

Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Here is a final invitation to visit the Cathedral for *Nuit blanche* celebrations this Saturday, starting with the Oasis concert at 4:30 pm (Nadia Monczak on violin with Gaspard Tanguay Labrosse on piano) After the end of the concert you can view a video made by Jason McKechnie about the art on display and also visit the exhibition he has curated with pictures from 16 local and international artists. There will also be displays about the Cathedral, including a vestment display created by Amy and exhibits showing our history, our outreach and our values. The video will be played with sound until the next concert, given by the Montreal Civic Band, starts at 7:00 pm. The band will be followed by the Gay Men's Chorus at 7:45 pm. These two groups will alternate until midnight when the Nicole Arrange Trio will play jazz until we close at 1:00 am. In the middle of the evening *Compline* will be sung in plain chant – an important reminder to our visitors that we are a church.

Please come if you can, and please spread the news among your friends.

Lent and Easter.

Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm in Fulford Hall join us for sausages and pancakes, wearing a Mardi Gras mask and ready to have a happy time with friends and family. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and \$30 for a family. If you don't have a mask, there will be a chance to get creative during the supper at our craft table. George will welcome help with cooking, serving, setting up and clearing.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, there will be three Eucharists with imposition of ashes.

7:30 am Said Eucharist

Celebrant: The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier

12:15 pm Eucharist/ Eucharistie

Celebrant: The Rev'd Amy Hamilton

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier

7:30 pm Choral Eucharist

Presider: The Right Rev'd Mary Irwin-Gibson

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Cathedral Singers Directed By Nicholas Capozzoli and Rob Hamilton

Mass For 5 Voices – William Byrd

Psalm 51 “Miserere” – Gregorio Allegri

Postlude –Passion Chorale, Johann Pachelbel

Notices

- A Lenten Book Study will begin on March 10th following the 10:30 am service. We will be reading “*Being Christian*” By Rowan Williams. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Contact amy.hamilton@montrealcathedral.ca if you would like to participate and/or if you need a book ordered for you.
- If you would like to have a conversation about renewing baptismal vows, being baptized, confirmed, or received into the Anglican Church at the Easter Vigil, please speak to or email Amy Hamilton.
- If you would like to donate Easter flowers in thanksgiving, or in the memory of a loved one, please speak to Vera Burt or contact the Cathedral office.
- Fair Trade, March 10th visit the monthly Fair-Trade Kiosk which promotes justice for third world farmers and artisans who often work for a pittance in intolerable working conditions.

Lisa Middlemiss and Dean Bertrand have recently written a letter from the Cathedral to the Association québécoise de commerce équitable showing the Cathedral's support for fair trade - and specifically for the designation of Montreal as a fair-trade city. The letter describes the cathedral's participation in fair trade initiatives and concludes that in supporting the campaign to call Montreal a fair-trade city we are upholding the values of solidarity, respect and justice both in Quebec and internationally. The AQCE needs 79 letters from different organizations so we will be one of them.

- The Cathedral Reading Group is reading *Across the China Sea* by Gaute Heivoll, for discussion on March 24. All are welcome to join the group. Speak to Ann, Jane or Diana.
- Pain, partage et prière March 10, 10:00 am. The French Bible study and prayer group will meet in the undercroft.

As announced last week, Rev'd Amy Hamilton's last Sunday with us will be April 28th. Please join us to wish Amy safe travels and exciting adventures. A farewell reception will be held following the 10:30 am service. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please put your contribution in the offertory, marked “Gift Amy” or send it to Elizabeth in the office.

Our choir will be singing a particularly lovely Evensong on Sunday with music by Elgar, Walton, Howells and Joubert. What an excellent job Nick and Rob have done as interim Music Directors!

At 6:00 pm there will be an informal bi-lingual Communion Service at which Amy will officiate, Selina Mullin will give a homily, and Zach Ingles will lead contemporary music.

I wrote the last part of this letter on February 27, the day Anglicans commemorate George Herbert, priest and poet. He was an interesting man who wrote some beautiful poems, including several well-loved hymns.

Many of Herbert's poems talk about love. Here are three extracts from one such poem, guaranteed to bring a smile to the reader's face.

I cannot open mine eyes,
But Thou art ready there to catch
My morning soul and sacrifice;

My God, what is a heart,
That Thou shouldst it so eye, and woo,
Pouring upon it all Thy art,
As if that Thou hadst nothing else to do?

Teach me Thy love to know;
That this new light, which now I see,
May both the work and workman show;
Then by a sunbeam I will climb to Thee.

Let's all climb together this Lent

Ann Elbourne
February 28, 2019