

## The Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven  
and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our  
daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*Hymn 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in  
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he  
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy  
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri (581) and 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 238 (refrain only) “Thine Is the Glory”

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has won!**

\*Postlude “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

Nicholson (1916) arr. Carter

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

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## MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**First Sunday of Easter**

**March 27, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation** Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

*“Spirit of the eternal Christ, lift us up from doubt to faith. Lift us out of our cynicism,  
our skepticism, our unwillingness to believe that the good may be true, into a courageous faith  
and certitude concerning God and divine purposes. Illumine us, thou Sun of the morning,  
until not only shall our mountain peaks shine with a new confidence, but the very valleys  
shall feel thy noontime’s splendor and we have faith again in ourselves, in others, and in thee.”*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Wilson (1880)  
arr. Carter

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*Hymn 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**Prayer of Confession** (responsive)

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:  
how on the third day, Christ rose again.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You were faithful to your promise;

you have done wonderful things!

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

**Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie Eleison 578** (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 587**

“Alleluia!”

**Anthem**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

*Clara Hare-Grogg, violin / Vivian Hare, piano*

**Reading from the Gospel**

Luke 24:1-12

**Anthem**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*Vocal Ensemble*

**The Sermon**

“Looking for the Living”

Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

arr. 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**

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*Hymn 525**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Communion of the People**

*Gluten-free bread is available at the table. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.*