

Advent

Light a candle in the darkness



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020
at 9:00 a.m.

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Love

Joy

Peace

Hope

Welcome: *Steven Mackison*

Opening Rite: *Prerecorded*

“Carry On” (Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young): *Mike Daley & Will Reid*

*One morning I woke up and I knew you were really gone
A new day, a new way,
And new eyes to see the dawn
Go your way
I'll go mine and carry on*

*The sky is clearing and the night has cried enough
The sun he comes the world so often up
Rejoice, rejoice, we have no choice but to carry on*

*The fortunes of fables are able to sing a song,
Now witness the quickness with which we get along
To sing the blues, you've got to live the dues
And carry on*

*Carry on love is coming,
Love is coming to us all*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Andrew Scorer*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 64.1-9

A moment of silence is observed

Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

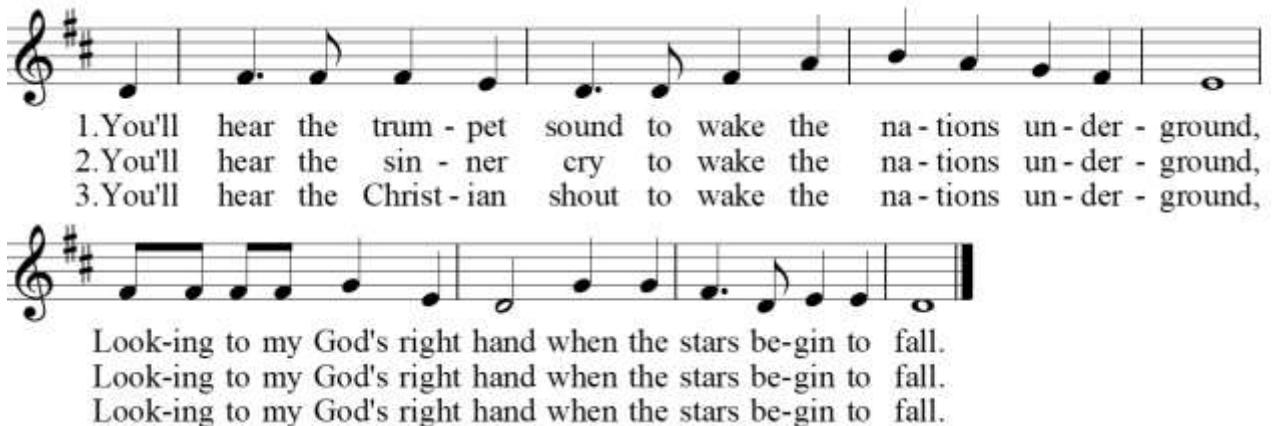
Hymn: #708 (Voices United) "My Lord, What a Morning"

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing. My Lord, what a morn-ing. My Lord, what a
morn-ing when the stars be-gin to fall.

Verses



1.You'll hear the trum - pet sound to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
2.You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3.You'll hear the Christ - ian shout to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
Look-ing to my God's right hand when the stars be-gin to fall.
Look-ing to my God's right hand when the stars be-gin to fall.
Look-ing to my God's right hand when the stars be-gin to fall.

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: African-American spiritual.

The Gospel: *Susan Haig*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will

be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 13.24-37

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

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “As Longs the Hart”

Hymn: #541 (Common Praise) "As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams"



1. As longs the hart for flow-ing streams, so longs my soul for you, O
2. My tears have fed me day and night, while oth - ers said, "Where is your
3. Why do I mourn and toil with - in, when it is mine to hope in



God; my soul does thirst for the liv - ing God: when shall I
God?" But I re - call, as my soul pours dry, the days of
God? I shall a - gain sing praise to God, who is my



come to see your face?
praise with - in your house.
help, who is my God.

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The Prayers of the People: *Craig Spielmacher*

Leader: Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

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

Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: That the one who is the Light of the world
may rouse us from sleep
and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence.

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

Leader: Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation**

Leader: That we may discover God's word
in every sound of this world,
God's touch in every human embrace,
and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us.

