

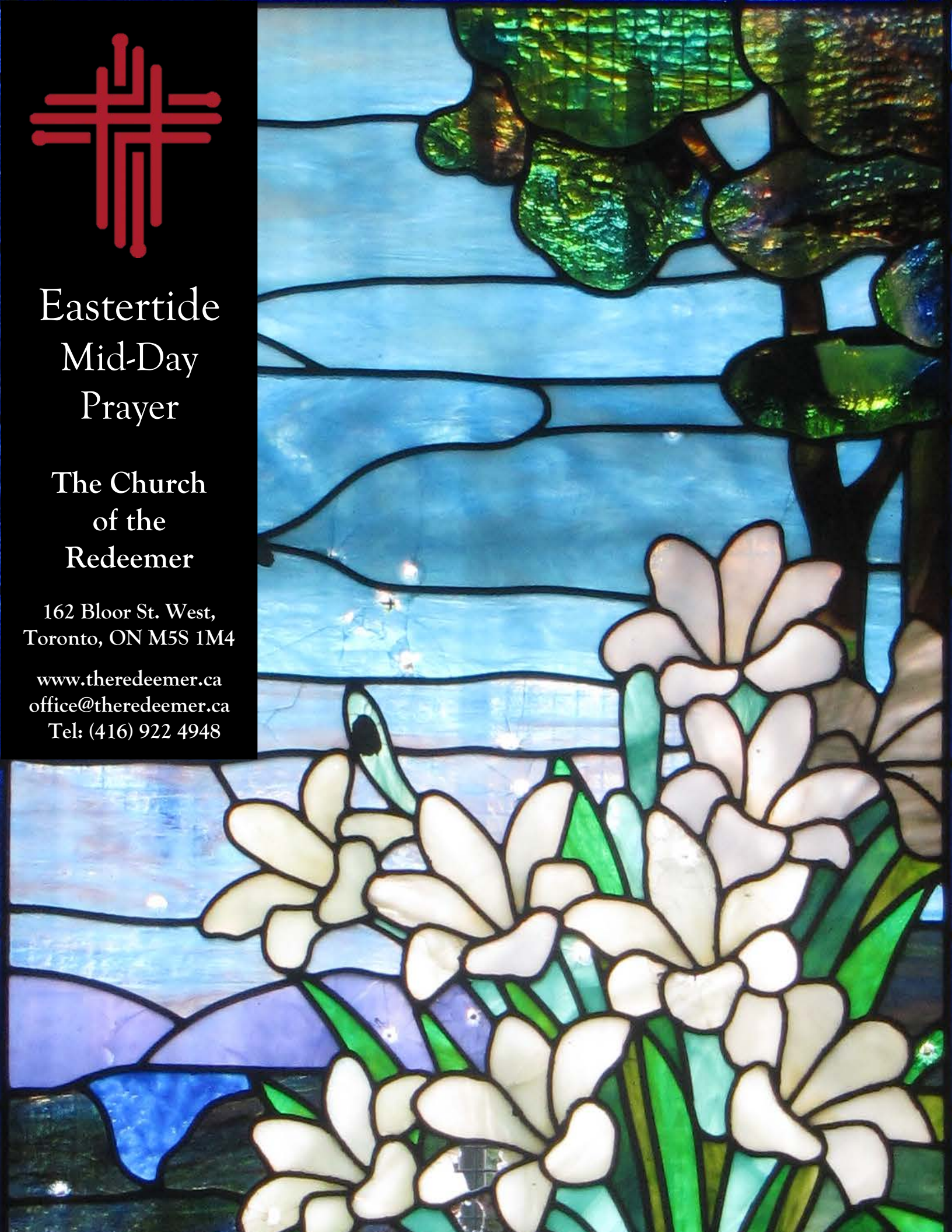


Eastertide
Mid-Day
Prayer

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The service begins in silence.

All are invited to light a candle to add their own light to the radiance of midday.

The Leader will ask someone to be the voice for "All" during the service.

Everyone else will be muted, but all are encouraged to speak the words as well.

The Greeting

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Responsories

One: Let the voice of God's praise resound.

All: **God gives life to our souls.**

One: God overcame the old order of sin and death.

All: **In Jesus' reign, new life and renewed hope are everlasting.**

One: Christ appeared to the disciples in their despair and disbelief.

All: **He offered God's peace and forgiveness to all.**

One: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

All: **He laid down his life for the sheep.**

One: Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

All: **May we bear much fruit as his disciples.**

One: Jesus commanded us to love one another.

All: **That our joy may be complete.**

One: Christ ascended into heaven.

All: **And the Holy Spirit came among us.**

One: Let the voice of God's praise resound.

All: **God gives life to our souls.**

One: Glory to God,

All: **Source of all being,**

eternal Word

and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning,

is now and will be for ever.

Amen.

The Psalm

*The psalm for the day is found in the reading list on the last page.
It is prayed by whole verse, beginning with the leader.*

The Canticles

Monday: Song of the First-Born

Colossians 1.15–20

All: Christ is the image of the unseen God, *
the first-born of all creation,
for in him were all things made, *
in heaven and on earth.

Through him and for him were all things made,
before all he exists, holds all things in one. *
The Church is his body, and he is its head.

He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; *
in all things he alone is supreme.

God made all his fullness to dwell in him, *
to reconcile through him all creation to himself,
everything on earth and everything in heaven, *
all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

Tuesday: God's Plan of Salvation

Ephesians 1.3–7

All: Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
who has blessed us in Christ
with all the spiritual blessings of heaven.

