

***Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith** 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.**

***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 166 (verse 3)** “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

**And through these days of penitence, and through this passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

***Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Thomas Merton

*“If you want to identify me, ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat,
or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I am living for, in detail,
and ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Distribution of Palms

Manz

***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 197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

brass ensemble

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayer*

**God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks
for sending us Jesus Christ.
Although 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.**

Kyrie Eleison 579 (unison) "Lord, Have Mercy"

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn 200 (verses 1, 2, 3, and 4) "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14-43

Choral Anthem "My Song Is Love Unknown" Ireland, arr. Kirby
Ann Neel, flute

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me, love to the loveless, shown that they
might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but we made strange and none the longed-for
Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief
like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Gospel Reading Luke 22:45-65

Choral Anthem "This Is the Night" (GTG 206:1,4,5) Abelard/Tucker

Gospel Reading Luke 22:66-23:12

Taizé Hymn 544 "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Sermon "When Pilate and Herod Become Friends" Keith Grogg

Taizé Hymn 544 (sung once) "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Gospel Reading Luke 23:13-43

Taizé Hymn 227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Prayers of the People and 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.**

Offertory "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" Manz

***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.**