

(Minister) Great is the mystery of faith:

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Christ will come again.

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LAND OF REST (GTG 553)

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 5, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

The Communion of the People

The bread is gluten-free. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.

***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.**

***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.**

***Blessing & Postlude "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"**

SURGE ECCLESIA

Timothy J. Strand (GTG 536)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to "T-coil."

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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Morning Meditation

F. Buechner (1988)

*"After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness
where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus.*

During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves."

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

"God Marked a Line and Told the Sea"

Troeger/Dare

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 32:6, 11

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to the LORD;

At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***Hymn 166**

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,

denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace,

feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon and Response 555 “O Lamb of God”

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn 820 “Nothing Can Trouble”

*As in the Taizé style, the refrain will be repeated for an unspecified number of times.
Congregants are invited to sing the melody or any harmony part.*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 32:1-11

The Sermon “Then I Acknowledged” 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 “Sheep May Safely Graze” J.S. Bach

***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 and Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith

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.**

***Hymn 525** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Great 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.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, LAND OF REST (GTG 552)

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.