

St. James United Church

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

Psalm 63: 1 - 8 VU page 781

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1 - 9

Reflection

***Hymn 105** Dust and ashes touch our face

Newell

LENT III, SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: O Mensch, bewein dein' Sunde gross (BWV622) J. S. Bach
(O man, bemoan they grievous sin) (1685-1750)

***Processional Hymn 112** O God, how we have wandered Lancashire

* 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: O Most merciful! Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

Prayer of Confession (in unison) **We have been tempted, loving God, to go our own way without reference to eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. We engage in immorality in the name of freedom and become enslaved by our selfish ambitions. The ground on which we stand is crumbling under our feet. O God, forgive us, and grant us a firmer foundation. Amen.**
Assurance of Pardon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to visitors

Anthem: O Lord, look down from heaven Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)
(...and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory)

***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

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise.....Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we raise our voices, as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise..... God of life, with this bread and wine, we celebrate the birth and life of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

All: Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, and make them holy, so that we, your people, being fed by holy things, may take light and hope, love and peace, into the world; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung #960)

Communion at the Rail (If you are unable to come to the Rail,
please remain in your seat and you will be served.)

Music during Communion: Panis Angelicus Ce ar Franck (1822-1890)
(Bread of the angel host sent down from God above)

***Hymn 114** Forty days and forty nights Heinlein

***The Commissioning**

God sends us out as witnesses to good news.

May our lips praise God as long as we live.

God's steadfast love is better than life;

God's mercy and pardon break through life's clouds.

Call on God in the midst of each day's tasks;

Meditate on God's presence through the night.

God is our help in all times and places;

we will call on God's name wherever we are.

God will grant us strength to resist temptation

And vision to labor for what truly satisfies.

Praise God, whose waters quench our thirst.

Thank God for the bread of life that feeds our souls.

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: Grand Jeu (suite du premier ton) Denis B dard (1950-)

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 the Douglas Room. Please leave your hymn books at the door as you exit the sanctuary,

Today at 12:30 p.m. Information Meeting for the Congregation
with regard to Policies and Procedures specific to Terms of Office and
Nominations process in the Douglas Room.

This is a continuation of the Official Board's program to keep you informed.

Reminder: Clocks 'spring forward' next weekend.

Meetings: Trustees	Wednesday, March 10 th	6 p.m.
'Believe': LGBT & Friends	March 10 th	7 p.m.
Session	Wednesday, March 17 th	6 p.m.
Official Board	Wednesday, April 7 th	6 p.m.

Worship on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

March 14th Lent IV Baptism

21st Lent V

28th Palm Sunday. People's Gospel Choir

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, April 11th after service
To assist with lunch preparations, please RSVP to the office.

New Members will be received at Easter. If you are interested,
please speak with Rev. Bonnar or call the church office.

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

Chamber Music Without Borders Recitals, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. Free
"Organ Music from St. James United Church" a CD played by Philip Crozier
on the main and chamber organs at St. James is available (\$20).
Proceeds to the Organ Restoration Fund.

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