

**Wine Before Breakfast
at Church of the Redeemer**

April 21, 2023 7.00 pm

This service is followed by a light potluck. We hope you will join us.

Celebrant: Jacqueline Daley

Server: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Preacher: Bishop Andrew Asbil

Reader: Peter Greidanus

Mike Walker

Karen Turner

Litanist: Amanda Jagt

Curator: Sarah Murley-Hauser

Aileen Verdun

Music Director: Deb Whalen-Blaize

Band: Dave Krause

Dave Burke

John Kirstein

Sarah Murley-Hauser

Musical Prelude: "Creation Dream"

By Bruce Cockburn

Centred on silence, counting on nothing
I saw you standing on the sea
And everything was dark except for
Sparks the wind struck from your hair

Sparks that turned to wings around you
Angel voices mixed with seabird cries
Fields of motion surging outward
Questions that contain their own replies

You were dancing I saw you dancing
Throwing your arms toward the sky
Fingers opening like flares
Stars were shooting everywhere

Lines of power bursting outward
Along the channels of your song
Mercury waves flashed under your feet
Shots of silver in the shell-pink dawn

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand as you are able)

In humility and gratitude, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is traditional territory of the

Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinabek and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the lands around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase treaty between the British and the Mississaugas. Today Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across the world and the land that is now called Canada.

May those of us who are settlers follow God's leading towards love and reconciliation, confessing our wrongdoing and humbly working to make things right.

God, we welcome you here tonight,
into the presence of friends and family,
loved ones from near and far,
All of us here to celebrate the life and ministry of Brian, one dear to us all.

O God, with joyful noise we praise you!

For we are people who must sing you,
and you are a God who must be sung by us,
for the sake of your majesty and honour.

And so we thank you,
for lyrics that push us past our reasons,
for melodies that break open our givens,
for cadences that locate us home,
for tones and tunes
that open our lives beyond control
and our futures beyond despair.

**We thank you for Brian
and for all his work in campus ministry,
for his deep and true devotion
to your kingdom here on earth.**

We thank you for the good company of artists, poets, musicians, loved ones and friends, that sing for us and with us, those that keep us turning toward you.

**To you be our turning, our singing,
and our thanksgiving,
this evening and evermore, Amen.**

Scripture Reading

(remain standing as you are able)

A reading from the book of Psalms.

Psalm 33.1-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

(Text by Henry Van Dyke, tune: Hymn to Joy)

(remain standing as you are able)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 drive the din of doubt away,
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the life of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
 Stars and angels sing around thee,
 centre of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain
 call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 Well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Blessed Parent and Creator
 all who live in love are thine;
 Teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus
 which the morning stars began
 God's own love is reigning o'er us,
 Joining us, each hand in hand
 Ever singing march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife
 Joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

The Proclamation of the Word (please be seated)

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 65.17-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the book of Colossians.

Colossians 1.15-20

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1.1-18

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Bishop Andrew Asbil

Hymn: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Text by Sylvia Dunstan, Tune: Regent Square
 (please stand as you are able)

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave
 You, peace-maker and sword-bringer
 Of the way you took and gave
 You, the everlasting instant
 You, whom we both scorn and crave

Clothed in cloud upon the mountain
 Stripped of might upon the cross
 Shining in eternal glory, Beggard by a soldier's toss
 You, the everlasting instant
 You, who are both gift and cost

You, who walk each day beside us
 Sit in power at God's side
 You, who preach a way that's narrow
 Have a love that reaches wide
 You, the everlasting instant
 You, who are our pilgrim guide

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
 Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
 Worthy your defeat and victory!
 Worthy still your peace and strife!
 You, the everlasting instant
 You, who are our death and life

Prayers of the People (please remain standing)

In the beginning God spoke
 and all creation came to be.
 It came to be through the One who came to set us free:
 Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,
 the Linchpin, the Lamb, our Body's Head;
 Creation's firstborn; Firstborn from the dead.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Holy One, we gather today
 for the simple joy of singing your praise.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

By the breath of your mouth the universe was made;
 the waters of the sea you gathered as in a bottle.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You saw what you had made –
 the dust you shaped into limbs and laughs,
 the forest's fruitful majesty,
 the insects humming on the wind,
 the birds alighting on the boughs –
 and you declared it good.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And even when it all went wrong –
 we broke your heart, betrayed our vows –
 and you took us back into the fold,
 forgiving and renewing each and every time.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And then you came among us, showing us the way,
 upsetting the thrones and powers of the earth,
 making peace through the blood of your cross,
 and calling our names beside an empty tomb.
Amen. Hallelujah!

*(silent and spoken prayers for the Church, the campus
 ministry, and our community)*

And so here we are this Eastertide,
 looking back and yet ahead.
 And we raise our voices to sing the song you gave us,
 the song we cling to,
 the song we desire more than gold:
 for the hope of a new creation,
 a new city in which to dwell –
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

For labour which shall not be in vain –
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

For a time when the sounds of weeping
 and cries of distress
 will not be remembered or brought to mind.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

For homes and vineyards, fields, and farms
 that will not be supplanted by greed or power.
Amen. Hallelujah!

