

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Triumphant March - *W. S. Lloyd Webber*

Call to Worship

*People of St Columba,*

*People of Jerusalem*

*People of Faith*

*Lift up your palm branches!*

*Wave them high so all can see!*

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Hosanna to the Prince of Peace!**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Hymn 218

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Prayer of Adoration

**God of joy,**

**you give us this day full of hope and promise.**

**We bring our praises too,**

**hoping that your joy will fill us and transform us.**

**God of true power,**

**we give thanks that Jesus came to Jerusalem**

**not with a sword, but with love.**

**Use our gifts and our lives to your glory,**

**that we may truly praise you,**

**through Jesus who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Amen.**

The Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11: 1-11

Anthem

*His the Scepter - J & R. Nagy*

Introduction to Prayer

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**We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,**

**and we seek forgiveness from each other.**

**Sometimes we build up walls**

**instead of bridges to peace,**

**and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,**

**like the people of Jerusalem long ago,**

**we are hungry for a hero.**

**We crave some glimpse of greatness.**

**We are starving for the spectacular.**

**May we not be disappointed**

**when the Messiah appears.**

**Forgive us when we do not value humility,**

**servant leadership, and radical love.**

**Give us courage to follow**

**where the humble path will lead us,**

**through Christ, Amen.**



# Consequences of the Wilderness

Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 25, 2018

Silence

Pardon

The Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

Hymn for Parade **639**

*We are Marching*

The Adventure Centre begins.

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Epistle

Philippians 2: 5-11

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 15: 1-15

*This is the gospel of the Lord.*

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**Jesus, remember me**

**when you come into your kingdom.**

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Hymn **238**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Sermon

*Consequences in the Wilderness*

Anthem

Do Not Fear, for You are Mine - *D. Lantz*

Litany

*Surprising God,*

*you come into our lives in ways we do not expect.*

*We ask for success,*

**you teach us acceptance.**

*We ask to be loved,*

**you ask us to love.**

*We ask for ease,*

**you challenge us.**

*We ask for a triumphant Messiah,*

**you come as one willing to give everything in love.**

*We glorify the 'winner',*

**you value the 'loser',**

**who gave everything in love.**

*Walk among us, surprising God of peace.*

**May we see you in our successes and in our failures,**

**as we journey through the wilderness,**

**and as we walk through this dark week.**

Invitation

Piano Offertory

The Wayfaring Stranger

– *arr. B. Edstrom*

Presentation of Gifts

Hymn **229 (v.3)**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

*We pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Our Father in heaven**

**Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever.**

## SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn **217**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Benediction

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Piano Postlude

The Old Rugged Cross - *G. Bennard*

### Welcome to St. Columba

We are so very pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to stay for refreshments (served in the sanctuary following the service) and look forward to meeting you in person.

Large print hymn books and Bibles are available in the foyer. (If you wish a receipt for your financial contribution, please use the envelope inside the back cover of the Book of Praise.)

**With Appreciation**

Thanks to the members of the Lenten planning group who are participating in worship during this season and have prepared our sanctuary for Lent. Thanks to Charlotte Adams, Erin Beettam, Bonnie Brown, Monique Caissie, Jim Goring, Amina Kreps and Janet McDonald.

**Sad News**

Our sympathy is extended to the family and close friends of Ina Cummings, who died on Tuesday, March 20. Ina was a long time member, elder, and visionary leader at St Columba. Her wisdom and quiet strength was appreciated by many. Ina was also a leader in her community as a Palliative Care doctor. She was a founding member of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians and was the first medical director of the West Island Palliative Care Residence. A service to celebrate Ina’s life will be held on **Monday, April 02 at 14h00**, with a reception to follow.

Lillian Worley, a member of St. Columba since 1959, also passed away last week at the age of 100. Lillian and her late husband, Harold (who died at the age of 101) left Pointe-Claire in the 1980’s and moved to Riceville, Ontario. Most recently they had been living in Ottawa. Lillian was sister of Lee Notley and aunt of Catherine.

**St. Columba Concert: The Best of Film Music**

Join us for this unique tribute to great movie music next **Saturday at 19h30**, featuring film clip projections. You’ll be enthralled by the wonderful artistry of pianist Enzo de Rosa and the sublime voice of Isabelle Metwalli. Suggested donation \$15, free for kids. A portion of the donations will go to *Youth Unlimited – La Corde Pierrefonds*, a breakfast, lunch and after-school program for elementary students.

**First Fridays – April 6**

An idea is magical, beautiful and fun. Give it time to grow and a small idea can grow into a big one. This First Fridays, be prepared to see things differently as we celebrate ideas that may seem too odd, too difficult, too different. Dreamers of all ages are invited. The suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can. Our wacky event begins at 17h30 with snacks and creative activities for the kids. Dinner is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available.

**Empty Bowls**

On **Saturday, April 14**, St. Columba will again be hosting an Empty Bowls event in support of Breadbasket Lac St-Louis as it works to support food security projects in our community. There will be two sittings: 11h30-13h30 and 17h00-19h00. Tickets are \$25, sold at the door, for a hand-made ceramic bowl donated by a Quebec potter and a meal of savoury home-style soup and bread. Kids can join the fun for \$5 (meal only).

