

Evening Vespers services traditionally take place at sundown when candles are lit, reminding us of Christ, the Light of the world, in whom there is no darkness at all. It is our hope that through the singing of hymns, listening to choral music and hearing the Word, our faith will be renewed and our God glorified.

The CMU Vespers Services have a rich history, beginning with Concord College. Services occur on the third Sunday of each month from October to March. We hope you will return and invite others to attend. If you have comments about this year's Vespers season, or wish to become involved as a singer or in some other way, or wish to receive a reminder note about the first Vespers, contact vespers@cmu.ca.

Your generosity keeps the mission of CMU and events like Vespers vibrant. Donations can be placed in the offering basket at the door or online at cmu.ca/donate. Thank you.

Silence is an important part of Vespers. Please refrain from conversation before and applause during the service.

Upcoming CMU Events:

For further details on these and other events go to www.cmu.ca.

- Mar. 21** **Bach on the Bridge** | Pedestrian Bridge
- Mar. 25** **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached** | Laudamus Auditorium @ 7:00 PM (\$5 admission)
- Apr. 4** **Jazz at CMU and Concert Band** | Chapel @ 7:00 PM (\$5)
- Apr. 5** **Spring at CMU** annual fundraising event and CMU PAX Award presentation to Steve Bell. RSVP by Mar. 26 to jfriesen@cmu.ca | Marpeck Commons, Loewen Athletic Centre
- Apr. 20** **Spring Choral Concert** | Loewen Athletic Centre @ 7:30 PM
- Apr. 21** **CMU Convocation and Graduation Ceremony** | Portage Avenue Church, 1420 Portage Ave @ 2:30 PM
- Apr. 29** **sixpointeight 2018: Equipping Peacebuilders** - a youth event
- May 11** **Opening of exhibition by Gabriella Aguero** | MCH Gallery @ 7:30 PM
- Jun. 11-22** **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**
- Sep. 28-29** **Fall@CMU**
- Oct. 21** **First Vespers service of the 2018-19 season** | Laudamus Auditorium @ 7:00 PM

Vespers

Preparing for Easter

March 18, 2018 | 7:00 PM

Laudamus Auditorium
Canadian Mennonite University

Please enter this chapel in silence as we collectively prepare to worship through word and music.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Longing for your guidance, your healing, and your love,

People: We come to you, Christ Jesus.

Leader: Celebrating your life with us on earth,

People: We shout Hosannas to you, Christ Jesus.

Leader: Complicit in your pain, your suffering, and your death,

People: We tremble beneath the Cross, Christ Jesus.

Leader: Redeemed by your resurrection, your grace, and your everlasting love,

People: We come together as your body.

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Jesus,
your story is our story,
your love is our love,
your pain is our pain,
your grace is our grace,
your song is our song.
Sing with us as we sing with you.
Amen.

Hymn: *There is a Redeemer* WT 350

Praise - Blessing - Pastoral

Reading: Psalm 23 & Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff-they comfort me.

People: Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

People: Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

Choir: *Brother James's Air - Psalm 23* Gordon Jacobs

Choir: *Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul - Psalm 102* Kirillo Stetsenko

Adoration (Palm Sunday)

Reading: Matthew 21:1-9

Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* WT 338

Choir: *Hosanna in the Highest* David W. Music

Choir: *Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!* Lois Emig

Good Friday (The Passion)

Reading: Excerpts from Matthew 26:36-27:2

Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* WH 161

Choir: *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

Choir: *My Song is Love Unknown* John Ireland

Choir: *Father, Forgive Them* Pepper Choplin

The Resurrection

Hymn: *What Wondrous Love* WT 348

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Choir: *No More Fear of Dying - Philippians 2* Larry Nickel

Choir: *The Power of the Cross* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* WT 391

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Conductor - Eric Marshall

Pianist - Caroline Klassen

Reader - Peter Epp

Prelude - Hilary Lyons

Solo - Sharon Marshall

Violin - Karin Klassen