

## St. James United Church

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

**Minister:** Rev. Arlen John Bonnar

**Volunteer Associate Ministers:** Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Rev. Doug Stewart

**Director of Music:** Philip Crozier / **Choral Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire

**PALM SUNDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 11:00 A.M.**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude: Fantasia - "Valet will ich dir geben" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
(Farewell I bid thee) (BWV 735)

**\*Processional Hymn 122** All glory, laud and honour St. Theodulph

**\*Welcome / Bienvenue**

**\*Call to Worship**

This is a day of joyous welcome.

Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

**We welcome Christ with waving branches.**

**We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.**

**People still oppose the way of love.**

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.

Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Open to us the gates of righteousness.**

**Let us enter in the light God offers.**

**\*Response: O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer,  
when I call, answer me.**

**O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.** (VU #948)

**Prayer of Approach** See back of bulletin (in unison)

Anthem People's Gospel Choir

Palm Reflection by Ryan Fea

Blessing and Distribution of Palms

**\*Hymn 123** Hosanna, loud hosanna

Ellacombe

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Psalm 118 VU page 837

The Gospel: Luke 19: 28 - 40

Sermon

Anthem: The Feast of Palms

Alan Bullard (1947-)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem

People's Gospel Choir

**\*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)**

Offertory Prayer

**We Remember Cpl. Darren James Fitzpatrick**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

led by People's Gospel Choir

**\*Hymn 127** Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

The King's Majesty

## \*The Commissioning

Lift high the branches that honor Jesus Christ.

Lift high the cross that proclaims love's sacrifice.

**We will wave our greeting with joyous praise.**

**We will risk the commitment that led to a cross.**

We are under oath before the living God.

May we have no reason to weep when the cock crows.

**The promises we have made excite and challenge us.**

**We seek to be loyal and courageous in Christ's service.**

God keeps covenant with us in all circumstances.

The cup of blessing is extended to us every day.

**May our flesh be strengthened to match our willing spirits.**

**May love prevail in all our dealings this week.**

Amen. **Amen.**

## \*The Benediction

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

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go 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: Sketch in C (Op. 58, No. 2) Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

**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.

Our thanks to **The People's Gospel Choir** for worshipping with us today.

If you wish to place **flowers** in the church for Easter in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the office by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Communion. Service of Tenebrae
<b>Good Friday</b>	12:15 p.m.	"Journey to Calvary".
<b>Easter</b>	11:00 a.m.	Blessing of Paschal Candle. Communion. Reception of New Members.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> after service**

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

**Spiritual Discussion Group**, Today, 12:30 p.m. in the Richmond Room  
**Young Adults** Today, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel  
**Nominating Committee** Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. in the Richmond Room  
**Official Board** Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.  
**Chamber Music Without Borders Recital** Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Free  
**St. James Choral Concert**, Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
**Summer Recital Series** begins on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.montrealpresbytery.ca) Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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