

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
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 4)**

“Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days”

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

**\*Postlude**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Conkey, 1849/Carter

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 20, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Henry Hart Milman (1827)

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.  
Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Minute for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

**Voluntary**

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Carter

**\*Call to Worship**

John 12:12-15

The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

**“Hosanna! Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

**Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”**

**\*Hymn 196**

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

## Unison Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks  
for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.  
Even though we profess to follow him,  
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.  
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.  
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,  
but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Kyrie Eleison 578 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response 604 (unison)

“Lamb of God”

## Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Reading

Luke 22:7-23

### Hymn 521

“In Remembrance of Me”

### Gospel Reading

Luke 22:24-34, 39-62

### Hymn 218 (verses 1 and 2)

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

### Gospel Reading

Luke 22:63-23:26, 32-34

## Voluntary

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Hassler, 1601/Carter

## Gospel Reading

Luke 23:34-56

## Responsive Prayer 227

*When the minister prays, “Lord, hear our prayer,”  
The congregation may respond by singing:*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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## 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

“Near the Cross”

Doane/Carter

### \*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 205 (English verse, sung four times)

“Live in Charity”