

Thursday March 18 at 10 am: Beloved Community,
a workshop designed and facilitated by Tefvik.

Tefvik is calling us to think, pray and imagine together how we can create welcoming spaces, structures and encounters in our community. This event will take us through some Biblical stories, contemporary theories of difference and reconciliation. We will focus on some material from the Becoming Beloved Community Vision from the Episcopal Church. Come and join us in this two-hour interactive education event to grow as lovers and reconcilers in the name of Christ.



Holy Week and Easter March 28 – April 4

Here are the current plans:

- ✚ Holy Week observances will be broadcast/zoomed from the Cathedral.

While we are still working out details of some of the services, we want to post the schedule so that you can save the time in your own calendar to participate with us in this holiest set of devotions.

- Palm Sunday, March 28: Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am. The 4:00 pm service will be offered by Radio VM and on Facebook Live.
- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 29-31): Compline with lay preachers will be offered at 7:00 pm.
- Maundy Thursday (April 1): Maundy Thursday liturgy at 7:00 pm, with (at-home) vigil to follow. Contact Bob King if you'd like to participate.
- Good Friday (April 2): Worship at 12:00 noon.
- Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 3): We will host a Diocesan service, with participation from many congregations and Bishop Mary, at 7:00 pm.
- Easter Sunday (April 4): Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am, with Bishop Mary. The 4:00 pm service will be offered by Radio VM and on Facebook Live.

- ✚ Bob King reminds us that it has been our custom at the Cathedral to hold a Prayer Vigil all night long between the service on the evening of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday morning. Last year, we had to change the plans and, instead of being present in the chapel as usual, observe it in our own homes. Unfortunately, present regulations state that we will have to do so again this year.

However, we will have a vigil, and hope that we will have a full roster, with at least one person each hour from 9pm Thursday to 8am Friday. This is a very meaningful experience, and a way to be close to God at the most holy time of the year.

To sign up, please send an email to cccvigil@gmail.com, including your name, cell phone number (if you have one), and the hour when you would like to participate (9 to 10 pm, 10 to 11, and so on, until 8 am). Someone will be in touch with you to confirm at the beginning of Holy Week.

- ✚ Easter flowers and flowers for the Garden of repose/Gethsemane will be in place and a camera will be on Thursday night for people who want to check in/keep watch.

As in the past, we are asking you if you would like to donate Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of someone who has died. Contact the office at administrator@montrealcathedral.ca to make arrangements.



Meanwhile ...

1. Lent courses continue, as does the study of Ibram Kendi's book *How to be an Anti-Racist*. Details and links on the web site <https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/events-calendar/>
The Lent calendar put together by Brenda and Taddy is on the ESJAG page of the website <https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/2021/02/the-second-week-of-lent/>



2. The English Reading Group's next book is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Discussion March 28th, 7 pm



3. The French Club de lecture : Leur prochain livre est *Kukum* de Michel Jean, et la prochaine rencontre le 20 mars, 2021 à 16:30 pm

Children's Church – a new initiative!

Sarah Wicks and Scott-Jerome Potter are starting a bilingual Children's Church at 10am every 2 weeks. Children of all ages are welcome.

They will start this Sunday, March 7, and then meet March 21st, April 4th, and April 18th. Sarah will have to confirm her summer plans before scheduling later dates.

This is the **zoom link**. <https://zoom.us/j/96401886024?pwd=UGxGNWxvRVJzNVJCbzB3dU9GWXk5dz09>.



Any interested parties can contact her through the cathedral office administrator@montrealcathedral.ca Sarah would also love to hear from volunteers interested in helping or in leading lessons in French, English, or bilingually.

Our monthly letter from Adrian

Dear Supporters of the End of the Month Lunch at Christ Church Cathedral,

The weather prediction for Sunday morning was rain so Donna and I were quite worried about how we were going to cope with giving out the lunches, the coffee and even the socks. As it turned out it was a brilliantly beautiful warm sunny day. Many of our friends hung around eating their lunches and drinking their coffee while chatting together. Common themes were how much they missed our sit down lunches in Fulford Hall and how good it was to stand in the wonderful sunshine drinking coffee and enjoying Peggy's brownies. We ended up giving out twice as many lunches as we had last month when it was so bitterly cold. The huge collection of socks which Janet King collected are all gone. Helping in the kitchen this time round were Deborah, sadly without her puppy, Carol Manning, who came despite the fact she'd broken her wrist, Donna who actually found the quiches at Costco after they told us they weren't stocking them any more, John who made up his delicious roast pork and myself who is ever grateful for the generous support from the Cathedral community as well as friends of the Cathedral we receive for our little endeavor.

Blessings, Adrian and Donna

At the end of last Sunday's sermon Ralph quoted a poem by Edwina Gately, **Let Your God Love You**. I thought many of us would like to use it as a prayer or a meditation.

<i>Be silent,</i>	<i>Let your God</i>	<i>Quiet,</i>
<i>Be still.</i>	<i>Look upon you.</i>	<i>Still,</i>
<i>Alone,</i>	<i>That is all.</i>	<i>Be.</i>
<i>Empty</i>	<i>God knows.</i>	
<i>Before your God.</i>	<i>And understands.</i>	<i>Let your</i>
<i>Say nothing.</i>	<i>God loves you with</i>	<i>God</i>
<i>Ask nothing.</i>	<i>An enormous love,</i>	<i>Love you.</i>
<i>Be silent.</i>	<i>Wanting only to</i>	
<i>Be still.</i>	<i>Look upon you</i>	
	<i>With love.</i>	



Photo of Christ Church Cathedral in last week's snowfall by Csaba Demzse



For now our doors are closed,
and our church is empty,
but by the grace of God,
we hope soon to welcome people inside.

Let us all say "Amen"!

Ann Elbourne,
with a big thank you to collaborators Elizabeth and Marie-Claire and to all the people who sent contributions.

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