

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Rise Up With Him - *J. Vogt*

Call to Worship

Today is a new day!

New life is rising among us!

We are challenged to live fully in God's love!

So we will greet one another in love

and praise the God

who uplifts each one of us in grace!

Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn **260** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Introduction to Prayer ¹

(sung)

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Ouvre nos coeurs, ouvre nos pensées;

Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Ouvre nos cœurs.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Spirit of Life,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

fill us with your power,

that by trusting words, just actions, and shared life,

we may grow in faith.

We admit that we avoid

difficult people or difficult ways to serve.

Guide us, free us, and forgive us,

that we may trust you,

and follow wherever you lead. Amen.

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

⌚ Downstairs/Upstairs

⊕ Rings & Upstairs/Downstairs (see back of hymn books)

The Adventure Centre begins.

Trusting Questions
April 08, 2018

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.)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED 3

Prayer for Illumination

**God of wonder,
open our ears and our hearts to your Word.
Help us to hold graciously
those questions to which there are no easy answers.
May we be filled by your joy and your challenge,
through Christ, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 20.19-31
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*
(Tune, 217)(see panel 6)

Sermon *Trusting Questions*

Litany

*At times we have been the frightened ones,
staying at a distance,
worried about our safety or our reputations,
but you have come close to us, O God,
bringing peace and challenge,
unlocking our potential,
and setting us free.*

*At times, we have been the doubting ones,
wondering how you could be
in the midst of uncertainty or heartache,
but you come close,
and allow us to speak our minds,
accepting us and setting us free.*

*At times, we have been the confused ones,
feeling far from you,
with questions that don't have answers.*

**The Risen Christ says, 'Peace be with you,'
and calls us to serve.**

*Through our fear, our doubt, and our confusion,
may we continue Jesus' work,
as we travel many roads,
united by the love of the Resurrected One.*

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING 4

Invitation

Piano Offertory The Promise of Spring - D. Alexander

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **663 (v.1)** (tune, 410)
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer of Dedication

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 **248** *At the Dawning of Salvation*

Benediction

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

Organ Postlude

Finale - J. Correll

All Committee Meeting Night

This **Thursday, April 12 at 19h30**, committee members are reminded of the meetings taking place for Resource & Stewardship, Property, Food Ministry, Media Relations and Accessibility. If you wish to attend a light supper at 18h30, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Empty Bowls

Next **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).

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **on Monday, April 16** from **11:15 am-1:15 pm**. Baked goods and fruit can be dropped off next Sunday (marked "35 Maywood"). If you can volunteer some time to help at the luncheon, please contact Cynthia Homan at cynthiahoman@gmail.com or 514-695-5451.

St. Columba Concert: "Pride and the Maiden"

Step back in time to Spain and delight in the beauty of baroque masterpieces on **Saturday, April 28 at 19h30**. A joyous blend of Italian, Neapolitan and Spanish gems await you, featuring David Menzies (tenor), Madeleine Owen (baroque guitar and theorbo) and Dmitry Babich (cello). www.trioponte.com. 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 school students.

Save the Date

St. Columbans will return to the slope-side setting of Mont Tremblant for the weekend of **September 14-16**. More information to come, but write the date on your calendar and join St Columbans for a fun-filled, meaningful weekend with time for study, reflection and fun. All ages are welcome.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request for a family member or friend, please obtain their permission and call the church office or send an email by Thursday morning for inclusion on the following Sunday.

Kid's Page

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The disciples were together when Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you."

Find each of the underlined letters hidden below.



These Things did Thomas Count as Real

These things did Thomas count as real:

The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.

His reasoned certainties denied
That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like Braille
The marking of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

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 - Worship

Thursday, April 12

18h30 - Dinner

19h30 - All Committee Meeting Night

Friday, April 13

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Saturday, April 14: Empty Bowls Event

11h30-13h30 - Lunch Sitting

17h00-19h00 - Dinner Sitting

Sunday, April 15

10h00 - Worship

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)