

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

March 22, 2020
Lent IV



Morning Worship Service—March 22, 2020—11:00 am—Lent IV

* Congregation Stands

Preludes—Méditation (Symphonie I)
Nigra sum, sed formosa

Charles Marie Widor
Marcel Dupré

Welcome

***Hymn 618**—Come Thou fount of every blessing (*Nettleton*)

1

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love!*

2

*Here I find my greatest treasure:
hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

3

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it from thy courts above!*

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Introit—Mine eyes are ever looking

Catherine Palmer

*Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Look
Thou upon me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and in misery. Unto Thee, O
Lord, do I lift up my soul. My God, in Thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded. Gloria.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (*seated*) (*Sung Amen*)

The Rev. Dale Rose

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Psalm 23** (*Unison*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 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.

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

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

***Hymn 835—Goodness is stronger than evil (*Goodness is stronger*)**

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours
through him who loved us.*

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

The Children's Book of Questions for God

Tayo

Announcements

Window on the World

Mary-Carol Healey, YP Meals on Wheels

Holy Scripture—Matthew 20:29-34

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Response—O keep my soul and deliver me

W. Maddox

O keep my soul and deliver me, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Offering

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5: 6-8

Anthem—The Cross

A. J. F. Barnes

In the cross is safety; in the cross is life. In the cross protection from our foes. In the cross is sweetness poured upon us from above. In the cross is spiritual joy; in the cross the sum of virtue. In the cross is holiness in perfect beauty.

***Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***Hymn 258**—O thou who camest from above (*Hereford*)

1

*O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!*

2

*There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

3

*Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.*

4

*Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.*

Sermon—Questions for Lent: 4. “What Do You Want Me to Do For You?”

The Rev. Dale Rose

***Hymn 650**—Great is Thy faithfulness (*Faithfulness*)

1

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2

*Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

3

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Choral Amen**—de Séverac

Postlude—Allegro and Fugue (Sonata #2)

Felix Mendelssohn

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

*The Service will be webcast only during the COVID-19 pandemic.
There will be a 7pm Iona Liturgy service tonight online at yorkminsterpark.com*

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano, **Loren Graziano**, soprano
Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano, **Tyler Cervini**, tenor, **Lutzen Riedstra**, baritone
Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers in the Chancel on the right side, are dedicated to the Glory of God
and placed in loving memory of my mother, father, and sister*

GRACE, NORMAN AND ELIZABETH BISHOP

by Lois Anne

*The flowers in the Chancel on the left side, are dedicated to the Glory of God
and placed in loving memory of*

JOHN STEVENS AND KERR SPIERS

by Mary and families

Offerings

Consider giving your offerings through the [PAR program \(Pre-Authorized Remittance\)](#), [Monthly Credit Card Offerings](#), online through [CanadaHelps](#) or [contact our bookkeeper Estelle](#) for other ways to donate.

Pastoral Care Prayers

In these unusual days of the COVID-19 concerns, our worship services and regular church activities are suspended in person until further notice. This includes our Prayers for Healing and Blessing after the worship service, as well as our Tuesday Prayers in the Chapel. But please be assured that your pastoral staff are still praying for the needs of our congregation. We are also attempting to stay in touch with those members of our church family who may be more vulnerable and/or socially isolated. Please continue to pray for our people; stay in touch with friends and neighbours by phone or social media; and stay safe. If you have pastoral care needs or prayer requests, please contact our Minister of Pastoral Care, the Rev. Dale Rose, at drose@yorkminsterpark.com.



Children & Youth Ministry programming is on hold until further notice.

Our **Family Ministry** team will continue to reach out to all families in a variety of ways to offer prayer, support and faith resources.

Each week, we will email to all families the following:

- Lesson plans for Lighthouse & DOXA
- Faith At Home parent sheets
- 1-2 min. video teaching for the lesson
- Faith at Home resource ideas, prayers, etc.

We hope and pray that this will help to engage and involve all of you as a family to further develop your faith in the home and strengthen your relationships.

Heather Mackey will be reaching out to each family to offer prayer and support. If you need to get in touch with her, please email her at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com and/or call her at 416-922-1361 X229 and she will do her best to get back to you.

Lenten Study

All Lenten studies have been on hold due to COVID-19. Please reach out to your Lenten leader for more information or contact the church office by phone 416-922-1167 or email office@yorkminsterpark.com.

Weekly Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all internal and external events will be cancelled until further notice. Please keep an eye on your inbox for updates. If you are not subscribed, you can do so [here](#).

Life Groups

The following life groups have moved to meet via WhatsApp online as of March 12, 2020 until pandemic situation change. Kindly please send your contact information to the [church office](#) if you are interested in joining.

- Bay Street Life Group (Weekly Fridays at 6 pm)
- Bay Street 2.0 Prayer group (Weekly Thursdays at 8:30 pm)
- Singing Praises Life Group (Weekly Sundays at 2 pm)
- Myosotis at Belmont (1st week Saturdays)
- New Life Group (Weekly Sundays at 10 am)

Food Bank

The **APRIL** Food of the Month donation is boxes of **KRAFT DINNER**.

As a result of COVID 19 we have cancelled our Annual Food Drive-our largest food and fund raiser of the year. This will have a significant negative impact on our ability to provide for our clients. Please consider making a [financial donation](#) via our [website](#).

On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

Gallery Closure

Please note the Yorkminster Park Gallery is regrettably closed currently in accordance with evolving protocols for the prevention of COVID-19. Please check yorkminsterpark.com for updates.

Recitals and Concerts

Both the Wednesday Noonday Organ Recital and Tuesday Lunchtime chamber music have been cancelled until further notice. Please keep an eye on the calendar and website to see when Recitals will resume at Yorkminster Park.

Cover Photo

Meals on Wheels bags waiting to be filled with dinners to be delivered to the elderly, disabled and chronically ill by our friendly volunteers, who are the backbone of our organization. Photo by Janice Ivory-Smith.

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Free parking Green P Alvin Street: There is free parking available in the Alvin Street Green P parking facility during Sunday morning worship hours. The procedure is to take a ticket upon entry to gain access to the parking area. At the time of exit, please push the “Help” button and mention that you were attending the Yorkminster Park church service. The off-site attendant will remotely open the exit gate. You can then discard the entry ticket. The free parking is until 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Accessibility: A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship. If you would like one, please ask an usher. Hearing assistance is also available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Welcome Table in the Narthex*.

For Children and Youth: Parent/guardian sign-in their Gr. 5 & under child at the Centre Hall before the morning service. You may also sign your child in after the Children’s Prayer in the Service when the children, youth and their leaders head to Cameron Hall for Praise and Worship. Babies & Toddlers may begin their time at the beginning of the service in the Nursery.

Fellowship: Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex*. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected: The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website. Morning worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex*.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office at info@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1167.

* The Narthex is located in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

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