



Leaside Presbyterian Church

*To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.*

Easter Sunday - The Lord's Supper

April 5 - 10:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Toccata in C, BWV 564 by J. S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please see insert: Easter Sunday

***HYMN**

Jesus Christ is risen today No.243

OPENING PRAYER

One: Lord God,

early in the morning,

when the world was young,

you made life in all its beauty and terror;

you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name,

ALL: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

One: Early in the morning,

when the world least expected it,

a newborn child crying in a cradle

announced that you had come among us,
that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name,

ALL: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

One: Early in the morning,
surrounded by respectable liars,
religious leaders,
anxious statesmen and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good,
for being God:

you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name,

ALL: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

One: Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in the dew
proved that you had risen,
that you had come back
to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name,

ALL: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

One: This morning,
in the multi-coloured company

of your church on earth and in heaven,
we celebrate your creation, your life,
your death and resurrection,
so we pray,
Hallowed be your name,

**ALL: LORD, BRING NEW LIFE,
WHERE WE ARE WORN AND TIRED;
NEW LOVE,
WHERE WE HAVE TURNED HARD- HEARTED;
FORGIVENESS,
WHERE WE FEEL HURT
AND WHERE WE HAVE WOUNDED;
AND THE JOY AND FREEDOM
OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,
WHERE WE ARE PRISONERS OF OURSELVES.**

(A Silence)

One: To all and to each,
on his community and on his friend
where regret is real,
Jesus pronounces his pardon,
and grants us the right to begin again.
Thanks be to God!

ALL: AMEN.

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN** *He is Lord (with hand motions) No.252*

EASTER POEM Hope for the Shadow People Carol Penner

SPECIAL MUSIC *Hallelujah from The Messiah
by G. F. Handel*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:1-10 NT pg.33*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Fear and great joy*

***HYMN** *At the dawning of salvation No.248*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offertory *Christians, on this day of gladness*

by J. S. Bach, arr. Neil Jenkins; Neal Armstrong, soloist

***Doxology** *Jesus is risen from the grave
NO.254 (vs. 1, 6)*

Jesus is risen from the grave;

Jesus is risen from the grave;

Jesus is risen from the grave.

Hallelujah!

Jesus is here in bread and wine;

Jesus is here in bread and wine;

Jesus is here in bread and wine.

Hallelujah!

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The presider begins with an introduction before the prayer below is said.

One: The Lord be with you;

All: 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 presider continues the prayer until the sanctus below is sung.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the presider breaks the bread and takes the cup, the following response will be said.

One: Jesus, firstborn of Mary,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, Saviour of the world,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, monarch of heaven,

All: Grant us peace.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Abba, Amma, Beloved, Your name be hallowed,
your reign spread among us;**

**your will be done well, at all times, in all places,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Let us not fail in the time of our testing;

spare us from trials too sharp to endure;

free us from the grip of all evil powers.

For yours is the reign, the power, and the glory,

the victory of love, for now and eternity,

world without end. Amen and Amen.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN**

Thine be the glory No.258

Sending

My friends, we have heard good news today!

May the joy of resurrection

and the hope of Easter

fill your hearts and minds

this week and in the coming year!

Come Lord Jesus!

Benediction

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

Sung Benediction Tune: 814

New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;

Now the world calls us go spread God's love.

God's peace go with you, may it sustain you,

Bring us together, praise God again.

POSTLUDE:

Toccata in F by C. M. Widor

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Grace Scripture: Jim

Usher: Susan Coffee Hour: TBD

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

Bondye Papa,

Nou mande ou pote yon sipò mantal ak espiyite pou fanm ansent yo, espesyalman pou sa yo ki nan sityasyon difisil. Nou mande ou ede yo jwenn kouraj nan moman difikilte ak doulè, epi ba yo kapasite pou yo fè fas ak nenpòt defi yo rankontre pandan peryòd gwosès la. Nou priye pou ou pote kalmitid, lespwa, ak kè kontan nan lavi yo, pou yo ka santi ou prezan e ki se fòs yo nan chak etap nan vwayaj yo.

**Nou sezi lafwa ou, e nou mete tout sa yo nan men ou.
Nan non Jezi, nou priye,
Amèn.**

Heavenly Father,

We ask you to provide mental and spiritual support for pregnant women, especially for those who are in difficult situations. We pray that you give them courage during times of difficulty and pain, and help them face any challenges they encounter during their pregnancy. We pray that you bring peace, hope and joy into their lives, so they may feel your presence and know that you are their strength at each step of their journey.

We place our trust in you and commit all these things into your hands.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Written and translated from Haitian Creole by C-NEW-C, a PWS&D partner in Haiti.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are,
we recognize the responsibility of caring for
this land to pass on to those who come after us.
are grateful for this gift of being on this land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- An **Easter egg hunt** will take place this Sunday at noon for the young and young at heart.
- Since February 28, escalating military violence in the **Middle East** has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly. PWS&D, through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict. Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. Please consider donating to **PWS&D** today by scanning the QR code below:



- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email paul@leasidepc.ca for details.
- Please join **Mary** on **Sunday April 12th, 2026** at noon in the **nursery** to discuss bringing back the Merry Market.
- **LPC Reads ... The Queen Who Came In From The Cold**, by S. J. Bennett. Please join us on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you have any questions, please email Barry and Peggy.
- Please save the date for our **LPC BOARD GAMES NIGHT!** Friday April 24 from 7 - 9 pm (doors open at 6:45) in the church basement. Join us for an evening of fun! Bring your favourite game or play one of ours.

Meet new friends, learn new games, have lots of fun!
Snacks and drinks provided.

Email LPC.gamesnight@gmail.com for more information or talk to Nancy or Liz.

- **Calling all high school youth** for an evening of pickleball, dinner, and conversation on Saturday April 25th from 4 - 8pm. This is a joint event with Presbyterian churches in our area. Speak to Paul to learn more.
- **North Toronto Ontario Health Team** currently is to help connect people to care more quickly. Their team focuses on North Toronto residents within their catchment area, specifically those with postal codes beginning with M4G, M4N, M4P, M4R, M4S, M5M, M5N, and M5P. If you do come across individuals living outside of this area, they can still register through Health Care Connect (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>). While wait times may be longer due to the broader scope, North Toronto residents who register there are often eventually referred back to their team.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Devica C., Susan D.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.