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AFTER  
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SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 24,  
2021  
AT 10:30 A.M.

The  
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**Welcome:** *Steven Mackison*

Prelude: *Ricercar del Primo Tono (Andrea Gabrieli)*

## ✠ 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.**

Kyrie: *(H. Willan – Missa 1): Virtual Choir*

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading:** *Doug Smith*

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

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 62.6-14 (*Taizé*)

**Refrain:**



Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul; de lui vient mon sa-lut.  
In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.



Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix. Mon  
On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly my hope is in God,  
Who alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken. **Refrain**

In God is my safety and my honour;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust always in God, O people,  
pour out your hearts before God our refuge. **Refrain**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together. **Refrain**

Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. **Refrain**



Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul; de lui vient mon sa-lut.  
In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.



Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix. Mon  
On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O God,  
according to our deeds you repay us. **Refrain**

**Second Reading:** *Carol Watson*

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

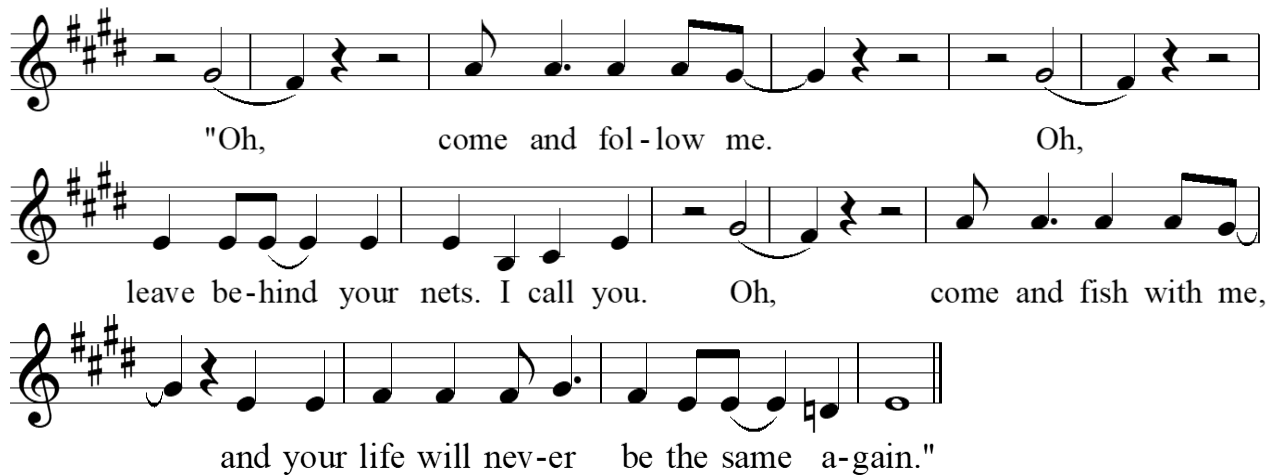
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence: #113 (More Voices) “Come and Follow Me”



"Oh, come and fol-low me. Oh,

leave be-hind your nets. I call you. Oh, come and fish with me,

and your life will nev-er be the same a-gain."

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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 Mark.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1:14-20

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

**Homily:** Nate Wall

*We pause for music and meditation.*



Meditation: The Call (*From 5 Mystical Songs – Ralph Vaughan Williams*)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*~George Herbert*

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

*Priest:* We believe that God is present,  
*All:* **in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

*Priest:* We believe in a with-us God  
**who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.**

*Priest:* We affirm a faith  
**that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.**

*Priest:* We commit ourselves  
**to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Hymn: #456 (Common Praise) “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”



1.He comes to us as one un - known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2.He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3.He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4.He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5.He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part, half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored: the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name for ev - ery child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - iour, and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- ); first line from Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, 1910. © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Music: Melody Nikolaus Herman (1480?-1561); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## The Prayers of the People: *Chris Ambidge*

*Leader:* Gathered together by God, let us offer our cares and concerns.

We pray for the church, that it may be a vibrant sign of God's life expressed in the diverse voices that speak as Christ's body.

