

(Minister) Great is the mystery of faith:
(SUNG) Christ has died, Christ is risen, LAND OF REST (GTG 553)
Christ will come again!
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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.

***Sung Benediction 166 (verses 1 and 3)** “Lord, Who throughout These 40 Days”
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

*The Charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen!

**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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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 4, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Feasting on the Word

God of heaven and earth, Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms.

Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises.

*Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory, your grace, and your love
so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise that stretches to the ends of the earth.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“Simple Gifts”

American Folk Tune
arr. John Carter

*Call to Worship

I Corinthians 1:18, 20

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Hymn 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have called us to live before you
and with one another in all faithfulness.**

Unable to live as you intend,

we inflict harm and hurt on others and on ourselves as well.

In all these ways, we know we grieve your heart also.

**Restore us to communion with you and one another
that we might live in the freedom you have bestowed.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon and Response 555

“O Lamb of God”

Old Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Exodus 20:1-17

Taizé Hymn 294

“Within Our Darkest Night”

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The Sermon

“God’s Foolishness”

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

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

ARISE

Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835/ 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**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest;
ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.**

**These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach
of all theory in the depths of God’s love for humankind.**

**They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement
of God’s reconciling work.**

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:

(SUNG) Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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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.