

St. James United Church

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

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Sunday, April 11th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Méditation sur 'O Filii et filiae

Denis Bédard (1950-)

***Processional Hymn 161** Welcome, happy morning!

Hermas

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

God is our strength and our salvation;

Let everything that breathes praise out God!

**This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.

Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

**We will give thanks this day, for God is good.
The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

We are witnesses to the God who acts.

We are here to offer our worship and praise.

***Response: Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!**

(Sung) My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness, may the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen.

Anthem: Christ the Lord is risen today

S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

(Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain! Hark! the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our leader and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 150 page 875 VU

The Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31

Sermon

***Hymn 164** The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide
(Words: VU #177)

Dutch carol harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

***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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

***Hymn 173** Thine is the glory Verse 2 in French

Judas Maccabaeus

*The Commissioning

Go out in the strength God provides.

Praise God's mighty deeds by the way you live.

In loving obedience, we will witness to our faith.

We will give thanks each day for God's goodness.

The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere.

The Holy Spirit empowers our worship and service.

God is our strength and our might.

God answers our prayers with salvation.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

This day is a precious gift from God.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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: Heut'triumphiret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Today God's Son triumphed)

* Please stand as you are able.

A warm welcome is extended 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. . Please leave your hymn books at the door as you exit the sanctuary.

The **Annual Congregational meeting** will be held in Dawson Hall immediately following this morning's worship service.

Sundays at St. James - Worship at 11 a.m.

April 18th Worship. Rev. Bonnar. Every Kid Choir

25th Worship. Rev. Bonnar.

May 2nd Worship with Holy Communion

9th Family Sunday

The **Every Kid Choir** will participate in next Sunday's worship. They will hold a Bake Sale in Dawson Hall following the service. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated.

The deadline for **Circuit Rider** items is Friday, April 30th. Please respect the deadline. Please submit to the office or directly to Carolyn Cronk.

Prayer Shawl Group - Wed. Apr. 21st, 5:30 p.m. Knitters welcome!

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

St. James Choral Concert - Sunday, May 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

2010 Recital Series, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. (Beginning June 8th)

Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

A CD (\$20) played by Philip Crozier on the main and chamber organs is available. Proceeds to the Organ Restoration Fund.

The **Young Adults** will meet for lunch at Café Byblos, 1499 ave Laurier E at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th, followed by a juggling demo in Park Laurier. UYA is committed to help with dishes after the coffee time in April, - please help, it's fun and quick!

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.

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