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**CATHÉDRALE
CHRIST CHURCH
MONTRÉAL**

Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

In the past week we have been following the journey of Jesus and his disciples from the palm-waving chaotic entry into Jerusalem to the even greater chaos of the crucifixion.

On **Good Friday** we will stand with Jesus at the foot of the cross. Families with children are invited to join others for the 11 am **Story of Good Friday**, a family-friendly adapted stations of the cross put together by the young adults of Chapelle Ste. Marthe. The **Good Friday Liturgy** starts at 1 pm with a dance meditation accompanying the anthem *Crucifixus* by Antonio Lotti. Another special piece of music will be an Arabic hymn *Wa Habibi* sung by choral scholar Josephine Bywaters and accompanied by Sam Keuchguerian. The focus of the service will be on our response through prayer and meditation to the sacrificial death of Jesus which brought us salvation.

On **Saturday evening** we celebrate Christ's resurrection at **The Great Vigil of Easter**, which starts with the lighting of a fire in the forecourt at 7:30 pm. Bishop, priests, servers and choir, all resplendently robed, will start the service with the congregation crowded round them. The paschal candle will be lit from the fire and carried in procession into the darkened church, where each person's candle will be lit from the new fire of resurrection. There will be readings and psalms in the candlelit church. When the Gloria is sung, the lights come on, the organ plays and handbells are rung to greet the joyful news of the resurrection. Don't forget to bring a bell or other pleasant noisemaker if you have one at home. We are praying for Michael Kaud, who will be baptised and confirmed later in the service.

On **Easter Day**, the joyful services will be at the usual times. There will be special music sung by the French choir directed by Ogino Myrtil at the 9 am service. Brass players will accompany the music at the 10:30 service.

you.

Heartfelt thanks to Julie Wang and our team of flower arrangers and to the people who donated so generously to provide **Easter flowers**.

**The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God
Les fleurs de Pâques sont données à la gloire de Dieu**

In memory of Donald Aitkens and John Oliver by Jane Aitkens

In memory of Yvonne Carmel Barrow by Jacqueline Barrow

In thanksgiving for their 30th wedding anniversary and the birth of their first grandchild, Mikaere John, by Gabrielle and Michael Boyd

In memory of Judith Elbourne by the Elbourne family

In memory of James and Pamela Hafner by Joseph Hafner

In memory of Kitchener and Sylvia Moore by Wayne and Susie Moore

In memory of John, Ann and Kent Spencer, J. Clayton and Katherine Peacock by Mark Peacock and Dru Spencer

In memory of Claudia by Norman Riddell

In memory of Camille Michaud by Florence Tracy

In thanksgiving for her grandchildren, Penelope, Emma, and Fiona by Julie Wang

In memory of Gavin Elbourne, Edith Coates, Gilbert Coates and Judith Elbourne by Ann Elbourne

High Altar

The magnificent white frontal at the high altar has been deteriorating for some time and is now in a very poor condition. It has been decided that it will not be hung back up for Easter, after we remove the Lent array, while we are investigating possibilities, options and cost for its restoration. Instead, we will be able to see the beautiful stone altar that is usually hidden underneath. More information will be shared once we know the way forward.

A poetic meditation about Easter

Elizabethan poet Edmund Spenser in this sonnet, *Easter*, reminds us that even as Christ loved us and gave his life to save us from our sins, so we

Easter

*MOST glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;
And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;
And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye,
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,
May live for ever in felicity!
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy,
With love may one another entertayne!
So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought,
—Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

A lesson we need to learn about a past when love went missing

Members of the Cathedral congregation and of the wider diocese have become increasingly aware of the terrible injustice of slavery which was perpetrated even by men considered, by the standards of their times, to have been upright citizens. We at the Cathedral are trying to learn more and to make amends.

This past week, the respected liberal UK newspaper The Guardian admitted that its founders were slave-owners and has launched a heartfelt and contrite look at their own murky origins and of the role that slavery played in building the industrial wealth of the UK. There are two ways of joining their reporters on this journey through the past and plans for combating prejudice and racism today.

You can read a series of articles, more of which are appearing daily, [on the Guardian's website](#).

Or you can listen to a podcast. Cotton Capital is the first episode of a six-part podcast series that is looking at the Guardian's links to transatlantic slavery and the legacies of that history. It takes listeners from Manchester to Jamaica, the US, Nigeria and Brazil and back to the UK. To listen to the

Love your neighbour as yourself

Closer to home, we are invited to join in the 44th Christian Commemoration of the Shoah at Mountainside United Church, in the Birks Heritage Chapel, 3520 University, on Sunday, April 23 2023 at 10:30 am.

[Here is the link to the livestream of the commemoration.](#)

As Pope Francis said, "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence."

It is heartening to see that the Christian communities in their great diversity continue to mark this annual time of remembrance, all these years after it was started at the Cathedral.

Closed on Monday

The Cathedral will be closed on Easter Monday. Online Bible Study and Morning Prayer will resume April 17th.

May knowledge of the love of God fill our hearts with joy this Easter.

Thank you to Bertrand and Deborah for their much-appreciated input and extra information, and to Alex for formatting and publishing this letter in MailChimp, as well as to Michel for checking the French version.

Ann Elbourne

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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.

Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>
11:00 a.m.	The Story of Good Friday +
1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy +

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)7:30 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter** +**Sunday** *Easter 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** +**Monday****CATHEDRAL CLOSED****Tuesday**11:30 a.m. **Christian Meditation Class** +12:15 p.m. **Midday Eucharist** +7:00 p.m. **Evening Prayer and Bible Discussion in French** *on Zoom* +**Wednesday**12:15 p.m. **Midday Eucharist** +6:00 p.m. **Young Adult Bible Study and Supper** *with St. Martha's Chapel* +**Thursday**12:15 p.m. **Midday Eucharist** +**Friday**12:15 p.m. **Midday Eucharist** +**Saturday**2:00 p.m. **Oasis Concert: Journey Through the Ages** +

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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