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**THORNHILL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love*

Sunday April 9, 2023  
Easter Sunday  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Confirmation and Reception of New Members

### **We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6*

Organ Prelude: Fantasy on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" *Willan/Harris*

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

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship *See PWS&D Easter insert* Sheila Gault

Gathering Prayer

The Exchange of Peace

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

**People: And also with you.**

### **We Listen for God's Word**

\*Praise Time 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

**Refrain:** *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 **Refrain:**

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 **Refrain 2X:**

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Choir Anthem: Easter Fanfare Paul Fetler (1920-2018)

Prayer for Illumination Deborah Kerner

Scripture Reading

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 *NT p. 114*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Why are you Weeping? Rev. Dr. H. Vais

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

Apostles' Creed (please see pew card or hymnal)

#539

Dedication of Offering and Elements

\*Communion Hymn: *This is the feast of Victory*

#246

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

*(If you are able, please come forward to receive the Sacrament.*

*Communion will be brought to those who remain seated and signal the Elder.)*

Prayer after Communion

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

#255

**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**

Organ/Instrumental Postlude: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

*John Behnke (b. 1953)*

*\* if you are able, please stand*

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*Welcome*

We welcome everyone who is worshipping 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. Our ushers are available to assist you.**

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.***

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn at all times.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to our two trumpeters this morning, Freddy Abu Sido (past student at the University of Toronto) and our own Martin Chen, and to Abel Pandy on saxophone for their beautiful contributions to our Easter celebration this morning!



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

We invite all who profess Jesus as Lord to receive the Sacrament.

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.

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## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday April 9, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent**

11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship, Confirmation  
& Holy Communion

### **Tuesday April 11, 2023**

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Class in Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm Session Meeting by Zoom

### **Sunday April 16, 2023**

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room  
11:00 am Worship Service

## Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings there are several options available to do so.

**Offerings may be placed in the offering plate** as you enter the Sanctuary.

**Offerings can be mailed** (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

**You may also donate** on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at [www.tpchurch.net](http://www.tpchurch.net) or directly to Canada Helps.Org at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>  
**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR)** If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

**Thank you for your support!**

*The Open Door*

The 2023 **Easter** Edition of the "The Open Door"  
is available today.

Please pick your copy up in the foyer.

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.



## **Confirmation 2023!**

Being received into the congregation today through Confirmation and public profession of faith are:

***Naomi Atem, Olivia Garduno, Mason Girard, Addison Harbottle, Lydia Lai, Jeremy Low, and Rex Zhu***

May God richly bless you as you grow in your faith,  
and serve Christ in the church and in the world.

### **Sunday Morning Discovery**

Sunday Morning Discovery is cancelled for today but will resume Sunday April 16.

### **Notice Regarding Offerings**

You will now notice our offering plate will be sitting on an antique plant holder as you enter the sanctuary. Please deposit your offerings there. We will continue to collect this way until further notice. If you forget to do this before the service, there is no problem to place it on the offering plate after the service. As always, we will make sure the donations are secure.

Thank you for your generous support of the church.

### **With Thanks**

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

### **Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to Catherine McMullen who turns 87 years old today!  
God bless you, Catherine, on your special day.

## Hymn

### *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, halleluja!  
our triumphant holy day, halleluja!  
who did once upon the cross, halleluja!  
suffer to redeem our loss. halleluja!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, halleluja!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, halleluja!  
who endured the cross and grave, halleluja!  
sinners to redeem and save. halleluja!

But the pains which he endured, halleluja!  
our salvation have procured; halleluja!  
now above the sky he's King, halleluja!  
where the angels ever sing. halleluja!

Sing we to our God above, halleluja!  
praise eternal as his love; halleluja!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, halleluja!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. halleluja!

# Hymn

## *This is the feast of victory*

### ***Refrain:***

*This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

### ***Refrain***

Power, riches, wisdom and strength  
and honour, blessing and glory are his.

### ***Refrain***

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.

### ***Refrain***

Blessing, honour, glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### ***Refrain***

For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Hallelujah!

### ***Refrain***



## Hymn

### *Now let the vault of heaven resound*

Now let the vault of heaven resound  
in praise of love that doth abound,  
'Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!  
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
repeat their song of glory here,  
'Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Eternal is the gift he brings;  
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,  
'Christ hath triumphed, Je sus liveth!'  
now doth he come and give us life;  
now doth his presence still all strife  
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above,  
that we conquer through thy triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day,  
that by our life we ever say,  
'Christ hath triumphed, and he liv eth!'  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Adoring praises now we bring,  
and with the heavenly blessed sing,  
'Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!'  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
thine the glory never ending!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!