

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

***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 166** (verse 3) “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord with us abide.**

***Postlude** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

AGINCOURT
arr. Johnson

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 13, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Morning Meditation

Ann Weems

*O God, from whose eyes the measure of our faith is not hidden,
wrench from us now all religiosity,
all rules and regulations of our scheduled selves
that separate us from your Holy Spirit.*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude

“O Lamb of God Most Holy” Decius (1541), arr. Hare

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 43:19-21

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.**

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

**the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.**

***Hymn 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.

Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.

Fill us with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 577 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 604 (unison)

“Lamb of God”

Prayer of Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 43:19-21

Hymn 406 (sung twice)

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 3:4-14

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities
may go with the Children's Tabernacle greeter during the following hymn.*

***Hymn 223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Reading from the Gospel

John 12:1-8

The Sermon

“Thrifty Prevarications”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Manz

***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**

***Hymn 309**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.