

MARCH 24, 2013

PALM SUNDAY

**THE SACRAMENT
OF BAPTISM**



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Minister of Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee
Minister of Youth

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL
Organist and Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Cathy Newman RN BScN
Parish Nurse

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

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MORNING WORSHIP
MARCH 24, 2013 PALM SUNDAY

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Preludes Lasst uns alle froelich sein *Healey Willan*
Ach Herr, mit armen Sünder *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Played by Charles Udell

Processional Hymn 114 – All glory, laud and honour (St. Theodulph)

Children's Procession of Palms

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 118 selected verses) **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Minister: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Minister: The LORD is God and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Introit – Hosanna to the Son of David *Thomas Weelkes*

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. *Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**
(Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Hymn 735 – Children of Jerusalem (Infant Praise)

Prayer with the Children **The Rev. Sam Lee**

The Mystery Box **Anthony & The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Announcements

Holy Scripture – John 12:12-19 (NT p.110) **The Rev. Dr. Harry Gardner**

Hymn *SHB 82 – Rejoice ye pure in heart, omit verses 4 and 5 (Carlisle)

Sermon – THE TREE & THE CROSS: The Palm **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Dale Rose**

Choral Response *C. M. Palmer*

Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of our days.

Offering - *For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" (Mark 8:35-36)*

Anthem – Lift up your heads, O ye gates *George Frederick Handel*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Doxology Hymn 766

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Hymn 443 - Just as I am, verses 1-3 (Woodsworth)

Words of Introduction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Prayer

Choral Preparation – Come, Holy Ghost

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire. (Text at Hymn 226)

Baptism

Following the Baptism of each candidate, the congregation will remain seated and sing one verse of the hymn as indicated below

Jeffery Radford-Grant (vs. 4); Patrick Gallagher (vs. 5)

Congregational Response (standing)

Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him who sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Invitation

Recessional Hymn *SHB 84 – Ride on! Ride on in majesty (Winchester New)

Benediction

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Choral Amen (Smith of Durham)

Postlude Toccata in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

**SHB – Supplementary Hymn Book ‘Sing to God’s Glory’*

Soloists:

***Jessica Willingham**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano; **Martin Houtman**, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.*

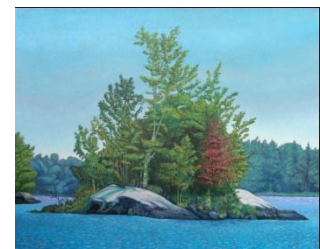
***Christel Wiens**, Associate Musician*

4:30pm – PASSIONTIDE DEVOTION

Noonday Organ Recitals will resume April 10 with Peter Barley from Ireland.

ART GALLERY

“Hills and Vales: Landscapes of Southern Ontario” - an exhibition and sale of the paintings of John Kinsella. The show opens **TODAY, reception 12:15 pm - 2 pm**, with the artist in attendance. John is a poet and oil painter who takes his inspiration from "the beauty and power found in the natural settings of my home province". The exhibition and sale will continue through April 29.



The Men’s Baking Group are offering hot cross buns again this year. Proceeds from this year’s sales will be donated to the



House of Compassion.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary Chancel today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

ROBERT MONTGOMERY

by Geri and family.

The flowers on the pedestal in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jeffery Radford-Grant's Great Grandparents

ALBERT EDGAR (TED) and KAY JEFFERY

THE REV. FRANK and EVA RADFORD

CHARLES and ANNA GRANT

THE REV. JONAS E.C. and MARJORIE SHEPHERD

By Carol and David Radford-Grant

The Rose on the Communion Table is placed for

Farrah Adele Robertson, born March 1, 2013 to Heather and Tom, sister for Ava and Hugh.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING

Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, for all who wish a lay leader to pray with them. If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, members of the Pastoral Care Committee are present in the Chapel to offer PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING each Sunday, following the morning worship service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

PRAYERS

Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to join the Ministerial Staff as prayers are lifted to God for individuals, groups, ministry and mission organizations affiliated with Yorkminster Park. If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev. Dale Rose at 416-922-1240. A printed Prayer List is provided, and available upon request. "But with prayer, that blessed medicine, we are sustained."

*The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on
Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.*

PARISH NURSE

It is a great joy to welcome Catherine Newman to the position of Parish Nurse on our ministry team. Cathy's office is on the third floor of the Yorkminster Park Centre in room 505. Her office hours at present are Sundays 10am-3pm, Tuesday 9:30am-4:30pm, and Wednesday 1pm-6pm. Other hours by appointment. Her office phone number is 416-922-1428 and her mobile number is 416-358-6453. All voice mail messages are confidential. Her email is parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com or cathbrrn@gmail.com.

