easter Sunday Liturgy (see insert)

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Julian Renaud

L.: Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

P.: Christ has led us from death to life.

L.: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

P.: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

L.: Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

P.: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: *This joyful Eastertide* arr. Charles Wood

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Resurrecting**

The head that once was crowned with thorns, is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet, now at his feet we bow
The one who wore our sin and shame, now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love, now shines for all to see

Your name, Your name, is victory

All praise will rise to Christ our king (REPEAT 2X)

The fear that held us now gives way, to Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross, Is now alive in me

Your name, Your name, is victory

All praise will rise to Christ our king (REPEAT 2X)

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat

The resurrected king is resurrecting me

In your name I come alive to declare your victory

The resurrected king is resurrecting me (REPEAT 3X)

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain, was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain, our God has robbed the grave!
Our God has robbed the grave!

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We Listen for God's Word

Youth Choir Anthem *Jesus is alive!*

Words and music by Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Doug Lowry

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24 Michelle Francis

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents
of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament: John 20:1-10

NT p. 114

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Christ Arose*

arr. Harold DeCou

Sermon: A Matter of Life and Death

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

We Respond to God's Word

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

*Dedication of the Offering and Elements

*Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn: *This is the feast of victory*

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and
for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.*

*The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:
... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.*

**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.

*Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his
life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's
Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence
of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people
say: Amen.*

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

(please come forward as able)

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn: *Now let the vault of heaven resound*

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We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

Postlude: *Fanfare on "Thine be the glory"* arr. Regina M. Pozzi

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**** **We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**



There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church and receive Communion with their families.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

This morning, we will be inviting you to come forward to receive the Sacrament.

If you have mobility challenges, please advise an elder and we will bring communion to you.

The Open door

The 2025 Easter Edition of the "The Open Door" is available today.

Copies are available online or in the lobby at the welcome desk.

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.

In Memoriam



Donated By	In Loving Memory Of
Carolyn Adamson	Pat Clement
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Adult New Members and Baptism Classes

If you're interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism or become a member of this church, we invite you to join our series of classes led by Rev. Dr. Heather and Alireza Taghizadeh.

Class Schedule (Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.)

April 25, May 1, May 8, May 15

ALL are welcome! Tea, Coffee, and Cookies provided. Please register in the Lobby or contact the church office.

Pre-Earth Day Clean-up



On **Easter Monday, April 21st at 1:00 p.m.**

The Mission & Outreach Committee will host a pre Earth Day clean-up in the neighborhood around the church.

Join us at the church to participate and enjoy a special treat as a thank-you for your effort! If you can't make it to the church, consider organizing your own clean-up near your home.

Let's work together to celebrate Earth Day, which is on April 22, 2025.

TPC Spring Clean-Up Day: May 3, 2025

The Board of Managers is seeking volunteers to join us on **Saturday, May 3rd, from 9 AM to Noon** for our church's outdoor spring clean-up as we prepare for summer.

Tasks include:

- Weeding
- Hoeing
- Trimming hedges and bushes
- Spreading soil

Your help, even for just a couple of hours, would be greatly appreciated—many hands make light work!

We'll provide all the necessary tools for the tasks.

Hope to see you there!

Please contact Bob 416-320-7729

TPC Finance Department Update Profit and Loss Statement as of March 31, 2025

Category	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)
Revenue	96,222	88,158
Expenses	101,222	101,813
Net Loss	(5,000)	(13,654)

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the congregation approved a budget deficit of \$20,000 for the year.

While expenses are on target, envelope givings are falling short year-to-date, this has led to a \$8,654 additional loss to the budget after the first quarter.

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Duty Elders: Norine Thomason & Alireza Taghizadeh

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 20, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Easter Sunday Worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday, April 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pre Earth Day Clean-up

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

7:30 p.m.

ESL Class

Emergent Session Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, April 24, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Cards & Cookies Fellowship Hall

New Members and Baptism Course

Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Leader's Planning meeting

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir

Worship: Mission Awareness

ESL – Chapel

With Thanks

Thank you to Abel and Bob and the men of the church, who prepared and served the Good Friday Breakfast,

Thank you also to all those who donated food