



Mountainside United Church

3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7

Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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EASTER V, Year A

May 3, 2026

Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

Territorial Acknowledgement:

McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinabeg and Kanien'kehá:ka. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

Prelude:

Prelude in C-Sharp Major, BWV 848

J.S. Bach

Piano: Alberto Santos

Holy Greeting:

The grace of our Sovereign Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn: MV# 122 *This Is the Day*

1. This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!
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we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!
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singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

2. Voici le jour que Dieu a fait;
nous le vivrons dans la joie.
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nous le vivrons dans la joie.
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!
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Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Most gracious Creator, as we continue to celebrate the risen Christ, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness to your abiding presence in our community.

We pray that our actions might follow your teachings and the things that we say we stand for as a community of faith.

We pray that who we are attracts others to discipleship in Christ.

We humbly thank you for the many blessings you have given us as we now reflect upon in silence.

(silence)

Help us to truly be an Easter people and may we always be mindful that we are proclaiming the resurrection every time we gather in your name.

(silence)

God in your love, **Hear our prayer.**
Amen

Hymn: VU#243 Praise to God

1. Praise to God, praise to God,
for the greenness of the trees,
for the beauty of the flowers,
for the blueness of the sky,
for the greatness of the sea.
Praise to God, praise to God,
now and forevermore.

2. Thanks to God, thanks to God,
for the gift of friends in Christ,
for the church, our house of faith,
for the gift of wondrous love,
for the gift of endless grace.
Thanks to God, thanks to God,
now and forevermore.

3. Glory to God, glory to God,
for the grace of Christ, the Son,
for the love of parent God,
for the comfort and the strength
of the Spirit, holy God.
Glory to God, glory to God,
now and forevermore.

Early Church History: 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10

Reader: Mariah Brown

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the witness of the Early Church.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 31 VU# 758 with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Mariah Brown

Refrain: I trust in you, you are my God.

Part One (1-5)

In you, O God, I have taken refuge;

Let me never be put to shame

Deliver me in your righteousness;

Incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue. R

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.

You are indeed my rock and fortress;

lead me and guide me for your own name’s sake.

Release me from the net that they hid from me,

for you are my protector.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

for you have redeemed me, O God of truth. R

Part Two (9-14)

Have mercy on me, God, for I am in trouble;

my eyes are wasted with grief, my soul and my body also.

My life is worn out with sorrow,

and my years with signing;

my strength fails me in my misery,

my bones are wasted away.

I am the scorn of my enemies, yes, even of my neighbours.

My acquaintances shudder at the sight of me;

when they see me in the street, they shrink away.

I have passed out of mind like the one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

I hear the whispering of many; fear is on every side,

while they conspire against me,

and plot to take my life. R

Part Three (15-16)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant,

and save me, for your mercy’s sake. R

@Gospel: John 10: 1 - 10

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Write these words on our hearts, dear God!

Hymn: *MV#79 Spirit, Open my Heart*

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
With a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender. **[Refrain]**

2. Write your love upon my heart
As my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
May my living bring you glory. **[Refrain]**

3. May I weep with those who weep,
Share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
May we welcome one another. **[Refrain]**

Sermon: In the Name of? Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Now the Green Blade Rises – arr. Alan Bullard
Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir
Piano: Alberto Santos

Silent Prayer:

The Prayer of Jesus

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: VU#635 *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*

1. All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trail,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

3. All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way!"

Benediction:

Postlude:

When Morning Gilds the Skies – arr. John Carter
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information **for the week of May 3, 2026**

- ❖ May 3 - We welcome you on this first Sunday in May for Worship- 10:30am, BHC. and for coffee and conversation on Level 1 after the Service. L&L will meet following the service.
 - ❖ May 10 - ZOOM SERVICE - 9:30 am. You are welcome to join this time for a Mother 's Day Sunday Service.
 - ❖ May 17 - Worship 10:30am, BHC and after the service join for a Spring LUNCH on Level 1 and the celebration with those celebrating May Birthdays.
- Please consider giving to the church. Your gift will help serve our local community and far beyond. For that, we are grateful. You may leave your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you are at home, you can send a cheque, e-Transfer funds, or arrange for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). See details on giving at www.mountainsideunited.ca.

The service is livestreamed on Zoom on Sunday Mornings.

In the event of poor reception, the Service may be viewed later on our YouTube channel:

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