



CATHÉDRALE
CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

8:00 AM

*The Rev'd Amy Hamilton – Presider
Vivian Lewin – Lay Assistant*

Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are here for the first time. Our community has worshipped here at the heart of Montreal on St Catherine Street since the 1860s, and we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

***God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God,
and God in them. | John 4:16***

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to stay in touch, please fill out one of our welcome cards (available at the back of the church) and leave it in the offertory plate or with a greeter.

DONATIONS

A collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral in downtown Montreal. The Cathedral is open seven days a week between 9:00am and 6pm for all who want to pray, for all who are looking for peace, a quiet place to sit and rest, and seek help. Through our outreach programmes the Cathedral supports many local organizations which help the needy. Please give generously. If you would like to find out about regular or tax efficient ways of giving please speak to a greeter.

Gluten free hosts are available: If you would like one, please inform the Communion assistant.

We gather today in the traditional territory
of the / Nous nous réunissons aujourd'hui sur
le territoire traditionnel des

Haudenosaunee and Anishinabe



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.

PSALM 63:1 -8 *Deus, Deus meus.*

- 1 O God, thou art my God; / early will I seek thee.
- 2 **My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, / in a barren and dry land, where no water is.**
- 3 Thus have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary, / that I might behold thy power and glory.
- 4 **For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: / my lips shall praise thee.**
- 5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, / and lift up my hands in thy Name.
- 6 **My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; / and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.**
- 7 When I remember thee upon my bed, / I meditate upon thee in the night-watches;
- 8 **Because thou hast been my helper; / and under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Please stand

Reader The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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PRAYERS

For all students of theology Pray for all students of theology, for Diocesan College, and for Tyson, Ben and Jeffrey, and for all people discerning their vocations and deepening their faith.

For those in special need Grace, Steve, Donald, Elena, Benji, Claudette and Roland, Gaston, Bridie, Tom, Patrick, Amoon Shard

For continuing support Duncan, Bob Coolidge, Gloria Hall, Jan, Norma, Pamela, Susan, Barbara, Jean, Sohail & Amal & family, Yannis, Marie-Charlotte

Pray for the Capital Campaign, the fundraising team, cabinet members, future donors, architects and engineers working on the spire.

Those who have died recently Maggie Shaddick

Years' mind Margaret Millar, Archie Malloch, Audree Chinenye Ugbunike, Donald Mackenzie, George and Shirley Brickenden, Mollie Southgate

TODAY

Lenten Book Study following the 10:30 am service. Discussing "Being Christian" By Rowan Williams.

QueerSpace@CCC 12:00 pm in the Undercroft. Join the LGBTQ+ community at the cathedral as we create a space together to pray, discuss scripture, identity, orientation, and these intersections together.

The Cathedral Reading Group discussion night *Across the China Sea* by Gaute Heivoll. Speak to Ann.

CHORAL EVENSONG 4 pm, also broadcast live on Radio VM 91.3 FM and the internet. Music by Brahms, Gibbons, Smith, and Taverner. The officiant: Glen Marcotte

Students and Young Adults. We meet often for meals, Bible study and small faith discussion groups, and lead twice monthly worship services together. To learn more, please contact the Rev'd Jean-Daniel
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CALENDAR

Pain, partage et prière March 31, 10:00 am. The French Bible study and prayer group will meet in the undercroft

Lunch 'n Chat on April 2, 12:00 pm potluck fellowship, Bishop Hollis Lounge. All are welcome

STEWARDS are needed for Easter services. A sign up sheet is at the back of the Church.

Flowers for Easter Please speak to Vera Burt or contact the Cathedral office if you would like ando donate Easter flowers in thanksgiving or in the memory of a loved one. Suggested donation: \$60-\$80

Amy's Farewell Amy'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.

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