

*Gloria Patri 581

*The Charge

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

*Sung Benediction 378 (verse 1 and 2)

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

“We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us, both strong and weak alike.

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?

We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.

Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.”

*The Blessing

*Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket
Cruger, 1647/Carter

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

November 22, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Christ the King Sunday

Morning Meditation

Kathleen Thomerson (1966)

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Prelude (no. 26)”

Fryderyk Chopin

*Call to Worship

Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace from the One
who is and who was and who is to come,

**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
ruler of the kings of the earth.**

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

*Hymn 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.

You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.

We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.

Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places
we will respond to our call.

In your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow,
even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579 (unison)

“Lord Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Forgiveness 587 (unison)

“Alleluia”

First Scripture Reading

II Samuel 23:1-4

Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities

may go with the Children’s Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.

*Hymn 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Second Scripture Reading

John 18:33-37

Sermon

“What Is Truth?”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

*Hymn 384

“Soon and Very Soon”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W. A. Mozart

*Doxology 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,
Praise Triune God Whom we adore. Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.
The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God’s grace.