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

Leader: Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation**

Leader: That divine energy and holy grace
may bring our hearts to vigilance
and make us see with uncovered eyes
the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies.

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

Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation**

Leader: That we may come to recognize
in our holy assembly gathered for prayer
that Jesus the Christ is here
to make our songs of praise and pleadings his own.

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

Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation**

Leader: That God's coming into the days and years of our human history
may be always new, always brimming with light
to drive all darkness away.

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

Show us your mercy:

All: **And grant us your salvation**

Leader: Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and 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: *Steven Mackison*

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: *Steven Mackison*

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: #91 (Common Praise) "People Look East!"



1. Peo - ple, look east! The time is near of the crown - ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
filled; e - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley humm - ing with the



hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the
course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the
fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the
sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the
word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the



guest, is on the way.
rose, is on the way.
bird, is on the way.
star, is on the way.
Lord, is on the way.

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Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

Commisioning and Blessing of our Youth Ministry Apprentice:

Hilary Keachie, Steven Mackison, and Pavani Paul

The Dismissal: *Susan Haig*

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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As the church year ends, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry

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Ministry Updates

Staying Connected

The next Staying Connected parish meeting with our Incumbent, The Rev'd Canon Steven Mackison, will be today at 10:30 AM. Zoom login details are in Friday's eNews.

Advent Carol Service at 7 PM (Recorded)

One of the most loved services of the year is moving online for 2020. Join in on [Facebook](#) at 7 PM. The video will be available on our [YouTube channel](#) as well.

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.

I Wonder as I Wander: Pilgrimage Walks for Advent

Learning@Redeemer invites all to share the journey of Advent in a series of weekly meditative walks. The themes of the walks will follow the themes of the four candles of the Advent wreath: hope, peace, joy, and love, respectively, and finally, the Christ candle.

A focus for meditation from a member of our community, based on the text of an Advent hymn, forms the basis of the pilgrimage. You are invited to follow the suggested route, on your own time, either in person if you can do that safely, or as reflection from your home.

The pilgrimage meditation and suggested route will be posted on Thursday mornings on our website.

Blue Christmas Service

In Covid as in exile the people of God raise a lament, asking “how can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” **Join in by Zoom on Tuesday December 15 at 7 PM** as we grieve our different losses and sorrows together and journey in company towards the hope and promise of a Jerusalem restored. The link for the service will be in the Friday, December 11 eNews.

Redeemer Gifts – Calling for Drivers

The Pastoral Care Team is asking for volunteers to assist with delivering **Redeemer Gifts on Saturday December 19**. If you can help, please contact MJ Wilson at mjwdhp@icloud.com.

Celebration of New Ministry

On **Sunday, December 6** at 4 PM on Zoom all are invited to a celebration of new ministry for Trinity-St. Paul Port Credit and The Rev’d Roshni Jayawardena, our former assistant curate. This service of celebration and prayer will include music from Trinity-St. Paul, St. Peter’s Erindale and Church of the Redeemer. The Zoom link will be shared in the Friday, December 4 eNews.

The Common Table: Update and Call for Volunteers

Street homelessness is drastically increasing during the pandemic. To respond to this need, the Common Table has shifted to doing two days of street outreach by visiting encampments that are growing in areas close to the church including Yorkville, delivering food, supplies, and providing ongoing connections and support. Monday through Wednesday the hot food service at the side doors of the church continues. On Thursdays and Fridays staff and volunteers will be on foot in the community, packed with supplies. We are excited about this endeavour! You can help by offering your prayers, your support, and your hands. There are volunteer opportunities both on-site and at home. Can you help? Please get in touch with [Angie](#) for more information about where help is needed.

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**. The December series, “Handel’s Messiah & Prophetic Hope” begins on November 30. Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence leads the conversations. To be added to the list for Zoom login details, please contact [Nate](#).

Advent Word

Each year, we participate in AdventWord - a global advent calendar. Each day, on social media we post an image that reflects the day's word. Please join us!

You can sign up to receive the daily meditations and share your own images. To learn more visit the AdventWord 2020 [website](#).

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.