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## EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

I think that what makes us happy as human beings is very different; it depends on cultures or races. What makes us sad and miserable is exactly what we share, and that thing is basically the impossibility of love, the impossibility to be touched by love, the impossibility to touch with love and express it.

That is one of the most painful things that every human being has experienced, as well as feeling vulnerable to love... This film and the connections to the characters is about that. All of them on different levels, no matter which culture, no matter which country, religion, age, social class... [have] an inability to express themselves, with their husbands, with their wives, with their kids.

When you cannot be touched by words, and when you cannot touch people with words, then the body becomes a weapon, an invitation, and that is what is tremendous about the story. I feel that you saw a story about human beings and not about Moroccans, Mexicans, Japanese or Americans.

*Alejandro González Iñárritu, Director*  
*Babel (2006) interviewed at the Cannes International Film Festival*

**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 11, 2007**

**OPEN DOORS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN HEARTS.**



**EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**35 Lytton Boulevard**  
**Toronto, Ontario**

**February 11, 2007 10:30 a.m.**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**REEL THEOLOGY V**

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

**OPENING DOORS**

PRELUDE Pavane

*Paul Drayton*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
who calls us to be the church and to celebrate God's presence,  
we gather in God's name.

**Let us worship God!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Let us build a house where love can dwell

*Two Oaks*

**Lent 2007**

**All Things New**

Sundays, beginning February 25

February 25 is the first Sunday of the Lenten season, our forty day period of preparation for Easter. This year's theme is **All Things New** and on February 25th we will launch Eglinton St. George's new look. After many months of planning and discerning our brand will be launched.

The sermon series, entitled **Genesis and Re-Genesis** will focus on the five foundational stories of the Old Testament, stories of God's revelation and covenant with the earth and with humanity: the Creation, the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, Moses on Mount Sinai and the anointing of David with God's promise of everlasting and unconditional care for all God's people.

Our worship space will truly live up to its name, Celebration Hall, as we worship in the round, celebrate God's presence in a variety of ways and are inspired weekly by various kinds of Jazz, including gospel, Dixieland and others. Together we will sing, learn, pray and prepare for our Easter celebrations.

**Adult Study Group**

Wednesdays, beginning February 28

***The Emerging Christian Way: Thoughts, Stories, & Wisdom for a Faith of Transformation,*** Michael Schwartzentruber (editor)

Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. February 28 - March 28 Leader: Robert Oliphant  
*Christianity is changing. In recent years and in rapidly increasing numbers, people have begun to understand the core message and purpose of Christianity in a different way. They have returned to its ancient roots and found a wisdom that speaks to their experience of faith and God today. According to this emerging vision, Christianity is primarily about transformation -- about the transformation of the self through a living and dynamic experience of God, who is not separate from us but who is a part of us; and about the transformation of society. Contributors include: Marcus Borg, Matthew Fox, Tom Harpur, Thomas Berry, Bill Phipps, Anne Squire, Mark MacLean, Sallie McFague, and Don Grayston.*

You are encouraged to read the book ahead. Copies will be for sale at the Welcome Desk for \$20. You may order it on your own as well. *Contact: Gail Brown: 416 488-0831*

*all his goodness. Let us love each other with a pure and clean heart: may no quarrelling or dispute come between us. Let us see your face, O Lord Christ, now among us. Let us sing with all the angels praise to Jesus, in a song of joy that wells up from a clean heart. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**OPENING DOORS**

HYMN 682      O day of peace      *Jerusalem*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE      Toccata in 7      *John Rutter*

The flowers in the chancel this morning  
are given in memory of Olive and Melville Pretty,  
their daughters Helen and Doris  
by their son and brother, David.

*Participating in today's service are: Gail Horrick (co-ordinating greeter); Al Puskas, Fran Puskas, Roberta McWhirter, Bob Anglin, Marg Anglin (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist); Beth MacRae (reader); Robert Oliphant (preacher); Don Beard (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir.*

**Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m.**

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Music: Marty Haugen*

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OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: *(the congregation remains standing until the Peace is shared)*

**Loving God, we come this day**

**ready to see your power working through us once again.**

**Open wide our doors that we may welcome friend and stranger alike.**

**Open our minds that we may hear and understand**

**your word of love and renewal.**

**And open our hearts that our compassion for each other may be genuine,**

**our quest for justice for all your children be strong**

**and our love mature, and offered in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GLORIA 37

*(The congregation stands and sings the Gloria once in unison, then twice in a four-part round.)*

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour.)*

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

SONG One light, one sun

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*The children go to church school.*

**OPENING MINDS**

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 11:1-9

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82

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GOSPEL I Corinthians 12 *(selected verses)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOTET I cry to God

*John Bell*

*I cry to God, and he hears me; in my times of trouble I seek him. By night my hands plead in prayer, but I find nothing for my comfort. I think of God and I moan; I meditate and feel useless, God keeps the sleep from my eyes, and my speech is lost in confusion. I thought of days gone by, and remembered times now vanished. I spent the night in deep distress, while my spirit murmured within me. Will God reject us forever? Will God refuse us his mercy? Has endless love reached an end? Are God's promises now invalid? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has anger doused his compassion? Has God's mighty arm lost its grasp? Does it hang powerless beside him? Let me now remember God's work and recall his wonderful greatness. Let me meditate on his power, and remember all God has done.*  
*(Based on Psalm 77)*

SERMON

Good vs. Evil

A Reflection on: *Babel*

The Fifth in the Five-part 2007 Reel Theology Series

HYMN 680

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

*Samanthra*

**OPENING HEARTS**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM In the heart where love is abiding

*Plainsong, arr. John Barnard (b. 1948)*

*In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart; and the love of Christ has made us all of one heart. Then with joyful and with glad hearts let us thank him; let us fear God and remember*