

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



LITURGY OF THE PALMS

April 2, 2023

We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, inclusive of age, ethnicity, gender identity, differing abilities, and sexual orientation.

For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit, covered by Treaty 13. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

ORDER OF SERVICE

♪ indicates “please stand as you are able.”

CARILLON PRELUDE (*outside, ending with:*)
All Glory Laud and Honour

Guest Carillonneur: Naoko Tsujita
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HARPSICHORD & ORGAN PRELUDE

A Running Fantazia or Prelude; Pavane
Fantasia in Foure Parts; A Fancy or Voluntary

Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Passion, op. 145 no. 4*

Max Reger, 1873-1916

As we now enter the solemnity of Holy Week, please withhold your applause. There is no coffee hour this week.

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers**, **Jim Harbell** and **The Rev. Alana Martin**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, the **Metropolitan Choir**, the **Metropolitan Choristers** (dir. **Dr. Jennifer Martyn**) and Guest Carillonneur **Naoko Tsujita**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani**, **Nishaanth Siva** and **Alastair McDonald**. Metropolitan’s livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

MUSIC NOTES

Palm Sunday is a fraught moment in the Church Year, in which the giddy crowd’s enthusiasm is underpinned with a sense of foreboding about the imminent trials of Holy Week. We begin this morning’s musical programme with jewels from the pen of **Orlando Gibbons**, one of the greatest English composers in the generation following William Byrd, Thomas Tallis and co. While still a master of counterpoint, Gibbons wears his craft more lightly than Byrd, with a rather more indulgent and sensuous approach to keyboard and vocal textures. In *Hosanna to the Son of David*, we hear the crowd as distant trumpets at the opening; the celestial choirs at “peace in heaven”, and finally the great heavenly trumpets “in the highest places”. **Jean-Baptiste Faure** was a celebrity baritone in 19th-c France, and his popular sacred song “The Palms” is the Palm Sunday pendant to Adam’s “O Holy Night”, or Adams’ “The Holy City”. **Max Reger**, whose 150th birthday we celebrate this year, was a physically and emotionally over-dimensional Bavarian composer with a prodigious work ethic. His 250+ organ works are the pinnacle of late-Romantic German writing for the instrument. The Seven Pieces, op. 145, are among his last and purest expressions; *Passion* is a symphonic tone poem in miniature that is based upon the famous *Passion Chorale*, found at no. 145 in *Voices United*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**Zoom links in Met Connect and at metunited.ca*

MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Daily Office* (repeats until Sunday)
- 8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer*

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band
- 7:00 p.m. Affirm Committee*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 8:45 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer (Zoom/chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care*

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study*
- 12:00 p.m. Footcare Clinic
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Bedtime Stories*
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (in person only)
- 8:15 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Concert Talk
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study*
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

NEXT SUNDAY: APRIL 9 - Resurrection of the Lord

- 9:30 a.m. Choristers
- 10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. Nursery
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Rev. Jason Meyers preaching
Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

This Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. the Metropolitan Festival Choir & Baroque Orchestra present Handel's *Brookes Passion*. Soloists include Michael Colvin, Geoffrey Sirett, Jacqueline Woodley and several of our own lead singers. Attend in person or view online (live or on demand) - visit metunited.ca/Handel for tickets, or

purchase at the door. A pre-concert chat with conductor Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm takes place at 6:30 p.m. followed by an organ prelude (J.S. Bach's mighty partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*) at 7:10 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 16

There will be a special congregational meeting to hear from the Search Committee after the worship service at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday April 16. This meeting will be held in person in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: IFTAR DINNER APRIL 14

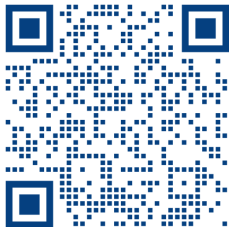
On April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Met Centre a traditional Iftar Afghan meal will be held in support of our Refugee Sponsorship program. To purchase your ticket, visit metunited.ca/Refugee. If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Jonathan Miles (jonathanrossmiles@gmail.com).

TO THE GLORY OF GOD — EASTER MEMORIALS

Met invites you to make a memorial gift of any amount for Easter, 2023. Your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember will be listed in the bulletin and online for Easter Sunday worship. All gifts to our Memorial Fund are divided equally between sanctuary restoration and our congregation's endowment fund. You may make your gift in the following ways:

- Online: Visit metunited.ca/donate, click "Donate" and select "Easter Memorials"
- E-transfer: Send an e-transfer to donations@metunited.ca
- By credit card: Contact Elena at (416) 363-0331, ext. 229
- Weekly offering: Include your gift as part of the offering, clearly marked "Memorial Fund"
- By mail: To the church office (details on back of bulletin)

After making your gift, please forward the names of person(s) you would like memorialized to Sheela in the church office at sheelat@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331, ext. 210 and copy Doug Flanders at dougflanders@sympatico.ca no later than noon on Tuesday, to have it included next Sunday.



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