

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday 7 March 2010 10:30 am

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE LIFE AND WORK OF ST. GILES

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP: Responsive - see PWS&D Lent insert**

✦ **HYMN: Thou didst leave thy throne** **204**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and patient God - we hope!

There are times when you must feel that we were sent to try you with our prejudice, our apathy, our intransigence, and our refusal to receive the grace that we are made whole by the cross of our Lord.

Forgive all our ingratitude, our small-mindedness, our stiff necks, and bind up our brokenness.

We are without excuse, but bold to ask pardon from our Lord who lived his life and died his death and gave his flesh and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us share silence and consider where we have gone wrong...

~~~~~ silence ~~~~~

KYRIE ELEISON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55:1-9 **Charles Beaubien**
Responsive Psalm 63:1-8 refrain 1 (red book)

✦ **HYMN: Now quit your care** **191**

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

✦ **DOXOLOGY (Tune 433)**

Praise God, the Giver and the gift.
Hearts, minds and voices now uplift:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Breath of glad surprise,
freeing, uplifting, opening eyes,
Three-in-Oneness, Love communing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 13:1-9

SERMON: "How do We Stand Before God?"

LAYING OUR BURDENS DOWN

~ Penitential prayer and symbolic action ~

SUNG RESPONSE

We will lay our burdens down,
We will lay our burdens down,
We will lay our burdens down,
In the hands of the Son of God.

✦ **HYMN: When I survey the wondrous cross** **231**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Follow the blue insert.

✦ **HYMN: For the bread which you have broken** **548**

CLOSING RESPONSES (responsive)

Holy God
Rich in mercy
Bless us with love

Healing God
Firm in forgiveness
Bless us with grace

Disturbing God
Strong in justice
Bless us with hope and joy

✦ **BENEDICTION**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

St. Giles Welcomes Visitors

We gather every Sunday morning to begin the week together, praising God. We hope our visitors will feel 'at home' in this family of Christian faith. Each week, everyone is invited to come downstairs after the service for coffee and conversation.

Announcements

THE CHURCHES OF THE GLEBE ARE ASKING FOR OUR COLLECTIVE PRAYERS.

Each week, one church is designated to be named in the pastoral prayers during the Sunday worship services of all the congregations. Today we pray for **The Ecclesiastical Church**, corner of Monk St. and Fifth Ave.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING Tuesday 9 March at 1:00 pm in the choir room. All table convenors or their replacements are expected to attend. Anyone else with ideas or suggestions is strongly encouraged to attend! Our Christmas Bazaar, held in November, is the major fund-raising event of the year. We want to make sure it is a success. Info from Ruth Smyth 613-237-8451.

BIBLE STUDY The study of the Book of Acts continues on on Fri 12 March at 10:00 am in the choir room. Come having read Acts chapters 27 and 28

ST. GILES LENDING LIBRARY The library shelf in the Banquet Hall is being revitalized with new selections of books and DVDs. Anyone interested in donating any relevant items is encouraged. Look for book reviews! Sharon Stewart and Moira Hassell.

THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS Tuesdays during Lent, continues on **March 9 at 7 pm** in the lounge of Logan Veneta Hall. Visually stunning DVD bible study. The six weekly segments each include Historical and cultural background; An engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning; and, accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today. Each week stands alone, come when you can.

NO SCENTS PLEASE! People in our congregation are sensitive to various chemicals "natural" or otherwise. Please do not use scented soaps, perfumes, aftershave etc. **Never use spray deodorizers in our bathrooms under any circumstances! This has caused problems.**

MUSIC COMMITTEE The new committee has now been formed. Members are: Bob Cairns, elder; Margaret Lavictoire, choir member; Simon Pinsonneault, organist; Isaac Ives and Jean McNally, congregation members.

This committee is responsible to the Kirk Session and would welcome any suggestions or recommendations that adherents or members of the congregation may have. We would ask that any of the suggestions or recommendations be signed by the concerned parties.

THE HUMAN CONDITION St. Giles Mission Committee has planned a series of three film nights for the months of March, April and May. The films shown will be of general interest, from three different parts of the world and are linked only in that they reflect our common humanity. On **Saturday 20 March at 7 pm** you are invited to come and enjoy "Amal" a delightful film from India. The screening will be in the church basement so that there is handicapped access. Come and enjoy, this film will give you lots to think about. We may even manage some snacks!

WORLD WATER DAY - Monday, March 22

To mark this day the Council of Canadians will be holding an event here at St. Giles starting at 7:30 pm. The movie "Blue Gold" a documentary on the negative impacts of the privatization of water resources, and the need to have water declared as a basic human right will be screened. This will be followed by a speaker from Ottawa River-Keepers who will highlight local water issues. We may also have the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Maude Barlow, speak at the end of the evening, but her attendance is to be confirmed.

MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE Our prayers are requested for the millions of people left hurt, grieving and homeless following the huge earthquake on February 27th. We can also contribute money for relief through Presbyterian World Service and Development. Simply mark an amount for "Chile Quake" on your church envelope any Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday March 28 at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday April 1 at 6:00 pm

Neighbourhood ecumenical service at
Glebe St. James United Church, corner
of First and Lyon, one block west of St. Giles.

Good Friday April 2 at 3:00 pm

Neighbourhood ecumenical service at St. Giles.

Easter Sunday April 4

Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am

Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am

Once again we are joining with our neighbour
congregations of Glebe St. James United Church and St.
Matthews Anglican church for the services on Maundy
thursday and Good Friday. You are encouraged to
attend as many of the Holy Week services as you can.

EASTER LILIES On Easter Sunday we decorate the Sanctuary with
lilies which are delivered to people in hospital or confined to their homes
following the service. You can contribute a small amount of money for the
lilies in memory of a loved one if you wish. Simply mark the amount as
“Easter Lilies” on your envelope and include a note with the name(s) of
those you wish to be remembered in this way. The names must be
received by Sunday March 28.

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