



THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Welcome: *Susan Haig*

Prelude

✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting: *Susan Haig*

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Gloria: #686 (Common Praise)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est,



and peace to all peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,



we — wor - ship you, we give — you thanks,



we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

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on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning,
grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Carol Watson*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD

and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 78.1-7 – *George Black*

Refrain:



Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God,
and the wonderful works you have done. **Refrain**

You gave your decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children.
That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children.
So that they might put their trust in you, O God,
and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments; **Refrain**

Second Reading: *David Burt*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence: Zion hört die Wächter singen (BWV 140 - #4) – *J.S. Bach*

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron',
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all
zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.
~Philip Nicolai (from cantata 140)

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy within her,
she wakens and hastily arises.
Her glorious Friend comes from heaven,
strong in mercy, powerful in truth,
her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, precious crown,
Lord Jesus, the Son of God!
Hosannah!
We all follow
to the hall of joy
and hold the evening meal together.*

The Gospel: *Steven Mackison*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Jesus said:) “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.1-13

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: “Witness” (arr. Jack Halloran): Virtual Choir

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharises,

His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.

The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old.

Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again."

He said, "Marvel not, Be wise, repent, believe and be baptized."

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.

Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a-wandering about. Samson's strength was never found out.

'Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"

Well, old Samson's wife, she talked so fair, Samson said "Cut off my hair!

Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man,"

Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness for my Lord!

My soul is a witness for my Lord!

~Traditional spiritual

Hymn: #525 (Common Praise) "The Church's One Foundation"



1.The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ our Lord; we
2.E-lect from ev-ery na-tion yet one o'er all the earth, our
3.Though with dis-may and won-der we see the church op-pressed, by
4.'Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion and tu-mult of our war, we
5.Yet we on earth have u-nion with God the Three-in-One, and



are his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word: from
char-ter of sal-va-tion one Lord, one faith, one birth; one
schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed: yet
wait the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for ev-er-more, till
mys-tic sweet com-mun-ion with those whose rest is won. O



heaven he came and sought us to be his ho-ly bride; with
glo-rious name we hal-low, par-take one ho-ly food, and
saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up, "How long?" And
with the vi-sion glo-rious our long-ing eyes are blessed, and
hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we like



his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.
to one hope we fol-low, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
the great church vic-tor-ious shall be the church at rest.
them, the meek and low-ly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Prayers of the People: *Anne Evers*

Leader: Gracious and Holy One,
you have made us your children and heirs of life everlasting:
Enliven us to be alert and responsive to your word,
that we may be inspired to work toward the healing and reconciliation
that you intend for all.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Loving Father,
awaken us with the assurance of your presence in our midst,
that the church at all times and in all places
may be ready and prepared to welcome you
as you visit us with your ministry of peace and justice.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let your love be made manifest in this community
and fill us with such hope
that we may live in constant wisdom,
so that when Christ comes again with power and great glory,
all may be made like him in his eternal and glorious reign.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Ruler of all,
give our leaders the wisdom and insight to know whom they serve,
that they may follow the example of your servant Joshua,
and call us to put away all gods - false and foreign - and worship only you.
Grant to the whole human family a growing awareness
of our connection to your created world,
that with respect and reverence we may nurture the earth and all that is in it.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: God of mercy,
gather into the cloud of your compassion those enduring the time of trial,
the sick and the suffering; the lonely and the lost, and those who struggle with
addiction.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

You are the comfort of all who sorrow and the strength of all who suffer.
Help us to know that your steadfast care surrounds all who cry out to you.

We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Creator and redeemer of all,
we do not grieve as others do who have no hope,
for we believe that Jesus died and rose again.
We pray for those who have died,
especially those caught in the grips of tragedy in our world this week.
We remember Vietnam and the Philippines,
and pray for those who died in the wake of tropical storms.
We remember Austria, and pray for victims of terrorism.
We pray for Ethiopia, and those who were murdered because of their ethnicity.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Comfort those who mourn a loss this day with the assurance
that they will be reunited with those they love in the life to come.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Gracious God,
your only Son tells us that there is no greater love than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
We pray for all those, in times of war and peace,
who have been willing to lay down their lives for others,
especially the veterans who will be remembered this week.

