



CATHÉDRALE
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Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Remembering and Celebrating

Tonight and tomorrow we follow sadly and yet proudly in the footsteps of Jesus on the way to the cross. The Maundy Thursday service starts at 7:30 pm and is followed by an all-night prayer vigil.

Good Friday services begin with the way of the Cross at 11:30 am, a retelling of the story especially for children. Music and meditations follow at 1:00 pm and at 2:00 pm the Good Friday liturgy, which includes a dramatized reading of the Passion according to St John, a meditation on the cross, singing of the Reproaches and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Then on Saturday evening joy breaks through at the Great Vigil of Easter when the new fire is lit in the courtyard outside the entrance to the cathedral, bells are rung and alleluias are sung. The liturgy starts with Old Testament readings at 7:30 pm. During the service people will be confirmed and received into the Anglican church. Bishop Mary will preside, The Rev'd Dr Karen Egan will preach. Easter Sunday services are at the normal Sunday times, finishing with Evensong at 4:00 pm followed by a contemporary communion service at 6:00 pm.

“Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ our King is risen...”

This is the opening of the *exultat* sung as the newly lit paschal candle is carried into the church during the ceremony of light in the Easter Vigil.

You can read the bulletins for all these services on the web site.

In community we support each other

1. Forum, the sounding board of the community meets on the Tuesday after Easter (April 23) 6:30 to 8:00 pm. St Anselm Chapel. There will be a presentation about the work of the Social Service Society, and a discussion led by Janet Dench about our possible response to Coalition inclusion Québec – Bill 21
2. A fundraising effort is under way to help the people who attend the 6:00 pm service raise money to buy sound equipment. This is a great opportunity for all of us to show our support for the young adults who contribute so much to the life of the community.
3. On April 28 Amy will preach at her last service as Associate Priest of the Cathedral. We will miss her gentle guidance and spiritual leadership. There will be a reception in the Undercroft after the 10:30 am service which Sheena is organizing. She has asked for help setting up downstairs, starting at 9:15 am. It is mostly just to ensure that we have dishes, glasses, cutlery, and food laid out.

Our community expresses outreach to other communities

1. **The 40th Anniversary of the Christian Commemoration of the Shoah in Montreal** will take place on May 5th. With the title *Lessons of the Shoah: From Memory to Action*, it begins at 2:00 pm with a panel discussion in Fulford Hall, and continues in the Cathedral with a bilingual service starting at 4:00 pm. Light kosher refreshments will be served after the ceremony.
2. Last Sunday, Jan Jorgensen brought letters of support for the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke, but there were more would-be signatories than copies of the letter. The letter is addressed to finance Minister Bill Morneau. It gives details of the project and asks for money to be allocated in the federal budget. If you want to show support speak to Jan for a copy of the letter, sign and send it as soon as possible to Minister of Finance, The Honourable William E. Morneau, Chambre des communes, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. No postage needed.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Happy Easter,

Ann Elbourne

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