



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday July 28, 2024

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Preparing our Hearts

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. (Ps. 63:3)

Prelude: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Diane Bish (b. 1941)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Julian Francis

L: In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

P: O God, we come to you.

L.: In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

P: O God, we come to hear your voice.

L.: In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

P: O God, we come, seeking your love.

L.: In all our moments, God is with us.

P.: So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.

L.: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: *We praise you, O God*

#425

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.

We Listen for God's Word

*Children's Hymn:

Jesus loves me, this I know

#373

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

New Testament: Matthew 15:29-39

NT p. 17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo:

Sermon: Food for the Journey

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

We Respond to God's Word

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn: *One bread, one body*

#540

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: *Lift high the cross*

#643

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: *Recessional in Ab*

David Johnson (1922-87)

*** 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 or sign the guest book in the lobby.

**** 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, we have a well-equipped nursery in the CE wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**

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



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.

Sunday School News!

We have a **Weekly Summer “The Beginner Bible” video series for kids JK-grade 6**

And, of course, children are ALWAYS welcome to participate in all our summer worship services.

Today, children in JK-grade 6 are invited to Fellowship Hall after the Children’s Time.

Rev. Heather Away

Rev. Heather will be away on holidays and her last week of study leave in August.

She will return to work on September 3.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact our Clerk of Session, Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.

New Director of Music Ministry

The Director of Music Ministry Search Committee is pleased to announce that Jones Peterson will be joining us effective September 1, 2024 as our new Director of Music Ministry.

Mr. Peterson is currently organist and choir director at the Anglican Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale.

Mr. Peterson is from India and served as organist at Trinity Church (Church of South India) in Chennai for 15 years.

He will be bringing his young family with him to TPC.



The administrator’s summer office hours will be **Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

Messages will be checked regularly while the administrator is away on holidays the weeks of July 17 and July 24. She’ll return on July 31.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Heather at 416-949-3465

THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

271 Centre St., Thornhill L4J 1G5

(905) 889-5391

Manse: 905-889-6156

admin@tpchurch.net www.tpchurch.net

Minister: Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Director of Music Ministry: Daniel Werning

Church Office Administrator: Nadine Calfa

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

Duty Elder: Doug Miron

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday July 28, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday August 4, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

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.

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) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

Great Day Update

To date our congregation has raised \$22,595.50

To be used for repairs and renovations of the church manse.

Thank you to everyone for helping make Great Day a success.

Hymn

We praise you, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest
our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Hymn

Jesus loves me, this I know

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong,
they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so!

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying "Let them come to me."

(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

(Refrain)

Hymn

One bread, one body

Refrain:

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

(Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

(Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

(Refrain)

Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
poured out and blest for all.

(Refrain)

Hymn

Lift high the cross

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

(Refrain)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

(Refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

(Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

(Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!