

St. James United Church

463 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec

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LENT V, SUNDAY, MARCH 21st, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott (BWV721) J. S. Bach
(Have mercy on me, O Lord God) (21st March 1685-1750)

***Processional Hymn 119** When we are tempted to deny your Son

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship** (see back of bulletin)

***Response:** O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer,
(Sung) when I call, answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

Prayer of Renewal (see back of bulletin)

Anthem: Jesus, meek and lowly (Op. 2, No. 3) Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

Psalms 126 Refrain 2 VU 850

The Gospel: John 12: 1 - 8

Sermon

***Hymn 147** What wondrous love is this Wondrous Love

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, Candles and Cranes, to visitors

Offertory Invitation

***The Offertory:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, One. (#541)

Anthem: Wash me thoroughly Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
(from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.) Psalm 51, vs. 2,3

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

***Hymn 135** Beneath the cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

***The Commissioning**

The Spirit of God sends us forth, a thankful people;

God goes with us, accomplishing new things among us.

We are God's chosen people, appointed for service.

May our lives proclaim our thanks and praise.

The great things God has done for us inspire our work.

We stretch and strive to reach new goals.

**Day by day, we will listen for a new word from God;
hour by hour, we will dare to be faithful to God's call.**

God will feed our hunger and quench our thirst.

and will comfort us in our need and uplift us.

God's praise will continually be on our lips.

We will embrace God's future as we seek to follow Christ.

Amen. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Go Now in Peace (Congregation Seated) arr. Philip Crozier

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will be with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude: Kyrie, Got heiliger Geist (BWV 671)

J. S. Bach

(Lord have mercy, God, Holy Ghost)

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting we would like to present you with a peace symbol. Please come forward during the offering. Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation in Dawson Hall. Please leave your hymn books at the door as you exit the sanctuary,

Meetings: Spirituality Discussion Group, Sunday, March 28th 12:30 p.m.
Official Board Wednesday, April 7th 6 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, April 11th after service

To assist with lunch preparations, please RSVP to the office.

Chamber Music Without Borders Recital Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. Free

Worship on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday, People's Gospel Choir

Maundy Thursday, April 1st 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2nd 12:15 p.m.

Easter, April 4th 11 a.m. Communion. New Members.

If you wish to become a member, please call the church office.

Nominations are welcomed for consideration for membership on the Court of Session, Stewards, and Trustees. Nomination forms are available through the Church office and must be returned to the office no later than April 4th, 2010.

Two **Bursary funds** are available through the F & E Board for students registered in universities and post-secondary institutions who are active members in congregations in Montreal Presbytery and Consistoire Laurentien. Information / application forms: www.montrealpresbytery.ca Deadline: June 1st, 2010

The **Ministry & Personnel Committee** welcomes written, signed letters of concern and/or positive feedback from members of the congregation. Please address letters in confidence to Valerie Shannon, Chair, c/o the Church Office.

New! A small but interesting collection of books is available for borrowing from the library table in Dawson Hall at coffee hour. Books can be borrowed for a period of up to two weeks. Information: Maureen Adams or Carolyn Cronk.

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