

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Con Spirito - T. Arne

Jesus Christ is Risen Today - arr. M. Woytiuk

Greeting

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

New life comes from death.

Light shines in the darkness.

Joy breaks through the sadness.

Surprise! God's joke is on us.

Anything is possible with God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn **243** (v.1-3 Eng, v.4 fr) *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Procession of the Easter Candle

Prayer of Affirmation

(standing)

Gracious Redeemer,

you take the grief of early Sunday morning,

and transform our bewilderment

into the breathless excitement of new life.

Thanks be to God!

Sin cannot hold you;

death cannot bind you.

You are risen indeed!

We trust that joy comes from grief,

light comes out of darkness,

and nothing can separate us from your love.

Fill us with your joy.

Empower us to share this joy and this good news.

Alleluia! Amen.

Declaration of New Life

(standing)

Filled with the power of the resurrection,

we commit our lives

to the Christ vision

of generosity and grace.

Filled by the power of the resurrection,

we commit our congregation

to the Christ vision

of courage and love.

Filled by the power of the resurrection,

we commit ourselves

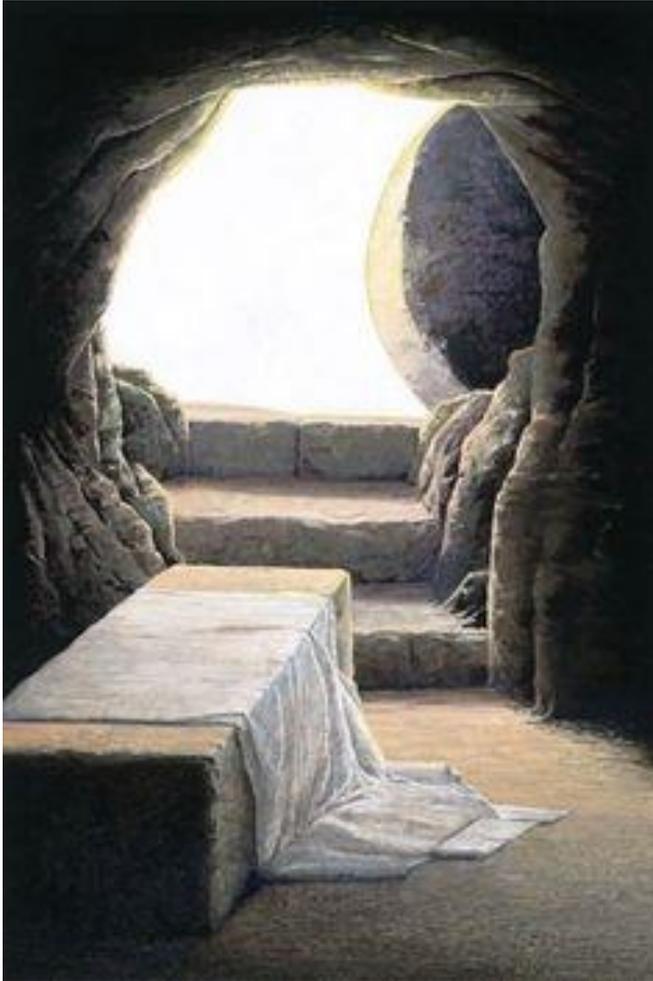
to walk the Christ path,

this day and always.

Through Christ, you are forgiven!

New life and new beginnings start now!

Alleluia and amen!



Easter

April 01, 2018

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Hymn 250 (vv.1, 3, 4)

Lord of the Dance

The Adventure Centre begins.

Hymn 250 (v.5)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Épître

Actes 10:34-43

La parole de Dieu.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia,

260

give thanks to the risen Lord;

alleluia, alleluia,

give praise to his name.

Hymn 249

The Day of Resurrection

Sermon

Anthem

Alleluia! Joyfully Sing - D. Besig

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

To Our Guests

At Communion, the risen Christ shares himself with us, and unconditionally invites the whole people of God to participate. Christ invites you to this banquet. Bread and wine will be served by St. Columba's elders. The plates include both regular and gluten-free bread and the trays contain both wine (red) and grape juice (white).

Invitation

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory

Ride On King Jesus - arr. H. Burkhardt

Aron Doyle, trumpet

Offertory Hymn 254

Jesus is Risen from the Grave

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The God of every morning be with you

And also with you.

People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the one

who raised Jesus from the grave.

People of Easter joy,

give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

We sing our hallelujahs

to the God of everlasting love.

We praise you, God of joy.

You have filled all creation with light and life, and your glory stretches through the heavens.

Out of your great love for the world,

you sent your only Son to be one of us.

Through him, the blind saw light,

the disabled leaped for joy,

and those who were locked in the prison of their fears were given the freedom of love.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus,

you have gone before us in all things.

You make new life rise in us and around us.

Send your spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, so we may taste the love of Jesus,

and be nourished to serve you in the world.

Bring new life where we are worn and tired,

new love where we have become hard hearted,

and forgiveness where we have wounded.

God of hope,

be with all who are sick and grieving this day,

all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

Be in places

where injustice and darkness appear to dominate.

Bring healing, strength and peace.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us!

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Christ est ressuscité, il est vraiment ressuscité

Alléluia!

Amen.

Our Father...

**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.**

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine
Communion of the People

Communion Music Draw us to Him - *arr. M. Burkhardt*

Prayer after Communion

**Lord of all life and light,
you sustain us with your very self,
giving us food for the journey.
Grace us with your presence,
that we may be an active part
of your work in the world,
sharing Easter joy
and your indestructible peace,
in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.**

SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn 255 *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*

Benediction

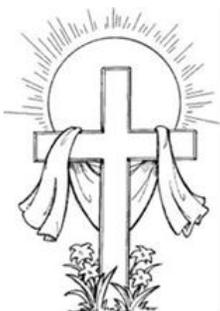
Hallelujah (sung) 532

Postlude

Hallelujah - *G. F. Handel*
Carolyn Klause, violin

Distribution of Flowers

Joyeuses Pâques! Happy Easter!



Thank You

We thank trumpeter, Aron Doyle and violinist, Carolyn Klause for enriching our worship this morning.

Office Schedule

Lara and Laura will be out of the office on Tuesday.

The Resurrection Cross

Following worship, you are invited to take a flower from the cross for your Easter dinner celebration. A contribution toward our flowered cross has been made in loving memory of Reg and Gloria Brearley.

Memorial Service for Ina Cummings

A service to celebrate Ina's life will be held at St. Columba **tomorrow at 14h00**, with a reception to follow.

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. Be prepared to see things differently as we celebrate ideas that may seem too odd, too difficult, too different. 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).

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place on **Monday, April 16**. Donations of baked goods would be much appreciated, as well as help with serving/socializing with the residents on the day of the luncheon. If you can volunteer some time, please email cynthiahhoman@gmail.com or 514-695-5451.

Welcome to St. Columba

Thank you for worshipping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service held meaning and joy for you. If you will be returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. If you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community, we invite you to return for Sunday worship so that we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us at www.stcolumba.ca to learn more about opportunities for personal spiritual growth and service to others.

May all the peace and blessings of this Easter season be with you today and always.

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 - Easter Sunday

Monday, April 02

14h00 - Memorial Service for Ina Cummings

Friday, April 06

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h00 - 15h00: Window Marché

17h00 - First Fridays

Sunday, April 08

10h00 - Easter II

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)