



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
THE REIGN OF CHRIST: HOLY EUCHARIST  
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**Welcome:** *Steven Mackison*

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

*Please rise as you are able*

**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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Grant us, Lord God,  
a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ✠ **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading:** *Marjorie Wrightson*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 100: *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Be joyful in God, all you lands:  
worship with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

*All:* **Know this: the Most High is God,  
who made us and claims us,  
who leads us and shepherds us.**

*Priest:* Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving;  
go into God's temple with praise;  
give thanks and call upon the name of God.

*All:* **For our God is good,  
everlasting in mercy:  
God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Psalm Source: Book of Alternative Services, adapted by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine*

**Second Reading:** *Marjorie Wrightson*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the

heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 1.15-23

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**The Gospel:** *Steven Mackison*

*Please rise as you are able*

*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:) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.31-46

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

**Homily:** Nate Wall

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Statement of Faith:** *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;

*All:* **For we know that you have made the world in a way  
that people must find their own path to peace  
within themselves and with their neighbours.**

*Priest:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end starvation;

*All:* **For you have already given us  
the resources with which to feed the entire world,  
if we would only use them wisely.**

*Priest:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to root out prejudice;

*All:* **For you have already given us eyes  
with which to see the good in all people,  
if we would only use them rightly.**

*Priest:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end despair;

*All:* **For you have already given us the power  
to clear away slums and to give hope,  
if we would only use our power justly.**

*Priest:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end disease;

*All:* **For you have already given us great minds  
with which to search out cures and healing,  
if we would only use them constructively.**

*Priest:* Therefore we pray to you instead, O God,

*All:* **for strength, determination and willpower,  
to do instead of just pray,  
to become instead of merely to wish. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People:** *Marjorie Wrightson*

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* As children of the kingdom, let us make our prayers to God.  
Spirit of the living God:

*All:* **May your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* We pray for your kingdom to come  
in the worldwide communities  
of those who believe in Jesus Christ,  
that our lives may enthrone him.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Spirit of the living God:

**All: May your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* We pray for your kingdom to come  
to the nations of our world and to their leadership;  
for God's values to take root and grow;  
for each person to be respected as a beloved child of God,  
and for a renewal in how we see and know our place  
in the reign you have established in all of creation.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Spirit of the living God:

**All: May your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* We pray for your kingdom to come  
to the sick and the suffering, the downtrodden and the oppressed.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Loving God, search for the lost, bring back those who have strayed,  
bind up the injured, strengthen the weak,  
and heal all the hearts of all your children  
in this bruised and battered world,  
that we may see your sovereign purpose in all things,  
and be filled with the compassion that finds its fulfillment in action.  
Spirit of the living God:

**All: May your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* We pray for your kingdom to come  
to those in their final stages of earthly life, in the journey through death,  
and in the awakening to life eternal with you.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Loving God, welcome into your kingdom  
all whose lives show them to be your servants.  
Prepare us all to meet you with confidence  
that all hurts will be healed, all wrongs made right,

and all sins forgiven.  
Spirit of the living God:

**All: May your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord,  
for making us, and redeeming us,  
and guiding us in the ways of your reign of justice, love, and peace.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* 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 Peace:** *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist:** *Steven Mackison*

The Prayer Over the Gifts

*Priest:* Gracious God,  
you gather us before your throne of glory,  
and feed us with the life of Jesus.  
Receive all we offer you this day  
and fill us with the hope to which you have called us.  
This we pray, in the name of the Sovereign One,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest:* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along our journey,  
lifting us up from the dust even when we have fallen short of your glory.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent angels  
to whisper your message of love without measure.

In every age, you sent your prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
and our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire,  
which you have entrusted to our fragile wills and restless hearts.

In the fullness of time, you sent your son to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and the despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks,  
and offered it for all, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim this truth:



**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Priest:* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom, to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise  
with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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 Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion

*Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion*

## Prayer After Communion

*Priest:* God almighty and all loving,  
you have made us one  
in the body and blood of your Son,  
that we might proclaim his reign in all the world.  
Grant us purity of intention and clarity of purpose  
that we may do your will in your world.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

## Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

### 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.*

**[Online Donation](#)**

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

# Ministry Updates

## Rock Eucharist at 7 PM (Recorded)

Join in on [Facebook](#) at 7 PM for the next Rock Eucharist featuring the music of Peter Gabriel. 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.

## FaithWorks

The Diocese of Toronto has designated this **Sunday, November 22**, as FaithWorks Sunday. From our own Common Table ministry to other programs, large and small, throughout the diocese, Faithworks provides financial resources thanks to generous donations from individuals and parishes. Church of the Redeemer makes an annual commitment in our budget in support of FaithWorks. To learn more about the ministries that receive funding from Faithworks visit their [website](#). Donations can be made through our [website](#) (select FaithWorks in the drop-down menu).

## National Day for Housing

**Sunday, November 22** is the National Day for Housing, and the Diocese of Toronto is launching a Housing Matters campaign to prevent and address homelessness in the face of a COVID-19 winter. Bishop Andrew Asbil and The Rev'd Leigh Kearns, spoke at a [press conference](#) on Wednesday, November 18 to launch the campaign. To learn more about this initiative and how each of us can support it, the diocese has information [here](#).

## Staying Connected

The next Staying Connected parish meeting with our Incumbent, The Rev'd Canon Steven Mackison, will be on **Sunday, November 29**. Details to follow.

## **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-vember**

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-vember 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](#).

## **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**. Our November series, “Utopia Now: The Politics of the Sermon on the Mount” wraps up tomorrow evening. 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 Wreath Candle-lighting Video

This year, our Advent wreath candle-lighting will look a little different. We are creating a video for the opening part of our Advent liturgies. We'll light the candles on our wreath at the church as part of the video and we want to include you! You are invited to create a short video that shows your household lighting the Advent candles at your place. You can [send](#) this video directly to Dan Norman for inclusion in our video. On Sunday mornings, beginning on Advent One - November 29, all are invited to have a wreath or candles present for our online services so you can participate that way, too.

## 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](#).

## Workshop on Financial Concerns for Seniors

The Stewardship Committee invites all who are interested to attend a virtual workshop on **Tuesday, November 24** at 12 PM on financial concerns for seniors. The workshop is sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and the ELFEC (Lutheran Foundation) and offered by the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education ([www.cfee.org](http://www.cfee.org)). Together with IG Wealth Management, the CFEE has organized a series of virtual workshops designed to help seniors develop a better understanding of financial issues relevant and important to them and this is part of the series. Registration and further information is [here](#).

## **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.