



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* *John 3:16*

Prelude: What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
bear the dreadful curse for my soul? Arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

\*Processional Hymn: *O Lord, thou art my God and King* **#103**

Welcome and Community Life News

### **We Worship God**

PWS&D Reading – Third Sunday in Lent (insert)

The Call to Worship Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Give thanks to God, for the Lord is good;

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L.: God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.

**P: We will sit together at the Table of the Lord.**

L.: Let us praise God for calling us to be His people.

**P: We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.**

L: Let us worship God!

Choir Introit: Let the Words of My Mouth Larry Haron (b. 1952)

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: **Nothing But The Blood**

Your blood speaks a better word  
Than all the empty claims  
I've heard upon this earth

Speaks righteousness for me  
And stand in my defense  
Jesus it's Your blood

*What can wash away our sins?*

*What can make us whole again?*

*Nothing but the blood*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*What can wash us pure as snow*

*Welcomed as the friends of God?*

*Nothing but Your blood*

*Nothing but Your blood, King Jesus*

Your cross testifies in grace

Tells of the Father's heart

To make a way for us

Now boldly we approach

Not earthly confidence

It's only in Your blood

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REPEAT LAST TWO CHORUSES

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

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: Psalm 19

Alireza Taghizadeh

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> **yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.**

**In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;**

**sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;<sup>[a]</sup>  
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless  
and innocent of great transgression.

**<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

New Testament: Luke 7:36-50

NT p. 66

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: The Heavens Are Telling (Psalm 19)

Ludwig von Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

Sermon: Encounters on the Way – A Sinful Woman Rev. Dr. H. 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

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Dedication of Offering and Elements

Invitation to the Table

\*Communion Hymn: *Lord Jesus, think on me*

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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)*

Solo: Panis Angelicus (Bread of Heaven)

César Franck (1822-90)

*sung by Artiom Loganov*

Prayer after communion (in unison) **God of mercy and love, you have fed us at your table of grace. We give you thanks for the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. May the taste of this meal linger so that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Give us courage to hear what may seem harsh so that we can find a deeper relationship with you. To your glory. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: *Lord Jesus, who through forty days*

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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: Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas

Clérambault (1676-1749)

-----\*if you are able, please stand-----

*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. 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 celebrating the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All who profess Jesus as Lord are  
welcome to receive the Sacrament.

We will be receiving the Sacrament by processing up  
the aisle to receive the elements.

For those who would prefer to stay seated, please alert  
one of the elders who will bring the cup and bread to you.

**Thornhill Ministerial Ecumenical Lenten Series 2024**

**Being Faithful Christians in Today's World**

**Today's Service @ 4:00 p.m.**

*The Importance of Being Faithful Christians*

Holy Trinity Anglican

140 Brook Street

Speaker: John Humphries



**Today** will be our first collection for the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank. Please see the TPC Bulletin Board for a complete list of urgently needed items. Shopping bags are available to help you collect some items for the Food Bank. Thank you for your support!

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**Duty Elder: Norine Thomason and Jessica Chapman**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday March 3, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Third Sunday in Lent and the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Tuesday March 5, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and Conference Room

### Sunday March 10, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Fourth Sunday in Lent

## TPC's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for our Anniversary

Celebration with guest preacher

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris.

May 26<sup>th</sup> is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**

Our project this year is to raise money for the

restoration of the Manse.

*The Open Door*

The 2024 Lent 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.

# Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship at TPC

## *Worship With Us!*

### *Lent 1 to Palm Sunday*

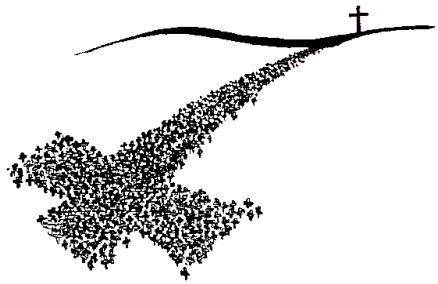
*February 18 – March 24*

#### A Lenten Sermon Series

## Encounters on the Way

Who does Jesus meet on the way to the cross,  
and what can we learn from the encounters?

Philip and Andrew  
Bartimaeus  
A Sinful Woman  
Matthew  
Simon the Cyrene  
The Crowd



### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

#### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday March 28 – 7:30 p.m.

#### **Good Friday Breakfast**

Friday March 29 – 8:00 a.m.

#### **Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m.**

#### **A Lenten Drama**

#### **Easter Sunday Worship**

#### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Sunday March 31 – 11:00 a.m.



## Hymn

### ***O Lord, thou art my God and King***

O Lord, thou art my God and King;  
thee will I magnify and praise:  
I will thee bless and gladly sing  
unto thy holy name always.

Thee will I bless each day I rise,  
and praise thy name, time without end;  
much to be praised and great God is,  
whose greatness none can comprehend.

Thy saints shall praise thy glorious name;  
Thy mighty acts they shall declare;  
thy wondrous works I will proclaim  
And mediate on them with prayer.

Thy might shall be by all extolled;  
thy glorious grace I will record;  
with all my strength I will unfold  
Thy great and mighty acts, O Lord.

Thy faithful shall make known the fame  
of thy great goodness and shall bless  
the splendour of thy glorious name,  
praising aloud thy righteousness.

# Hymn

## *Lord Jesus, think on me*

Lord Jesus, think on me  
and purge away my sin;  
from earth-born passion set me free  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
amid the battle's strife;  
in all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
and share thy joy at last.

## Hymn

### *Lord Jesus, who through forty days*

Lord Jesus, who through forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
and at your side to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,  
and did the victory win,  
oh give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.

As thirst and hunger once you bore,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and daily live  
by your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,  
and through the Passiontide,  
now, evermore, in life and death,  
Lord Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering overpast,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.