(silent and spoken prayers and petitions)

For the promise of reconciliation
 and peace between all things.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

For the blessing you promise to our descendants.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

For retirement and new beginnings;
 that Brian, your servant whom we celebrate today
 may long enjoy the work of his hands
 which he has done to your glory.
Amen. Hallelujah!

(prayers of thanksgiving for Brian)

A new song we raise to you, O God,
 with the guitar, the piano, the bass,
 and loud shouts of joy and thanks.
 Thanks for making visible your love
 through the Word made flesh
 and through the image we bear to one another.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O Love that fires the sun, keep us burning;
 this April evening and always into times ahead;
 keep us watching, waiting, imaging and imagining,
 for what you are creating, animating, resurrecting,
 in our world, our city, ourselves. **Amen.**

The Peace (please remain standing)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(we greet each other with a sign of peace)

The Celebration of the Eucharist (remain standing)

ACC Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1

Sanctus tune: Steve Bell

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give you thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation,

we give you thanks and praise

for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin

and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory singing:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might

Heaven and Earth of your glory are full

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our
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Heaven and Earth of your glory are full

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Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus
the Christ to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust,

from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of
life, Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it and gave it to his friends, saying,

"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said

"Drink this all of you,

this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it,

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table

in response to his commandment,

to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,

And to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:

this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, Creator of all,

and we bless your holy name forever. Amen.

And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Creator in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

(adapted from an Iona community prayer)

This is the table of the Lord,
ready for those who love God
and those who want to love God.

So come,

you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often or never before;
you who have tried to follow
and all of us who have failed.

Come because Christ is inviting us to meet him here.

**God here among us, life in the midst of us,
bring us to love and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

(All are welcome at this table. The bread is gluten free
and there is grape juice available for those who prefer
it over the wine. We participate together as we sing,
"Behold, I Make All Things New" and "The Kingdom
of God Is Justice and Joy")

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

By Alana Levandoski

Behold I make all things new (3x)
Let there be light, let there be light

God unseen, is taking form (3x)
Let there be life, let there be life

First and Last is surging forth (3x)
Becoming life, becoming life

Behold I make all things new (3x)
I am the Light, I am the Light

Anything made manifest (3x)
Becomes the light, becomes the light

Turn your face toward my face (3x)
Become the light, become the light

"The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy"

Text: Byrn Austin Rees, Tune: Paderborn

The kingdom of God is justice and joy
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy

God's power and glory in Jesus we know
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace
The captives are free, the sinners find place
The outcasts are welcome, God's banquet to share
And hope is awakened in place of despair

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross
Our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss

God's Kingdom is come, the gift and the goal
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call
And all things cry "Glory!" too God All in All

Prayers of Taking Leave and Commissioning

(please stand as you are able)

Today, we give thanks for Brian
for the remarkable impact
that he and his ministry has had on so many of us.

For all he has given, for all he has shared, for the home
that he helped the Campus Ministry become,
our gratitude and our prayers for him will be
unceasing.

**We pray that you will be filled
with the knowledge of God's will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so that you will continue
to live a life worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to God, and that your life
will continue to bear fruit in every good work.
As you walk in faith, bear the cross of Jesus,
Serve the Kingdom, and rejoice in your discipleship.**

As God leads Brian into new places and new ways,
we pray for his strength and faithfulness.

Brian:

**May you live in hope, seek justice,
minister to the vulnerable, feed the hungry,
and embody the good news
in word and deed, in season and out of season,
with support and opposition,
with pastoral love and prophetic power.**

And so we commission you:

**Go forth, dear friend,
with our blessing and with our prayers.
Go forth in the power of the risen Christ.
Go forth as an envoy of the coming Kingdom of
peace.
Go forth and bear witness in all that you do,
to the love of God,
the redemption of Christ,
and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
In the powerful name of Jesus,
Amen, Alleluia!**

Sending Prayers

(please remain standing as you are able)

Oh God, your call is loud and clear:
To join you in the building of your kingdom
beginning in our hearts.
Sustain us as we build, for there is much to do.

And while we may never see its completion
we know you are at the heart of this work.
May every generation rise up to join in,
improving upon what the last generation has built,
according to your plan and your desire.

As we build, God, we lift to you our praise,
saying:
**Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Reflection

"This Little Light of Mine/Amen"

Arranged by Sam Cooke

(please be seated)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

When I see my neighbour comin', I'm gonna let it
shine...

Won't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine...

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Party and Speeches: Please stay after the service as you are able to continue celebrating Brian! We will share in a potluck together and in about 30 minutes time there will be several speeches marking Brian's ministry.

Books for Sale: Please visit the table at the back of the church to peruse the various books for sale, including the festschrift written in honour of Brian's Academic and Community Work. Books can be purchased via cash or e-transfer.

Donations: We are taking a donation for the CRC Campus Ministry. Donations can be taken at the Book Table or e-transfer to classistotreasurer@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer Wine Before Breakfast (After Dinner) will be held on the last Tuesday evening of the month, starting on May 30. The services will be held at Trinity College Chapel and start at 7 p.m. Snacks and drinks to follow the service.

Spring Graduate Christian Fellowship starts on April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Toronto School of Theology building.

Divine Discourse: Casual but compelling conversations about things that matter, including and especially religion and spirituality. From 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday evening of the month (May 9, June 13, July 11, and Aug 15).