

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 23 (BCP 356) & 24 (BCP 357); Exodus 11 & Matthew 26.36-end. *The Gloria Patri is omitted in Holy Week.*
First Canticle: The Salvator Mundi Second Canticle: Benedictus

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 150, Introit: Psalm 118.19-29 (BCP 484);
Tract: Psalm 22.12-21 (BCP 355)

HOLY WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	PALM SUNDAY
	7:30 am Mattins
	8:00 am Low Mass (no music)
	9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)
	11:00 am High Mass (BCP)
	5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions (BCP)
Mon. April 3	THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 5:30 pm Baroque Music by Candlelight – 8:00 pm
Tues. April 4	THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 6:00 pm Rehearsal for Good Friday – 6:30 pm
Wed. April 5	THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 5:30 pm Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm
Thurs. April 6	Walk-Through for Maundy Thursday – 5:30 pm MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7:00 pm THE WATCH – 9:00 pm to 10:30 am on Friday THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 9:30 pm
Fri. April 7	Walk-Through for Good Friday – 10:00 am GOOD FRIDAY – 10:30 am THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 7:30 pm

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Sat. April 8 **MATTINS & ANTE-COMMUNION** – 10:00 am
Rehearsal for the Vigil – 10:30 am
EASTER VIGIL – 9:00 pm, with Reception to follow

Sun. April 9 **EASTER DAY**
7:30 am Mattins
8:00 am Low Mass (no music)
9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)
11:00 am High Mass (BCP)
5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction (BCP)

SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

All morning Masses are in-person. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists are livestreamed on YouTube, as is Evensong and Devotions at 5:00 pm.

THE COMMON CUP & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Coordinator Siobhán Dungan invites **children ages 4 to 11** to be brought to the undercroft (accessed by descending the steps near the south entrance) on Sundays anytime after 10:45 am. The children learn about the Eucharist and Jesus' life and teachings through stories, singing, colouring, and fun exercises. Siobhán brings them upstairs to the church in time to sing the Lord's Prayer with the congregation and receive a blessing. They then return to the undercroft, where parents pick them up after the end of the service. If you have any questions, please email Siobhán at siobhandungan@rogers.com.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Please join our festive reception following the Easter Vigil. **This particular reception is heavily dependent upon contributions from the congregation.** Please bring ready-to-serve finger foods to share, ideally in containers that they can be served from, and taken home with you at the end of the reception. The kitchen will be open prior to the service for items that need refrigeration.

TAX RECEIPTS

All 2022 donation receipts have been sent out. If you have not received either an email or a letter containing your receipt, or if you have misplaced it, please contact Kevin Blagrove envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca or call the office, if you don't have e-mail.

POETRY READING - Saturday, April 22, 2023

Please join us for a poetry reading in the church on Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 pm. This event will be live-streamed. Three books will be 'launched,' including Lesley-Anne Evans's Covid-delayed *Mute Swan* of 2021, *Galestro* by Bruce Hunter, and our newest collection, *Church Grammar* by Bruce Meyer.

Refreshments and a book table will follow the reading in the church. Poetry readings began at St. Thomas's in 1988 when the readers were John Reibetanz, Robert Finch, Margo Swiss, Maggie Helwig, and Tim Lilburn. We will be celebrating our 35th anniversary with cake.

The Poets:

Deafened as an infant, **Bruce Hunter** formed a bond with books and the written word at an early age. Bruce's poems, stories, and essays have appeared in over 80 publications in Canada, China, India, Italy, the U.K., and the U.S. Since retiring after 25 years at Seneca College, he has been busy as an editor, mentor, and writer. His novel about a young deaf boy finding love and redemption in the wilderness won the 2010 Canadian Rockies Prize at the Banff Mountain Book Festival. His 11th and newest book being launched at St. Thomas is *Galestro* (2023) from iQdB edizioni in Italy. It follows *A Life in Poetry* (iQdB, 2022) a

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translation of his 2011 People's Poetry Prize-winning selected poems, *Two O'clock Creek*. In 2017, Bruce was Calgary Public Library's Author in Residence. Now living in Thornhill, Ontario, he is the proud grandfather to two-year-old Julian and six-week-old Alice.

Irish-Canadian **Lesley-Anne Evans** (Kelowna, B.C.) is the author of *Mute Swan*, her debut poetry collection published in 2021 by The St. Thomas Poetry Series. Her poetry has appeared, or is forthcoming, in *The Antigone Review*, *Catholic Poetry Room*, *CV-2*, *Ekstasis*, *Faith Today*, *Letters Journal*, *Presence*, and *Soul Lit*, among others. Lesley-Anne was commissioned to write the libretto *Lake of Tears* for Opera Kelowna, with several public performances. She also contributed lyrics for one movement of *Memories of Self-Isolation*, a Cantata by Canadian composer Frank Horvat, performed by the Vancouver Bach Choir. When she isn't writing, Lesley-Anne likes to take photographs, wander in the woods with her lovely old dog, and thrift for mid-century collectibles.