COME JOIN THE EASTER BREAKFAST TEAM

Helpers needed for running the dishwasher and serving breakfast.
Please contact Kim Aikenhead at copper_tone@hotmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comforted and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. Please fill out the Welcome card you find in the pew. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

- City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 pm. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.
- The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website.
- All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex.
- Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex information table.
- A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship on the Narthex information table. If you would like one for use during the service, please ask an usher.
- Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, inside the main Yonge Street entrance. We invite you to participate with us.
- If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with the one of the ministers after the service or call the Church Office, 416-922-1167.
- If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park Baptist Church or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the card you will find in the pew and give it to an usher.
- Downstairs in the lower level, there are bulletin boards where we hang some church-related and community-related events. Next time you are in the lower level, take a moment and browse all of the events that are happening in our community.
- Please note that the 2012 Annual Reports, 2012 Financial Statements and 2013 Budget are available upon request from the Church Office.

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkminster-Park-Baptist-Church/

Do you have any of those unwanted pennies?

*“Hear the pennies dropping Listen as they fall Every one for Jesus,
he shall have them all*

*Dropping, dropping, dropping, dropping Hear the pennies fall
Every one for Jesus. He shall have them all.”*

The Dorcas Group is gratefully receiving any contributions. Monies collected will be rolled and used in the purchase of yarn for our various projects and donations given to the charities that we sponsor. Please see Donna Willett for further information.

Also, if you have any yarn that you have no further use for, it would also be greatly appreciated. You can drop it off at the Church Office during the week.

Dorcas meets every Tuesday, in Room 508, at 10:00 am.

Bring your lunch and coffee and tea will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Centre Hall Greeters NEEDED

Greeters staff the Yorkminster Centre Welcome Desk from 10am to 2pm each weekday.

Contact Len Linton at 416-512-2080 or leonardlinton@rogers.com



YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

College and Career Bible Study at Fox and Fiddle
on Sundays after morning worship service
Studying "Following the Way" Lenten Study

The Story This Week
Chapter 28
"New Beginnings"

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Are you technologically challenged? Do you want to learn how to use your technology better? Come out on **April 7** from 10am-10:45am where our youth will show you how technology can actually make your life easier. Please RSVP by April 2nd to slee@yorkminsterpark.com with what you need help with.

BOARD OF MISSION

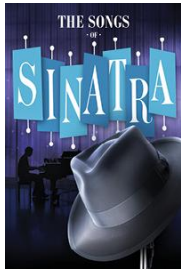
Hello Yorkminster Park! The Board of Mission would like to announce that we will be sponsoring a congregation-wide book study during the month of April. The book is entitled "Wordeed" and it addresses the topic of Integral Mission. Copies will be made available for everyone on **April 7th and 14th**--we hope you'll read along with us!

The Board of Mission has put out a brief newsletter which provides updates and helpful information about their work. Pick up a hard copy from the Narthex, Centre Hall or South tables.

The Sanfilippo Children's Research Foundation 14th annual Dinner and Auction will be held **Wednesday, April 10, 2013** at the Paramount Convention Centre, Woodbridge. The foundation was inspired by Len and Norma's Linton's granddaughter, Elisa, and her family's remarkable effort to find a cure for this very rare disease. Please continue to keep Elisa and the work of the foundation in your prayers. For more information <http://www.alifeforelisa.org>



HOPE FOR DESTITUTE SENIORS IN ANTIGUA: Sue Wilkinson ventured away from the beaches into third-world conditions and helped a visionary woman establish a badly-needed seniors' home. Hear her story in the Friendship Room on **Thursday, April 4, 12:30 - 2:00**. Bring a sandwich.



THE SONGS OF SINATRA

A Tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes

Spring Bus Theatre Trip to Drayton Festival Theatre to see "The Songs of Sinatra" on **Thursday, May 30**. Cost is \$123, includes bus and lunch. To register, please contact Margaret Branscombe at 416-223-8089. Deadline for booking is **April 25**.

PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES

Peter Holmes, Corey Keeble (ROM), and William Maddox will be co-leading a pilgrimage of the sacred spaces of Rochester, New York departing early **Monday April 29 and returning Thursday, May 2**. We will be travelling by coach and staying in a hotel. Information regarding cost is available from Judy MacDonald or Euan Ferguson. There are several spaces still available on the bus. To register in advance please contact Euan Ferguson (eujoferguson@sympatico.ca).



Lenten Studies 2013 *Following the Way*, Mark Price, Author
Seeing Christ Crucified

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

In the words of our author: "Our three scripture texts all bear witness to the suffering of Jesus on the cross." (47) As we examine these familiar scriptures we are asked to look beyond the obvious and ask new questions about the nature and effect of suffering.

The Isaiah text is one of four poetic oracles describing the life of the servant of God. The instruction and encouragement of God gives the servant the stubborn determination and aggressive strength to withstand the insults, spitting and beard pulling. When we who are called of God are attacked, physically or emotionally, do we fight first and ask forgiveness or do we listen for instruction and let God fight our battles; are we distraught with planning our offense or clam up and deliberate in our defense?

The apostle Paul uses an ancient hymn to 'sing' the praises of God and to remind the church of our calling in Christ Jesus. Which one of us would give up our corporate perks, our Gold cards or even our special seat in worship and assume the role of the lowest in humanity? What God did in Jesus Christ contradicts our human history; beginning with Adam and Eve, humans have pushed to have the better and greater position. Committing this song to memory could be useful when our backs are against the wall.