Please give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving or add them over in the chat box.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: *Susan Haig*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Doxology: *Susan Haig*

Priest: Glory to God,

**All: whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn: #599 (Common Praise) "Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night"



1. A - wake! A - wake! Fling off the night, for God has sent a
2. A - wake and sing, with prais - es strong, in psalm and hymn and
3. Let in the light; all sin ex - pose to Christ, whose life no
4. Then rise as chil - dren of the light. Be nei - ther proud, nor
5. Through Christ give thanks to God, and say to oth - er sleep - ers



glo - rious light, and we who live in Christ's new day must
spir - it - song. Let love our words and works re - new with
dark - ness knows. Be - fore the cross ex - pec - tant kneel, that
hide from sight. Be care - ful how you live, and wise to
on the way: "A - wake, and rise up from the dead that



works of dark-ness put a - way.
all that's good and right and true.
Christ may judge, and judg-ing, heal.
sift the truth from cun-ning lies.
Christ may shine on you in-stead!"

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Ministry Updates: *Susan Haig*

The Dismissal: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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Ministry Updates

Special Vestry Meeting: Reconciliation Mural Proposal

There will be a special vestry meeting today, November 8 at 1 PM through Zoom. On the agenda is a proposal from the Indigenous Solidary Working Group for a reconciliation mural. This meeting is being called at the request of six parishioners, according to the Canons of the Diocese of Toronto ([Canon 14 12.1](#)). A copy of the request sent to the Incumbent and wardens can be found [here](#). To prepare for the meeting, please [read](#) the details of the proposal.

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

The Common Table: Update and Call for Volunteers

The Common Table is unable to open up inside as of yet, since COVID numbers continue to climb and the risk of spread within our vulnerable population indoors is very high. So this winter, CT staff and volunteers will be putting on warm coats and spending lots of time outside. As you likely can see when you go out in your neighbourhood, street homelessness is drastically increasing during the pandemic. To respond to this need, we will be shifting to doing 2 days of actual street outreach, visiting encampments that are growing in Yorkville and close vicinity to the church, delivering food, supplies, and providing ongoing connections and support. Monday through Wednesday we will continue hot food service at the church outside the side doors, and Thursdays and Fridays we will be on foot in the community, packed with supplies.

We are excited for this new endeavour, but this is new for us! We need some things from you to help us succeed: your prayers, your support, and your hands. There are many volunteer jobs we need filled (both on site and at home positions).

Right now, we need:

- Home bakers and sandwich makers (this entails making food at home and individually package them and drop them off- we need to follow strict public health guidelines around this so contact Angie before you make anything!)
- Work from home special project volunteers- good computer skills a necessity
- Shoppers and donation delivery volunteers and organizers
- On site volunteers- working directly with the community (no kitchen help is needed at this time, those positions are full)

It takes a village – and we need the whole village right now! Please get in touch with Angie via email at hockinga@theredeemer.ca

Our Bell Tolls

Our bell tolls at noon on Wednesdays to raise awareness of overdose deaths in our city. Each toll represents one person who is loved and who mattered. We honour the lives we have lost and stand in solidarity with the poor who are forgotten and neglected.

Marginalia

“Marginalia” are the marks you scribble around the border edges of pages of a book. Redeemer’s series by this name is a sort of “Sunday School for grown-ups” and meets on Zoom on **Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM**. Our November series is “Utopia Now : The Politics of the Sermon on the Mount ”. The schedule for the balance of 2020 is on the [Learning@Redeemer](#) page of our website. Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence leads the conversations. To be added to the list for Zoom login details, please contact [Nate](#).

Daily Prayer

An order of service for daily prayer is added to the parish website early each Wednesday morning as an invitation to take time in the middle of the week to pause and pray. Everything you need is provided including a reflection. The link to the order of service to be posted this Wednesday is [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Flowers in Memory or Thanksgiving

As we come together for worship in the church building again, it is possible for flowers in memory or in thanksgiving to be placed on the reredos. If you would like to dedicate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, the cost is \$75/vase (or \$150 if you wish to contribute the cost for both vases). Please contact [Marjorie](#) for details.

Parking Update

For many years members of the parish have parked at the Bedford Road Green P parking lot and had their parking receipt stamped for free parking on Sunday mornings. At this time, it seems that the parking lot is unstaffed. We expect this is done out of an abundance of caution for the health of staff who work at the parking lot. This means free parking can no longer be offered at this time. We will provide updates as often as they are available.