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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 the year of Jubilee.

Luke 4.18,19 (Isaiah 61.1,2)

Christmas Eve 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE 22h00 2017 December 24

Piano Renditions of Christmas Carols

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Tonight old dreams die
and new dreams come to life.
The Promise is fulfilled!*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

*Hope gives way to joy,
and prayer to proclamation.*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

*Our candles illuminate our story.
Dawn invades midnight.
The Light of the World has come.*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

*This light is a light for all;
warming us from within,
radiating lives with the presence of God
within us and among us.*

Thanks be to God, Emmanuel!

Carol 159 (vv.1-4) *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Carol 141 *Good Christians, All Rejoice*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

The Scriptures

Prophet Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Carol for the King – *arr. P. Liebergen*

Gospel Luke 2.1-7

Évangile Luc 2.8-20

This is the gospel of the Lord. 122

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,

O Israel.

Carol 169 (Congregation to sing refrain only) *Il est né*

Sermon

Anthem Mary did you know? - *M. Lowry/B. Green*

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Still, Still, Still / First Noël - *arr. P. Keverin*
Carolyn Klause, violinist

Offertory Carol 153 *Joy to the World*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Communion of the People

Communion Music Ave Maria - J. S. Bach/C. Gounod
C. Klause, violinist

Prayer after Communion

THE DISMISSAL

Charge to the People

Carol 154 *Silent Night*

Benediction

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christians, Now Rejoice)
- *J.S. Bach*



St. Columba NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a joyful Christmas. We especially welcome visitors with us at this special service. May the Prince of Peace be born for you and for our world this night.

With Thanks

We thank the musicians for their contribution to our Christmas Eve worship: Michael Cartile (trumpet), Carolyn Klause (violin), Isaac Adams (drums) and the Choral Group.

Message from Lara

Please take note that Lara will be on holiday from December 25 - January 01. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Kay Diviney at 514-842-3431.

Ecumenical Service

Our annual ecumenical worship service will be this **Sunday, December 31 at 10h00** at Summerlea United in Lachine.

Events to Start the New Year

January 21 - 17h00: Mark's Annual Dinner

January 22 - 11h00: Maywood Lunch

January 27 - 19h30: Concert- World Music with Tessala

St. Columba Books

The books will remain open only until **December 31, 2017**. Please pick up your envelopes for 2018, which are in your mail slots, if you have not done so already.