



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **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*

Prelude: Vivat Christus Rex (Christ the King Lives Forever)

André Raison (1640-1719)

\*Processional Hymn:

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

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Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship (See PWS&D Insert)

Sheila Gault

Choir Introit: Hallelujah!

Georg F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

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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 118:1; 14-24

Sam Nogueron

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>14</sup> **The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.**

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

<sup>16</sup> **the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> **The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.**

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

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> 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: Celebrate Jesus

Oliver/Larson

Sermon: Faith and Reason at the Tomb

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 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)*

Communion Anthem: Come to the Table of the Lord

*Patrick Liebergen (b. 1949)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Hymn: *The day of resurrection*

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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: Toccata (Symphony No. 5) Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*\* 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.**

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude at the end of the service!  
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,  
please do so quietly. Thank you!*

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

**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 2024 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.

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**Duty Elder: Russell Morden and Sheila Gault**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday March 31, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service – Easter Sunday Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Tuesday April 2, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and Conference Room

### Thursday April 4, 2024

7:30 pm

Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### Sunday April 7, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

## EASTER SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION



As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Easter, may we be mindful of those who may not be sitting down to a delicious dinner. **TODAY**, we will be receiving items 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 add some items for the Food Bank when doing your shopping. **Thank you!**

## **We are setting a table for the world, and you're invited!**



Join us on **Saturday April 27th** for a multicultural potluck dinner at 5:30pm.

Everyone is encouraged to prepare a dish of cultural significance to share.

Sign up will be taken in the lobby on April 7, 14, & 21.

Speak with a member of the Congregational Life Committee for more information.

## **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.

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.

## **With Thanks**

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

## **Join the Online Directory!**

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have contact information when needed.

**First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.**

If the office has your email, you can then go to [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com). Click on the bars on the top right, and then scroll down on member log in. Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandy ([abelpandy@rogers.com](mailto:abelpandy@rogers.com)) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.



## **With Deepest Sympathy**

The sympathies of the congregation are extended to Keith Clement and family at the passing of their beloved wife and mother, Pat, who died peacefully on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pat was a longtime member of the church and she had many friendships here at TPC. She will be deeply missed.

Presently, there are no funeral arrangements.

# *In Memoriam*



<i>Donated By</i>	<i>In Loving Memory Of</i>
Carolyn Adamson	
Susan Pelletier	Don and Mary Pelletier (Parents) & Jim and Ken Green (Uncles)
Grace & Nigel St. Hill	St. Hill/Walcott & Rampersad families
Ruth Boothby	Elizabeth Schmidt – passed away Feb 21/24
Heather, Brett & Elizabeth Vais	Tom Vais, Helen & Joe Plant, Faith Vais & Chris Vais
Delrine Jones	Eric Jones
Linda & Garth Low	Heather Elizabeth (Daughter)



# *In Memoriam*



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Nicole Zeni	Marco Zeni & Anthony Rainford
George, Julie & Jeffrey Meek	Joy Meek
Craig & Rita Franklin	Robert Franklin
Lorraine McBride	Rev. Dr. John & Dixie McBride
M.J. Stasyshyn	Emil, Tom & Ron
Ron & Marg D'Addamio	Betty & Ed Thompson
Bob & Rena Ramjattan	Zena Princess Warrior
Eric & Sheila Gault	Parents, Brothers, Nephews & Cousins



# 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

## *The day of resurrection*

The day of resurrection –  
earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful;  
let earth its song begin;  
let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
invisible and visible,  
their notes together blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.