

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

O Jerusalem - J. Vogt

Call to Worship

*Today is a new day!*

**New life is rising among us.**

*Jesus said, "I am the vine".*

**We are the branches**

*Today, we are challenged to live fully in God's love.*

**Rooted in love,**

**we give thanks to the one  
who helps us to grow.**

*Let us be strengthened to serve,  
and empowered to bear fruit,*

**as we praise and worship.**



## *Vine and Branches*

Hymn

*Never Ending Joy*

*Refrain:*

Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy,  
never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy!

God of every tribe, every language,

God of every river and sea,

God of every mountain and island, you bring joy to me.

*Refrain*

God of every hill, every valley,

God of every leaf, every tree,

God of every cloud, every raindrop, you bring joy to me.

*Refrain*

God of every song, every story,

God of every captive set free,

God of every dance, every footstep, you bring joy to me.

Introduction to Prayer <sup>1</sup>

(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

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.

*April 29, 2018*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

**God of wisdom,  
give us a humble heart,  
that we may know you,  
a heart of love,  
that we may serve you,  
and a heart of faith  
that we may live in you.**

**As we listen,  
remind us that we abide in your love,  
and are connected to your Son, the Vine,  
Amen.**

The Scriptures

Epistle 1 John 4: 7-21  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel John 15: 1-11  
*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**Hallelujah! (sung) 532**

Hymn **474 (vv.1-4)** *The Love of God Comes Close*

Sermon *Vine and Branches*

Solo *The Holy City - S. Adams  
Charlotte Adams, Soloist*

Litany

*Planted in love by God,  
and nourished by the life-giving vine that is Christ,  
our lives in this world can be fruitful.*  
*May we remember  
our connection in the vine to one another.*  
**Each of us are branches,  
one not more important than the other.**  
*We will not always grow.  
Sometimes, we won't try to bear fruit.*  
**Some branches will be pruned and thrown in the fire.**  
*Other branches will grow and bear fruit abundant.*  
**We are grateful when we reach out  
to serve and find meaning.**  
*Help us to listen to your voice.*  
**Guide us in how you would have us grow.**  
*The branches of a vine are messy,  
it can be hard to tell who is doing what.*  
**In our messy church,  
help us to serve as you call us.**  
*Give us patience as we grow,  
giving thanks that many branches grow with us.*  
*We marvel at what new things God will do,  
as we bear fruit together.*

## AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Piano Offertory At the Ivy Gate - *B. Crain*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn **396 (vv.3, 4)**  
*As Comes the Breath of Spring*

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 **491** (tune,274) *God Bless Your Church with Strength*

Benediction

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

Organ Postlude

*God Bless Your Church  
– arr. M. Burkhardt*

### 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.)

**Writing Prayers & Experiencing Worship**

There will be a workshop on writing prayers and experiencing worship offered this spring. At St Columba, we thrive on different voices and perspectives offering prayers and leadership in worship. If you have never been a worship lay leader, and are interested in learning more, or if you simply want to learn more about why we worship and pray the way we do, join us for two gatherings at the end of May and beginning of June. Dates TBA. Please speak to Lara for more info.

**New FundScrip Promoter Needed**

We are looking for someone to act as our FundScrip promotor, succeeding Rose-May, who enthusiastically has brought us this far. The FundScrip process is not onerous and whoever takes on the role will make a positive contribution to St. Columba. Please speak to Rose-May or Ian MacDonald.

**First Fridays: Seeds – the Promise of Spring**

All ages, young and old, are invited to our “seedy” supper this **Friday, May 04**. We begin at 17h30 with snacks and sensational spring seed activities for the kids. Supper is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available. The suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can. So come celebrate the promise held in spring seeds.

**All Ages Worship**

On **May 13**, we will celebrate Pentecost and Christian Family Sunday with a worship service for all ages.

**Action Réfugiés Montréal Annual Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of Action Réfugiés will take place on **Wednesday, May 16** from **18h00-20h00** at St. Jax Montréal (Shatford Hall), 1439 Ste. Catherine St. O.

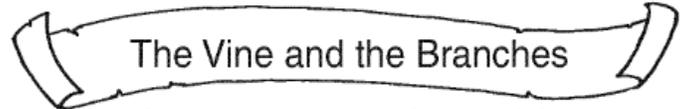
**Save the Date**

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.

**Children and Youth Coordinator**

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator at St Columba is beginning! The search committee will be meeting this week. Thanks for your patience and your prayers as we look for a leader to equip our children and youth for a life of faith. If you have any questions, please speak to Lara.

# Kid's Page



Jesus gave an example to explain His connection to His followers.

Match one end of the vine to the other to put the letters together and form a word. Write the words below.

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# 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

### Tuesday, May 01

19h00 - Search Committee Meeting for Children/Youth Coordinator

### Friday, May 04

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

17h30 - First Fridays

### Sunday, May 06

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)