The passion narrative from Luke's gospel contains a wonderful example of what we gain as a result of Christ's suffering – Salvation! I often see myself as the criminal who received the promise of paradise on the day of execution. I am guilty of sin and stand convicted of those sins, but God was and is innocent! Pilate, Herod and the Roman Centurion all testify to Christ's innocence. This is the gospel, the GOOD NEWS. Think of it this way, a movie or book is suspenseful largely because we do not know the end of the story, but Jesus did not suffer as one without hope, Jesus knew how the story would end. Jesus was in constant communication with God. The ears of Jesus were open to instruction and Christ was not rebellious. Jesus could therefore stand on the words of the prophet Isaiah, "It is the Lord God, who helps me; who will declare me guilty?" (Isa. 50:9a) When we, like Jesus and the prophets, allow ourselves to be open to instruction from God, then we will also be able to stand.

LEGACY for *Ministry*

On **Sunday, April 14, 2013** following the morning worship service, there will be a workshop

with light refreshments in the Friendship Room. The workshop will cover the Biblical Stewardship of having current wills and powers of attorney.

- A lawyer will be present to answer questions.
 - Each participant will receive a free workbook to take home.
 - Important information for anyone over 18 years old.
 - Workshop presented by Nancy and George Bell of Legacy for Ministry – a joint program of Canadian Baptist Ministries, Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec and Canadian Baptist Women.
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2013 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MONDAY, MARCH 25 THROUGH THURSDAY MARCH 28 AT 7:30 P.M.

The one hour service is devotional by nature with the intention of focusing our hearts on Christ as we prepare for Good Friday and Easter.

There are hymns and prayers but the primary focus is the devotional presentation each evening offered by our guest preacher.

2013 Holy Week Preacher The Rev. Dr. Harry Gardner

Dr. Harry G. Gardner, a native of the south shore of Nova Scotia, with degrees from Dalhousie University, Acadia Divinity College and from Fuller Theological Seminary. Prior to becoming the President of Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Harry served as the Executive Minister of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.



Harry is beloved for his warm pastoral heart and deep faith in Christ and teaches in the area of pastoral ministry, leadership and spiritual disciplines. He has had a keen interest in addressing issues of racism, promoting integral mission as well as international relief and development.

Harry will be accompanied by his wife, Gail. Their family includes two married children and four grandchildren. Personal interests include fun times with the grandchildren, travel, and music.

HOLY WEEK 2013

During Holy Week Yorkminster Park is honoured to welcome **Dr. Harry Gardner**, Principal of Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, Nova Scotia to lead our Holy Week devotional services from Monday through Thursday evenings.

Palm Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

This service will include a children's procession of palms, Choir, and the hymns of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. - Music for Passiontide

The Yorkminster Park Choir will present music by Mendelssohn (In deep despair), Healey Willan and Anton Bruckner. Freewill offering

Monday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

Devotional Service - Dr. Harry Gardner

"Over Turning and Turning Over" - Matthew 21: 12-17

Tuesday, March 26, noon - Communion in Centennial Chapel

Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Devotional Service - Dr. Harry Gardner

"When Offending the Mind Reveals the Heart" - Matthew 26: 6-13 & Mark 12: 41-44

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

Devotional Service - Dr. Harry Gardner

"Diversion and Discipleship" - Luke 22: 31-34 and John 21: 15-19

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Footwashing and Tenebrae Service - Sermon: Dr. Harry Gardner

"Jesus: Servant of All" - John 13: 1-17

In this service the worshippers are reminded of the love and devotion of Christ through a foot washing ceremony in which the minister symbolically washes the feet of several members of the community.

Good Friday, March 29, 11:00 a.m.

This solemn traditional service features hymns, litanies, readings, prayers and an anthem focused on the cross of Christ and the great gift of his love and forgiveness.

Following the sermon the Sacrament of Communion is offered in remembrance of Christ.

The Twentieth Ecumenical Good Friday Walk, March 29, 12:30 p.m.

From YP the walk will go to Christ Church Deer Park, Calvin Presbyterian/Deer Park United, and on to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church - a short service including a prayer, reading and hymn will be offered in each church as we join with our sisters and brothers from other Christian traditions in marking the sacrifice and love of Christ.



1585 Yonge St. at Heath St. – 1 block north of St. Clair Ave. 416.922.1167



For more information on Holy Week and Easter Sunday at YPBC, visit yorkminsterpark.com

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

**The Rev. Cheryle Hanna, and the YPBC children
and youth will lead in worship.**

The service is followed by the Easter Breakfast for all to enjoy
and an egg hunt for the children.

11:00 a.m. - Morning Service

**The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes,
Minister of the Congregation, preaching**

This triumphant service with brass, organ, and choir celebrates
Christ's resurrection from the dead and the gift of eternal life.

Please Note: No Evening Service on Easter Sunday