May it serve, listen, and love in the ordinary needs of everyday life and in the extraordinary needs of this time of pandemic and global unrest.

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

*Leader:* Guide us, Lord:

*All:* **And we will follow.**

*Leader:* We pray that the world's attention  
may be refocused on what is of lasting value;  
that in humility all in authority may hear the real needs  
of their people and our planet,  
honouring them through engaging dialogue and concerted action.

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

*Leader:* Guide us, Lord:

*All:* **And we will follow.**

*Leader:* We pray that all the households  
and neighbourhoods represented here  
may be alerted to the signs of glory around them  
in the miracle that surrounds each moment.  
Help us all to see the holy in our midst and embrace our calling.

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

*Leader:* Guide us, Lord:

*All:* **And we will follow.**

*Leader:* We pray that all who are searching for God,  
in their pain or distress, find God's enduring presence.  
May all lives that are broken be mended,  
Finding the courage to change through faith and trust in God.  
We pray for all those in need of healing and wholeness.

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

*Leader:* Guide us, Lord:

*All:* **And we will follow.**

*Leader:* We pray that the dying may turn to God  
and be comforted through that final journey.  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May those who mourn their loss find consolation and hope  
in God's promise never to abandon us.

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

*Leader:* Guide us, Lord:

*All:* **And we will follow.**



*Leader:* We pray that our awareness of God's love for us  
may inspire us to new depths of conviction  
and new heights of gratitude.

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

*Leader:* Holy God, 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: #432 (Common Praise) “Jesus Calls Us! O’er the Tumult”



1. Je - sus calls us! O'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest-less sea,  
2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,  
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear thy call,



day by day his sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian,  
turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for  
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian,  
still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me  
give our hearts to thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee



fol - low me!"  
his dear sake.  
love me more."  
more than these."  
best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

### The Dismissal: *Susan Haig*

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

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

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# Ministry Updates

## Next Staying Connected Meeting

The next Staying Connected parish meeting with our Incumbent, The Rev'd Canon Steven Mackison, is at 12 PM on **Sunday, January 31**.

There will be updates from staff members, stewardship and finance committees and about plans to celebrate the parish's sesquicentennial.

The Zoom link will be included in the Friday, January 29 eNews.

## Lententide Reading Group

Learning@Redeemer invites all to look forward throughout the season of Lent to the events of Holy Week with the Lententide Reading Group. We'll focus on Jesus' final days by reading the book *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

More details are [online](#) and [registration](#) is open now.

## Living our Questions: A Small-Group Experience with Fellow Seekers

Is there a "sticking point" in your experience of Christian community? It's easy to feel isolated with our sticking points, but we're not. Learning@Redeemer invites you to share the questions you live with in a safe, confidential circle of fellow seekers. A group of 10 to 12 participants will begin meeting shortly after Easter, with the special invitation to share your "sticking points." We'll start by sharing from the heart about our journeys. In our later meetings, we'll take up the topics that members most want to explore and take turns leading discussion on. More details are on our [website](#), and [registration](#) is open.

## An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee

COVID has affected us all, from here in downtown Toronto to the entire world. While it has been two years since Church of the Redeemer last sponsored a group of refugees (4 young men from Eritrea), the committee has continued meeting occasionally, both to share our own circumstances and to exchange news and maintain hope that we will be able to welcome another group once travel restrictions are lifted.

The committee is working with AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance) to sponsor a Somali family of 7, currently living in a Kenyan refugee camp. We hope that they will be able to arrive by 2022.

## **Make every day a Season of Creation Day!**

Following up on the 2020 Season of Creation, Learning@Redeemer in collaboration with Creation Matters presented a 30-Day Challenge. Each day, a member of The Redeemer community offered a reflection on our place in Creation with a related call to action. The responses were thoughtful, creative, and hopeful! The 30-Day Challenge is now available on the Creation Matters@Redeemer [webpage](#). Please take up the challenge, but don't stop on day 30, just repeat!

## **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.

## **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [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.