



Mountainside United Church

3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7
Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
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Trinity Sunday, Year A
May 31, 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
- John B. Dykes, arr. Lloyd Larson
Piano: Alberto Santos

Holy Greeting

For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in their midst (Matthew 18:20).
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we pray, **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn: VU#315 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for your blessings without number. We are also grateful for the beauty of Your creation.

We thank you for the basic things that we take for granted, like the fresh breeze, the morning sunlight, and the blossoms of Spring.

We are also blessed with moments of solitude in our busy lives, to catch our breaths, and renew our mindset,

Yet, we pray that when we feel alone, make us aware of your ever-loving presence, alongside us and within us.

When we falter during our moments of weakness and when life challenges are difficult to handle,

May we feel your Spirit to lift us up and help us get through them, one step at a time.

May we continue to strive for peace in our world, in our hearts and in our minds.

Grant us, O God, that our hearts may grow in thankfulness for these and all your gifts of Grace so that as people of new life, we may proclaim Your praise.

Amen!

Hymn: MV#218 *May the Love of the Lord*

May the love of the Lord rest up on your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout everyday.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Scriptures from The Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2 – 2:4a, 1:26 and Isaiah 6:3, 48:16

Reader: Judy Serve

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole Earth is full of his glory.' Draw near to me, hear this! From the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there. And now the Lord God has sent me and his spirit.

This is the witness of the Early Church.

Thanks be to God!

Psalms: 8 VU#732 with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Judy Serve

Refrain: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the Earth!

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the Earth!

From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your foes,

To quell the enemy and the avenger. R

When I took to the heavens, the work of your fingers,

The moon and the stars you have set in their places,

What are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,

Mere human beings that you should care for us? R

You have made us little less than divine,

And crowned us with glory and honour.

You have made us rulers over all your creation,

And put all things under our feet,

All sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**The birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
And all that make their way through the waters. R**

Scriptures from The New Testament: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20

Reader: Santos Dizon

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words on our hearts, dear God!

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Scriptures from The New Testament: Jean 14:16-17 et Jean 17:5-11

Reader: Denis Bureau

Et moi, je prierai le Père, et il vous donnera un autre consolateur, afin qu'il demeure éternellement avec vous. L'esprit de vérité, que le monde ne peut recevoir, parce qu'il ne le voit point et ne le connaît point; mais vous, vous le connaissez, car il demeure avec vous et il sera en vous.

Et maintenant toi, Père, glorifie-moi auprès de toi-même de la gloire que j'avais auprès de toi, avant que le monde fut. J'ai fait connaître ton nom aux hommes que tu m'as donnés du milieu du monde. Ils étaient à toi, et tu me les as donnés, et ils ont gardé ta parole. Maintenant ils ont connu que tout ce que tu m'as donné vient de toi. Car je leur donne les paroles que tu m'as données; et ils les ont reçues, et ils ont vraiment connu que je suis sorti de toi., et ils ont cru que tu m'as envoyé. C'est pour eux que je prie. Je ne prie pas pour le monde, mais pour ceux que tu m'as donnés, parce qu'ils sont à toi; et tout ce qui à toi est à moi, et je suis glorifié en eux. Je ne suis plus dans le monde, et ils sont dans le monde et je vais à toi. Père saint, gardes en ton nom ceux que tu m'as donnés, afin, qu'ils soient un comme nous.

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Prayer for Asian Heritage Month:

by Rev. Ronnie Magno

As we celebrate this Asian Heritage Month, receive our thanksgiving, O God, for the abundance of diverse cultures from Asia in this land we call Canada.

We pray for those who have come from various places in Asia, that they may be accepted and the values they contributed to different Canadian communities will be honoured.

May we learn from one another and grow in respect and understanding.

We pray, O God, for your guidance and strength as we face challenges of racial discrimination that affects the diverse Asian Communities in this country and other parts of the world.

May we be one in building a colourful and just society, where all peoples are honoured and respected.

We also ask your Spirit for the healing of the wounds of those who experienced hatred and violence.

May we find support and shelter in their communities they deem safe.

We ask for your blessing for those who continue to build connections between different cultures and communities, and may their efforts, O God, contribute richly toward harmony, compassion, and justice.

In this celebration month, may we learn from one another, grow and continue to celebrate our contribution as Asian-descent peoples in this country.

Amen!

Reflections:

Offertory Reflections:

Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! - arr. Alan Smith
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#312 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure;
foolishness none dare deride.

4. Praise the Maker, Christ and Spirit,
one God in Community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.

Benediction:

Postlude:

Gising na Kaibigan – Asin
Lilibeth Flores & Ruel Arevalo

Reference and Information
for the week of May 31, 2026

- ❖ TODAY- Trinity Sunday and celebration of Asian Heritage Month. Worship in person at BHC with Hymns and Praise led by Maria Santos and Alberto Santos. Join us on Level 1 after the service for Coffee and conversation.

- ❖ Worship in person at BHC with a warm welcome to Rev. Morgan Bell, Director of United Church Studies at DIO (Diocesan Theological College).
- ❖ Please consider donating to our Camp Appeal with a donation by cheque, cash or e-transfer. The campaign runs until the mid June 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Outreach Committee.
- ❖ Used Item Collection – Summer Days: Please gather up your used stamps, aluminum tabs, plastic bread tags, eyeglasses and empty prescription bottles (with labels removed) and bring them to church on Sunday. Ester Vicente, a member of the Outreach Committee, will be sure that they are delivered to the organizations that can use them for fundraising purposes. If you have these items, feel free to bring them in on any Sunday and give them to Ester or any other member of the Outreach Committee.
- 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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