

(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.**

***Hymn 286** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***The Charge** I John 4:11-12, 15-16

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**If we love one another, God abides in us,
and the love of God is perfected in us.**

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,
and they abide in God.

**So we have known, and do believe,
the love that God has for us.**

*Blessing

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APRIL 29, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

I John 4:20-21

*Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars;
for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,
cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have is this:
those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary "These I Lay Down" John Bell/John Carter

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 22:26-31

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the LORD.

Dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,

**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying: he has done it!**

***Hymn 232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not always borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison) “Lord, Have Mercy”
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon and Response 555 “O Lamb of God”
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8

Taizé Hymn 205 “Live in Charity”

The Sermon “The True Vine” 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 “Fantasy on Holy Manna” Columbian Harmony, 1825
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**

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ
as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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, 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.