



THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 AT 9 A.M.

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**Welcome:** *Steven Mackison*

*Prelude: Jill Daley*

## ✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

**The Greeting:** *Steven Mackison*

*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.**

**Glory to God:** *Mike Daley*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
through the power of him  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading:** *Jim Burnham*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of

Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Judges 4.1-7

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 123 (*George Black*)

**Refrain:**



Our eyes rest on you, God, a - noint - ing your kind - ness.

To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.  
As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
So our eyes look to you, our God,  
until you show us your mercy. **Refrain**

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud. **Refrain**

**Second Reading:** *Sue Stevens*

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining

salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #707 (Gather) vv.1,3,1 “Guide My Feet”



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my  
3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by  
1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my



feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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**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 Matthew.

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

(Jesus said) “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His

master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.14-30

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

*A moment of silence is observed*

“In Remembrance” (*Eleanor Daley*):*Virtual Choir*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep  
I am the thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glint on snow.  
I am the sunlight-ripened grain,  
I am the gentle morning rain.  
And when you wake in the morning’s hush,  
I am the sweet uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there, I did not die.*

Hymn: #882 (Gather) "Healer Of Our Ev'ry Ill"

Refrain:



Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, light of each to - mor-row, give us peace be-  
yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor-row.

Verses:



1.You who know our fears and sad-ness, Grace us with your  
2.In the pain and joy be-hold-ing, How your grace is  
3.Give us strength to love each oth-er, Ev-'ry sis-ter,  
4.You who know each thought and feel-ing, Teach us all your  
peace and glad-ness, Spir-it of all com-fort: fill our hearts.  
still un-fold-ing, Give us all your vi-sion: God of love.  
ev-'ry broth-er, Spir-it of all kind-ness: be our guide.  
way of heal-ing, Spir-it of com-pas-sion: fill each heart.

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**The Prayers of the People:** *John Stevens*

*Leader:* Holy God, if we are presuming on your mercy,  
alert us and shatter our complacency;  
if we are doubting your mercy,  
affirm in us the reality of your forgiveness.  
May we, as the Church, encourage and warn,  
but never condemn;  
acknowledge sin, but never judge.

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

*Leader:* We know that Christ will come again:

*All:* **Make us ready to meet him.**

*Leader:* Holy God, raise up prophets to speak your truth,  
and draw attention to whatever needs changing in the world and in our lives,  
our expectations and assumptions,  
our management of resources and finances,  
our systems of government and our attitudes,  
and our treatment of the earth.  
May all peoples come to recognize your truth.

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

*Leader:* We know that Christ will come again:

*All:* **Make us ready to meet him.**

*Leader:* Holy God, fill our homes and places of work  
with compassion and understanding  
that tensions and barriers melt away, conflicts are resolved  
and troubles are lightened by being lovingly shared.  
Open our hearts to hope again where we have given up.

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

*Leader:* We know that Christ will come again:

*All:* **Make us ready to meet him.**

*Leader:* Holy God, may all in misery and despair  
turn to find you close beside them in their heartache,  
not condemning but loving them in their pain.  
May all who are locked in terror or guilt be set free,  
and may those whom illness wearies and frightens  
be strengthened to persevere, freed from resentment.

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

We know that Christ will come again:

*All:* **Make us ready to meet him.**

*Leader:* Holy God, Lord of the living and the dead,  
we commend to your mercy all who have died,  
and thank you for that everlasting healing  
which frees us from all pain and suffering.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace and rise in Christ's glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones, and bring us all to share eternity with you.

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

*Leader:* We know that Christ will come again:

*All:* **Make us ready to meet him.**

*Leader:* Holy God, we thank you for the gifts and talents you have given us.  
May we use them in ways which edify others and glorify you.

*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

*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

*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: #536 (Gather) “Amen Siakudumisa”



A-men si - a-ku-du-mi - sa. A-men si - a-ku-du-mi - sa. A-men ba-wo,  
A-men ba-wo, A-men si - a-ku-du-mi - sa.

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### **Ministry Updates:** *Steven Mackison*

#### **The Dismissal:** *Susan Haig*

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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

### **Floral Dedication**

The Chancel flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of and thanksgiving for her husband Gordon Hachborn by Pamela Thomson and family.

### **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.

## **Yes-venber**

As we move through these strange and challenging days, the pastoral care team thought it might be a good idea to look at this month as Yes-venber instead of November. "Yes" means focussing on the positive and uplifting aspects of life even as we see the days become darker and colder and the uncertainties about our world drag on.

To keep a "Yes" in our minds, we want to send out a daily suggestion for some music that might brighten the sunnier part of your soul and give you a lift. Listen when you can, but starting your day with the song might set the positive tone that will help make the rest of the day go just a bit more joyfully. Maybe you can let the music remind you of your connection to the Redeemer community and feel the love.

To receive a song each day until the end of the month, please [sign up](#).

## **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](mailto: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.