

Rosedale Presbyterian Church

A Member of the St. James Town Ecumenical Coalition



*The Prophet Jeremiah (At the foot of the Colonna dell'Immacolata,
Piazza di Spagna, Rome, 1857)*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 – 10:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast (Erhalt uns, Herr) – Walter*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #462 *All my hope on God is founded*
 (The Book of Praise, navy blue colour)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*standing*)

Thus says the Lord, “I am going to give you new life.
You shall know that I am the Lord when I open the grave.
I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,
then you shall know that I am the resurrection and the life.”

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*standing and in unison*)

Found on Lenten insert Ted Mercer

CALL TO CONFESSION (*seated and sung*)

Let us now with a sincere heart and humble voice,
seek the forgiveness of God.
Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy upon us
O God, make clean our hearts within us
And let thy Holy Spirit dwell in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*seated and in unison*)

Life-giving God, give us peace within.

Create deep inner quiet, even in the midst of noise,
so we may attend to your words of life and promise. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31-34

EPISTLE Romans 8:28-39

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM 62:1-12 (*Burgundy Book, Refrain 1*)

HYMN #689 *Simply trusting every day*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*Children are invited to the chancel steps*)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you. (x2)

ANTHEM *Expectans Expectavi* - O. Di Lasso

Expectans expectavi Dominum, et respexit me:

Et exaudivit deprecationem meam.

Et imisit in os meum canticum novum.

Hymnum Deo nostro.

*I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He raised me up from out of my sin.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.*

- from Psalm 40:1-3

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN #367 *Jesus, the very thought of thee*

SERMON *Written on the Human Heart*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *Like as the Hart* - H. Howells

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they daily say unto me 'Where is now thy God?'*

- Psalm 42:1-3

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (*standing – Book of Praise #830*)

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*standing and in unison*)

Lord God, our Refuge and our Fortress,
receive our gifts as symbols of our trust.
In our giving we proclaim that
it is you who protects and provides. Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN #333 *I sing the almighty power of God*

THE COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN Great Amen #6 - C. Franck

POSTLUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (O Lamb Gottes,
unschuldig) – Pachelbel*

We invite you to remain in the sanctuary following the Benediction to listen to the Postlude. If you wish to leave, we invite you to do so quietly.

Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Greeter – Brenda Reid

Reader – Sheila Tait

Last Week's Offering	\$3,988
Operating	\$3,355
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 537
Other	\$ 96
Last Sunday's attendance	64

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Plants During coffee hour sign-up sheets will be available to purchase Easter Plants which will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Plants will be \$20.00 each. Following the Easter Sunday service donated plants will be delivered to those who are ill or unable to attend church services on a regular basis.

Hosting Coffee Hour Thank you for your support of RPC's Coffee Hour. Our Coffee Hour contributes to making the church a friendly and supportive community, and is a wonderful time of fellowship that everyone appreciates. If you are able to host Coffee Hour on a Sunday — or team up with someone to host — please sign up on the board outside the lounge or call the church office (416-921-1931).

Good Friday Walk Broth Following the Good Friday walk, Rosedale Presbyterian Church provides a hot and nourishing broth to the participants. A sign up sheet and recipe will be available at Coffee Hour.

Celtic Band "Chroi: Music for Life and Livin'" - Today at 4:00 pm - a key change for Music at Rosedale's third program in 2017-2018 with singing and playing for St. Patrick's Day. Named for the gaelic word for 'heart', Hamilton-based Chroi was founded in 2011 by Christopher Dawes to explore the soulful and inspiring possibilities of celtic music in worship houses and church music in public houses. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$10 child/student from the office office@rpcc.ca / (416) 921-1931 and at the door.

The Globe and Faith considering current events in the light of our Christian faith will meet on Wednesday, March 21st at 10:30 am. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly. For more information, please contact Wes Denyer who will be facilitating the conversation.

The Bridge and Scrabble Group will meet on Thursday, March 22nd. This is a casual, friendly group which welcomes newcomers. Tea and coffee will be served at 12:30 pm. Play begins at 1:00 pm and ends at 3:15 pm. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly.