**Join us as we travel through Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday**

**18h00** - Join us for a Passover/ Seder worship service for all ages, and a special game for children, followed by a delicious meal. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet or call the office if you plan to attend.

**Good Friday**

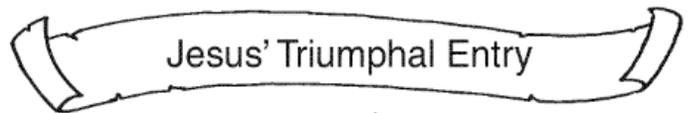
**11h00** - Join us for a simple, brief service of music & a reading of the Passion story. A Tenebrae Service, or service of shadows, is an ancient tradition of extinguishing candles as the story is told.

**Easter Sunday**

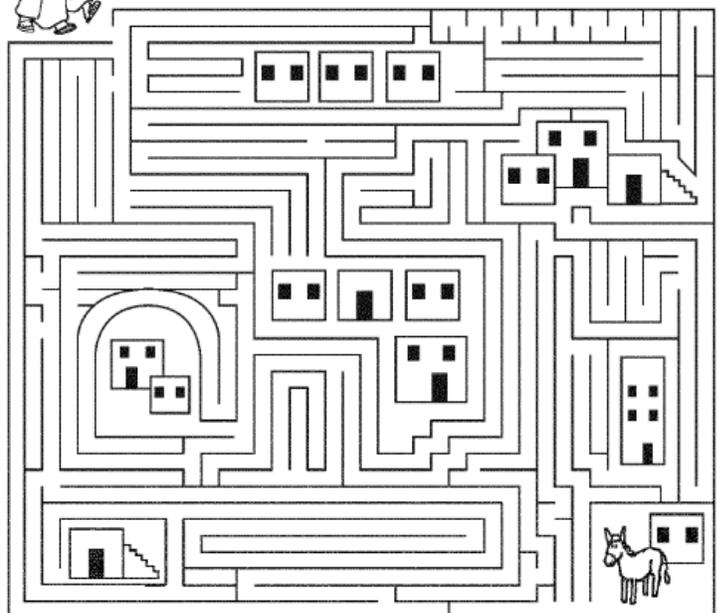
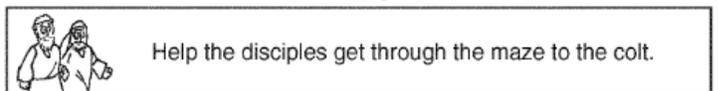
**07h00** - Join us at sunrise for an ecumenical bilingual service on the waterside lawn of St. Joachim Church in Pointe-Claire Village.

**10h00** - We will celebrate that Christ is risen at St Columba with special music, a living cross and a reflection on the amazing story in worship.

If you would like to read at the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service, please speak to Lara or Jennifer.



Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into the village to find a colt.



## PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ST. COLUMBA



### Dix Mille Villages

*a non-profit store committed to providing vital fair income to people around the world by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories. Purchases help to pay for food, education, health care and housing.*

### Christian Action Chrétienne

*an ecumenical project of Pointe-Claire churches helping those with financial needs.*

### Extra Hands

*a group of intellectually challenged adults who work each weekday at St. Columba doing various appropriate tasks.*

### Family Life Centre

*a joint project of 8 United and Presbyterian churches providing referral services, workshops & short-term counselling on issues of family life.*

### Presbyterian World Service Development

*a national church fund providing aid for relief and development in the Developing World.*

### Presbyterians Sharing

*the budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a portion of which is used to support projects in Canada, China, Taiwan, Japan, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Malawi, Kenya, Mauritius, Ghana, Romania, Guatemala, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine.*

### Refugee Action Montréal

*a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches providing help to refugees and education to the churches.*

### St. Columba Music Centre

*a teaching centre at St. Columba offering lessons in piano, guitar and voice.*

### Tyndale - St. George's

*a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in the Little Burgundy neighbourhood of Montréal, active with community projects.*

### VOBOC

*an organization encouraging people to "Venture Out Beyond Our Cancer" by giving opportunities for respite from the stress of treatments.*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Today

**10h00** - Palm/Passion Sunday

**11h30** - Choral Group

### Thursday, March 29

**18h00** - Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner

### Friday, March 30

**11h00** - Good Friday Service

### Saturday, March 31

**19h30** - Concert: The Best of Film Music

### Sunday, April 01

**07h00** - Sunrise Service in front of St. Joachim Church

**10h00** - Easter Sunday

### Monday, April 02

**14h00** - Memorial Service for Ina Cummings

### CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSE

**God's spirit has anointed us and sent us  
to proclaim good news to the poor,  
to release the prisoners,  
to restore sight to the blind,  
to free the oppressed,  
to announce that**

**this is the year when God will act.**

**Luke 4.18,19 (Isaiah 61.1,2)**