Bruce Meyer is the award-winning author of more than seventy books of poetry, short stories, flash fiction, and non-fiction. He is also well-known as the voice behind various CBC radio's literature broadcasts: "The Great Books," "A Novel Idea," "Great Poetry," "Poetry is Life," and "Vice-Versa." He has taught at several universities and been writer-in-residence at two American universities (Texas and Southern Mississippi). The inaugural poet laureate of Barrie, Ontario, 2010-2014, he has just returned to teaching at Georgian College (as Professor of Writing and Communications) following a liver transplant last year. He urges everyone to sign their donor cards. The launch of *Church Grammar* at St. Thomas's marks his return to public poetry.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Spring Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers following Easter Day.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00.

Dates available following Easter include April 30 (Easter III - Lady Altar), June 4 (Trinity Sunday – Lady Altar), and June 11 (Corpus Christi – both the High Altar and Lady Altar). There are several more 'holes' in the schedule over the summer.

Please contact Christine at office@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.

LOOKING TO BUILD COMMUNITY? JOIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE!

Are you looking to deepen your faith and live the call to love deeply and serve others in our community? Come be part of Saint Thomas's Social Justice Committee as we look to discern and develop our future work. St. Thomas's has a long, rich history of service to our community, including the Friday Food Ministry and refugee sponsorship.

We are about to pilot a health program connected with the Friday Food Ministry. There, guests could receive basic health care including wound care, foot care, blood sugar and blood pressure testing and basic addiction and overdose prevention treatment. We will be working with other partners in the community such as Community Health Clinics and possibly academic family health teams to support our guests. The Social Justice Committee has also been involved in issues like Indigenous reconciliation, Black History Month, and developing educational and discussion resources around diocesan social justice motions presented at Vestry.

If you feel stirred by these or other social issues and would like to join us as we work to grow these programs that transform lives, we are eager to welcome you. Please reach out to agray@torys.com.

PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS

To submit prayer requests, please email prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca or call Christine at 416-979-2323 x 4 to provide details. Please let us know whether you want the person included (1) on the weekly intercessions list to be prayed for daily at Mass and/or (2) in the private prayers of our prayer and care team. Let us know also if a follow-up might be required, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a clergy call or visit.

SECURITY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

Our parish hall is used Monday through Friday every week, and the church is often occupied as well. Sometimes groups meet in the St Agnes Chapel, the Fr Freeland Room, and St Elmo's Room above the Parish Hall.

With all these comings and goings, we need to be very careful about security. Before you leave for the evening, please take a few moments to ensure that entry points are secure in the area you've occupied - check the windows and doors, and close and lock them accordingly. Most important, when you go outside at the end of your event, please be certain any door that you pass through is properly closed and locked behind you.

If your event is cancelled, please let the office know immediately. Our rooms are in high demand sometimes, and we would rather not turn people away who could use the space. The other reason we need to know is if the building is going to stand empty, we can lock up early, thus eliminating the need for someone to wait around, or worse, make a special trip to St. Thomas's in order to check security.

UPCOMING SUBWAY AND ROAD CLOSURES

The TTC lists subway shutdowns in April that will affect people coming to Church, but sometimes they will unexpectedly cancel a shutdown, or add one. Please check for transit advisories at ttc.ca.

April 16 — Yonge-University: subway closure between St Clair West and St Andrew Stations.

April 23 — Yonge-University: subway closure between Eglinton and Sheppard Stations.

April 23 — Bloor-Danforth: late opening (noon) of subway between Broadview and St George Stations.

Runs and Marathons

According to the Run Guides calendar (<https://www.runguides.com/toronto/runs>) there are no runs or marathons that should affect travel to St Thomas's taking place on Sundays in April, but there will be two in May, on May 7 and 14 respectively. More information about these will be posted next month.

For a list of planned (and unplanned) road closures due to events or construction in the city, please see the City of Toronto site: www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions and click on the tab marked "list." This site changes constantly, so check it often.

HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING ST. THOMAS'S WEEKLY E-MAIL OF THE THURIBLE?

If not, would you like to? The easiest way to get on our mailing list is through our website, at www.stthomas.on.ca/newsletter-signup. Just fill in the form and click 'subscribe,' and you will be included on our next mailing (usually on Saturdays).



St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit qrco.de/smokytops. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. **We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex.**

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 3

12:15 pm Low Mass

5:30 pm **Way of the Cross**

8:00 pm **Baroque Music by Candlelight**

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 4

5:30 pm Low Mass

6:00 pm **Way of the Cross**

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 5

12:15 pm Low Mass

5:30 pm **Way of the Cross**

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6

7:00 pm The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by the Gethsemane Watch before the Blessed Sacrament

Way of the Cross at 9:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

10:30 am Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

7:30 pm Candlelight Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

9:30 am Mattins

10:00 am Ante-Communion

9:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter followed by a reception in the parish hall (*see article*)

EASTER DAY: April 9

Mattins at 7:30 am, Eucharists at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am; and Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm

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