Furniture for Sale Due to the renovations required to accommodate the new daycare facility which will be using our church building, there is some furniture we need to remove from the building. This furniture may be viewed in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the church. Each item for sale has a number attached to it. If you would like to purchase one of these items of solid wood furniture, please email the Church Office (office@rpcc.ca), noting the item number and the amount which you would be willing to pay for that item. This sale will be completed no later than March 25th. The purchaser will be responsible for the removal and transportation of the item.

The RPC Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at 12 noon. Two novels, set in Newfoundland, will be discussed: *First Snow*, *Last Light* by Wayne Johnston, and *Sweetland* by Michael Crummey. Bring a sandwich (tea and coffee provided), and share your views of the novels and how they reflect the unique spirit of the island. All are welcome.

New Photo Directory We are doing a new photo directory of the congregation. It will have pictures of individuals and families as well as a phone and email contacts of all members. We have scheduled three days for the photographer to come into the church – April 10 (2:30 – 8:30), April 11 (12 – 6) and April 12 (2:30 – 8:30). We are looking for volunteers to greet people arriving for their photographs. Anyone available for 2 – 3 hrs please contact the office. Sign-up sheets to book appointments to have your pictures taken will be available over the next few weeks.

Evangel Hall Saturday Drop-in Lunch will be hosted by Rosedale Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 14th. We will be serving a Beef Macaroni Casserole (recipe available at coffee hour) and squares for dessert. We will need the following help:

- 10 volunteers to prepare the casserole at home and deliver it to the church by Thursday, April 12th, or to one of the volunteers by Friday, April 13th.
- 5 volunteers to meet at EH at 9-12:30 on Saturday, April 14th to assemble and heat the casserole and serve it between 10 and 11.30.
- 8 volunteers to make 15-20 squares and deliver them to the church by Thursday April 12th, or to one of the volunteers by Friday April 13th.

—~— Upcoming Events —~—

<i>Celtic Band “Chroi”</i>	Today, 4:00 pm
<i>The Globe and Faith</i>	Wed, March 21, 10:30 am
<i>Bridge and Scrabble</i>	Thurs, March 22, 12:30 pm
<i>Messy Church</i>	Sat, March 24, 3:30 pm
<i>RPC Book Club</i>	Tues, April 3, 12:00 pm
<i>Session Meeting</i>	Wed, April 4, 7:30 pm
<i>Evangel Hall Lunch</i>	Sat, April 14

—~— Holy Week —~—

<i>Good Friday Walk – Stations of the Cross</i>	Friday, March 30, 8:00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church (Sherbourne south of Bloor)	
<i>Good Friday Service</i>	Friday, March 30, 11:00 am
St. Andrew’s United Church, 117 Bloor Street East	
<i>Easter Sunday Communion Service</i>	Sunday, April 1, 10:30 am

TODAY’S MUSIC

Carrying on from last week’s deeply personal look into our thoughts and feelings about death, this Sunday Wes keeps us in a very reflective mode, and perhaps unsurprisingly our choral selections draw upon the psalms for their texts. Orlando di Lasso, one of the triumvirate of giants of polyphonic choral writing in the late 16th century (the other two being Palestrina in Italy and Vittoria in Spain) represents the Franco-Flemish community of musicians that might today be said to span the Netherlands and Belgium. His gracious writing seems to evoke both the clarity of his southern colleagues’ and perhaps also the spirit of the more exuberant and worldly lowlands to the north. Meanwhile, early-to-mid 20th century Cambridge composition professor Herbert Howells’ best-known anthem sets part of Psalm 42, and captures a serene sense of longing. Both texts, and the very different compositions that convey them, share reference to our various sufferings, and yet look in full assurance to God’s presence in tribulation.

I am grateful to Scott Weidler for his offerings from the benches and with the choir today — I will be back at 4pm with my Chroi — my Celtic

bandmates Jenna Gallagher, Doug MacNaughton and Gord Simmons for this afternoon's third "Music at Rosedale" program of 2017-18, when the tone will be decidedly more lively in honour of St. Patrick's Day!

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Our Mission *We witness to Christ in our spiritual vitality and in our social involvement by nurturing all in the Christian life, communicating the gospel to our community, and inspiring faithful devotion & service*

Our Vision *We seek to be a vital, growing community of faith, with a glad and generous heart, that shares the blessings of the Christian life.*
