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Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Holy Week and Easter: Looking back and giving thanks

Observance of Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral was filled with both reverence and joy. There was an especial happiness at participating in normal crowded services after 3 years of sheltering from COVID. It is also a particular joy that our homebound members can join our services [on our Youtube channel](#). You can also view recordings of the Easter services (and other services) [by clicking here](#).

We send a huge thank you to everyone who made our beautiful Holy Week observance and Easter celebration possible – to Bertrand, Deborah, Ralph and all the clergy and lay people who preached and led the services, to Director of Music, Nick Capozzoli, Organists Esther-Ruth Teel and Owen Spicer, to singers and musicians whose voices and instruments soared unflaggingly all week. Thank you to the altar servers – with a reminder that the clergy are looking for new people to join their ranks – and thank you to the stewards who welcomed people to the services. We also thank the people who contributed flowers and the people who decorated and polished the church, as well as people like Elizabeth Smith, our Cathedral administrator, and Alex Griffin, Coordinator of Communications, who efficiently did the background work of preparing bulletins and creating publicity. A lovely surprise after the Saturday Great Vigil was a table full of cakes baked by Vivian Lewin and Peggy Simpson. Finally, thank you to our efficient team of faithful vergers, who kept our sanctuary welcoming through an array of unexpected challenges.

Call for photos from Holy Week and Easter

church/our services during Holy Week and Easter, please send them to him at communications@montrealcathedral.ca.

The Sacraments: Christ's Presence Among Us

Deborah writes:

Easter is a season of renewal and of hope, a time we live into the reality of Christ's continuing presence among us, even after his death and resurrection. One primary way we experience Christ's presence is in the sacraments of the church, ritual actions which bring Christ to us (and open us to Christ's presence) in powerful ways. Two, baptism and Eucharist, are the so-called "dominical sacraments," which Christ instituted for all Christians. Over time, the church developed five more, which are optional means of grace available for those who seek them. This Easter season, we are going to offer a sermon series on the sacraments, in which each sermon will meditate (at least in part) on one (or two) of the seven:

4/16 Baptism and confirmation

4/23 Holy Eucharist

4/30 Ordination

5/7 Reconciliation and Unction

5/14 Marriage

We hope to see you there as we reflect and learn together!

Speaking of Saints – a reflection from Deborah

Friday brings us **Anselm**, an Italian monk and theologian who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. He is best known as the author of the "ontological argument" for the existence of God, in which he called upon each person to imagine the greatest/best of all possible beings. Since that being would, necessarily, have to exist (in order not to be "trumped" by an even better version which did exist), God must exist. This may seem fanciful, but to me it illustrates the key role imagination plays in faith and in morality. In order to have a better world, we must be able to imagine one. In order to relate to a God who exceeds us in every way, we must be willing

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may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand. For this, too, I believe, that unless I first believe, I shall not understand."

A volunteer opportunity in the Plateau

Dora-Marie Goulet, daughter of Jean-Jacques Goulet who was formerly Honorary Assistant at the Cathedral, is the Language Program Coordinator at the Maison de l'amitié, a community centre in the Plateau which serves newcomers from all over Montreal, including refugee claimants. They offer English and French classes to newly arrived people, using a team of volunteer teachers who make a commitment of 2 to 5 hours a week. Dora-Marie writes:

We find that with the pedagogical support we offer, almost anyone, whatever their professional background, is able to integrate into our team, as a teacher, assistant or conversation monitor. At its core, our program isn't simply about sharing language skills, but about building bridges across cultures and welcoming newly arrived people.

Would you like to join this team? Please contact Dora-Marie Goulet at 514 843 4356 poste 1023

Music and More Music: three concerts

Oasis Musicale at 2 pm on Saturdays in the Cathedral

April 15: Journey Through the Ages

Solo piano works by landmark composers of the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras.

Caroline Guo, Piano

April 22: Scottish Songs Old and New

Alasdair Campbell, baritone, James Renwick, guitar, Kirsty Campbell, soprano, Ian Baird, piano

April 22: Musica Orbium concert: Without Borders

Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 PM, Saint-Pierre Apôtre church, 1201 rue de la Visitation (Beaudry metro)

Musica Orbium, a choir founded by Patrick Wedd, our former Cathedral Director of Music and Rob's husband, will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a concert featuring the iconic Misa Criolla by Ariel Ramírez, a world-famous Argentinian composer. The choir will be accompanied by a group of instrumentalists, originating from South American countries and will interpret a selection of Andean folkloric pieces with a popular aesthetic, including the earliest work of vocal polyphony printed in the New World, in indigenous language (Quechua). Musica Orbium has also commissioned a work by young composer Claudie Bertounesque, thanks to a generous grant of the Canada Council of the Arts. This work, *Tu entames le chant* is a musical version of a poem from *Uiesh, Quelque part* by Joséphine Bacon, an Innu poet from Pessamit in Quebec. She publishes in French and Innu-aimun.

Tickets are available on the www.musicaorbium.org website with a 30% discount when purchased in advance (Code: MEMBER2023).

Cathedral Forum

The next Cathedral Forum will take place in Fulford Hall on Sunday May 14, after the 10:30 a.m. service (i.e. around noon). More details in the following weeks.

Reminders

1. The 44th Christian Commemoration of the Shoah will be held at Mountainside United Church, in the Birks Heritage Chapel, 3520 University, on Sunday, April 23 2023 at 10:30 am. [Click here for the link to the livestream of the commemoration.](#)
2. The English book group meets this Sunday at 7 pm over zoom to talk about *Maureen* by Rachel Joyce and to chat about books we have enjoyed. The meeting ID is 835 8450 0331. [Click here for the link.](#)
3. If you've been collecting money for PWRDF during Lent, giving thanks that you have the conveniences of modern life, like clean water and a good internet connection, so sadly lacking in many northern communities, please send a cheque to PWRDF, marking it:

communities.

Wishing all readers of the newsletter continued Easter blessings. Particular thanks this week to Deborah for her inspiring contribution about Anselm and her description of the new sermon series on the sacraments. We also send prayers for healing to Alex who is continuing to work despite still feeling the effects of surgery and now suffering from COVID. Thank you too to Michel for ensuring the accuracy of the French version of the letter.

Ann Elbourne

April 14, 2023

Happening This Week at the Cathedral

Click the plus button next any event title to view the detailed event page on our website. There, you'll find the Zoom links, the event livestream, location details, and more.

Saturday	
2:00 p.m.	Oasis Concert: Journey Through the Ages +
Sunday	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion +
9:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist in French +
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist +
4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong +
6:00 p.m.	Cathedral@6 Ecumenical Eucharist +
Monday	
9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom</i> +
12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag Bible Study <i>on Zoom</i> +
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
Tuesday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +

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Masks are recommended during worship services.
We have masks available for anyone who needs one.

If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days, please stay home and watch our livestream instead.

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