God chose us in Christ
before the world was made *
to be holy and blameless,
and to live by his love in his presence.

God planned through Jesus Christ *
to bring us to himself as his children,
that we might praise the glory of his grace, *
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

In Christ we gain redemption;
through his blood our sins are forgiven. *
How rich is the grace of God!

Wednesday: A Song to the Lamb

Revelation 4.11; 5.9–10, 13

All: Splendour and honour and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, *
for ever and for evermore.

Thursday: Glory to God

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Friday: Jesus Christ is Lord

Philippians 2.6-11

All: Christ Jesus, by nature divine,
did not grasp for himself
a rank as equal with God.

He chose to empty himself,
becoming a humble slave,
and living the life of a man.

And human in every way,
he abased himself still more,
obedient to death on a cross.

So God has exalted him on high,
and given to him the name,
the greatest of all the names;

So that at Jesus' name
every knee should bend low
in heaven, on earth, in the depths,

And every tongue proclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father!

Saturday: Song of the Multitude in Heaven

Revelation 19.1, 2, 5-7

All: Alleluia!
To our God belong victory, glory, and power, *
for right and just are his judgements.
Praise our God, all you who serve him, *
you who fear him, great and small.
Alleluia!
The Lord God almighty has claimed his kingdom. *
Let us rejoice and triumph and give him praise:
the time has come for the wedding-feast of the Lamb.

The Reading

*After the reading, we pause for one minute of silence
to reflect on the scripture and ponder its meaning.*

Statement of Faith

Monday

One: We believe in God

**All: who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

One: We believe in Jesus Christ,

**All: flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in the body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable
loved the unlovable
and endured slander, persecution and death.**

One: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth
through Christ's suffering love.

**All: He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven
to be present in all times to all people.**

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All: who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics,
through justice, care of creation
and the healing of the nations.**

One: We celebrate the potential God has given:

**All: the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls,
the promise of good things in store
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

Tuesday

One: We believe

All: that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Wednesday

One: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thursday

One: We believe

All: in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
who journeys with us through life,
and leads us to new beginnings.

We believe in the God of Moses,
who frees us from oppression and guides us
through desert, wilderness, and sin to the Promised Land.

We believe in the God of the prophets,
who asks for justice in our land,
and cares for the poor.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who brought the Gospel to us,
who celebrated God's unconditional love for everyone.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who forms and molds us into God's image,
who sends us out to serve God and people,
who leads us to everlasting life. Amen.

Friday

One: We believe in God above us,

All: Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Saturday

One: We believe in God

All: in whom is power and compassion.

We believe in the Creator
who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains,
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.

We believe in Jesus,
born in obscurity in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger thirst, persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil,
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives.
In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.

The Prayers

All will be unmuted during the prayers.

One: We pray to the Risen One who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.
We pray for the church, especially members of our parish family

Please share your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in silence.

Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

One: Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.
We pray for all the struggles shared by your human family.

Please share your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in silence.

Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

One: Jesus, Good Shepherd
who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
We pray for all in need and all who have found healing.

Please share your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in silence.

Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

One: Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you.
Raise us with them to eternal life.
We pray for those who have died and those who mourn.

Please share your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in silence.

Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

One: Jesus, the Christ, Lord over all things,
you ascended far above the heavens,
leaving us gifts to offer in your service.
We pray with grateful hearts
for all the blessings we have received.

Please share your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in silence.

Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

One: Holy God,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to reflect your glory.
This we pray in the name
of Jesus Christ our Redeemer
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One: Together we pray:

**All: Our Father 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 for ever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

One: God our guide,
your light shows us the path we should walk
and your love sustains us on the journey.
Be with us in the pilgrimage of our lives,
that in moments of loneliness we would know your presence,
in moments of uncertainty we would know your direction
and in moments of pain we would know your peace,
through the one who came to walk alongside us as our friend,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

One: Christ has no body now on earth but ours,
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which to see Christ's compassion in the world.
Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Ours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

All: Amen.

Sending

One: Go in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Psalms & Readings for Easter

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Monday, April 26	Ps 52	1 Peter 5.1-5
Tuesday, April 27	Ps 47	Revelation 7.13-17
Wednesday, April 28	Ps 53	Mark 14.26-31
Thursday, April 29	Ps 60	Acts 8.1b-8
Friday, April 30	Ps 54	Acts 8.9-25
Saturday, May 1	Ps 138	Mark 4.30-32
Monday, May 3	Ps 56	Galatians 5.16-26
Tuesday, May 4	Ps 57	James 3.17-18
Wednesday, May 5	Ps 58	John 14.18-31
Thursday, May 6	Ps 61	Acts 10.1-34
Friday, May 7	Ps 62	Acts 10.34-43
Saturday, May 8	Ps 75	Mark 10.42-45
Monday, May 10	Ps 93	1 Timothy 6.11-12
Tuesday, May 11	Ps 96	1 Timothy 6.13-16
Wednesday, May 12	Ps 8	Mark 16.19-20
Thursday, May 13	Ps 24	Acts 1.1-11
Friday, May 14	Ps 85	Revelation 1.9-18
Saturday, May 15	Ps 92	John 16.4-11
Monday, May 17	Ps 46	Philippians 1.3-11
Tuesday, May 18	Ps 97	Titus 1.1-9
Wednesday, May 19	Ps 101	John 16.16-24
Thursday, May 20	Ps 99	1 Corinthians 15.42b-49
Friday, May 21	Ps 100	1 Corinthians 15.50-57
Saturday, May 22	Ps 19	John 7.37-39