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SUNDAY,
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AT 10:30 A.M.

The
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Welcome: *Steven Mackison*

Prelude: Cello Suite No.3 in C (*J.S. Bach – BWV 1009*)

Performed by Grace Perry-Howarth

✠ 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.**

Opening Hymn: # 560 (Common Praise) “God, Whose Almighty Word”



1. God, whose al-might-y Word cha-os and dark-ness heard, and took their flight:
2. Sav-our, who came to bring on your re-deem-ing wing heal-ing and sight,
3. Spir-it of truth and love, life-giv-ing, ho-ly Dove, speed on your flight!
4. Gra-cious and ho-ly Three, glo-ri-ous Trin-i-ty, wis-dom, love, might,



hear us, we hum-bly pray, and where the gos-pel day sheds not its
health to the sick in mind, sight to the in-ly blind: now for all
Move on the wa-ter's face bear-ing the lamp of grace, and in earth's
bound-less as o-ccean's tide roll-ing in full-est pride: through the world



glo-rious ray, let there be light!
hu-man-kind let there be light.
dark-est place let there be light!
far and wide let there be light!

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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: *Susan Scott*

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

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

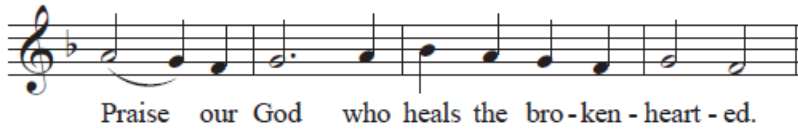
Isaiah 40.21-31

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 147.1-12,21c (*George Black*)

Refrain:



Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to you, our God:
how pleasant it is to honour you with praise!
For you rebuild Jerusalem;
and gather the exiles of Israel. **Refrain**

You heal the broken-hearted
and bind up their wounds.
You count the number of the stars
and call them all by their names. **Refrain**

How great you are, O God, how mighty in power!
There is no limit to your wisdom.
You lift up the lowly,
but cast the wicked to the ground.
Let us sing to the Most High with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp. **Refrain**

You cover the heavens with clouds
and prepare rain for the earth;
You make grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve us all. **Refrain**

You provide food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.
You are not impressed by the might of a horse,
you have no pleasure in human strength;
But you have pleasure in those who fear you,
in those who await your gracious favour.
Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Scott Werry*

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 9.16-23

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #584 (Gather) "Healing River"



1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and



wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks



land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
rise. O heal - ing riv - er send down your



wa - ters, And wash the blood from off the sand.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

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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.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who

were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1.29-39

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: Ubi Caritas (*Maurice Duruflé*): *Virtual Choir*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.

Statement of Faith: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: We believe in God,

All: in whom is power and compassion.

Priest: We believe in the creator,
who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains,

**and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness
of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

Priest: We believe in Jesus,
**born in obscurity in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst,
persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil,
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives.
In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.**

Priest: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
**who sustains, comforts and empowers us,
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,
and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.**

Hymn: #347 (Common Praise) "The God of Abraham Praise"



1. The God of A-braham praise who reigns en-throned a-bove; An-
2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de-pend. I
3. The good-ly land I see with peace and plen-ty blest; a
4. Tri-umphant hosts on high give thanks e-ter-nal-ly and



cient of ev-er-last-ing Days, and God of love; Je-
shall, on eag-le wings up-borne, to heaven a-scend. I
land of sac-red li-ber-ty, and end-less rest. There
"Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry, "great Trin-i-ty!" Hail



hov-ah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con-fessed; I
shall be-hold God's face; I shall God's power a-dore, and
milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound, and
A-braham's God and ours! One might-y hymn we raise; all



bow and bless the sac-red name for-ev-er blest.
sing the won-ders of God's grace for-ev-er-more.
trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
power and maj-es-ty be yours and end-less praise!

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The Prayers of the People: *Grant Jahnke*

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of the one, Holy God,
from whom all things take their being.
Let us pray to God now, confident that we are heard.
Dear God, wherever the sparkle of our vision has dulled,
set us glowing once again at the very thought of you,
and restore our longing to draw closer to you
until our lives reflect your light.

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

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **It is the Lord our God.**

Leader: Wherever important and far-reaching decisions need to be made,
wherever wrongs need righting,
justice needs to be restored,
and the environment demands respect,
breathe your wisdom and integrity into all that we do,
that your kingdom may live in us.

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

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **It is the Lord our God.**

Leader: Wherever ongoing family conflicts need resolving,
wherever communication has broken down,
develop our capacity for unconditional love,
and help us to appreciate each other as your children.

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

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **It is the Lord our God.**

Leader: Wherever there is pain and suffering,
whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual,
we pray for the fullness of your healing,
and commit ourselves to serve those in want or distress.

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

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **It is the Lord our God.**

Leader: As we call to mind those who have died
we pray for each of them, that in their dying
they may find the greatest healing of all
as they come into your holy presence for ever.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Bless and pray for those who cared for them,
and be with them as they journey through their grief.

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

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **It is the Lord our God.**

Leader: As we marvel anew today
at your majesty, enfleshed in humility,
we thank you that you came to be among us.

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

Leader: Gracious 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: #874 (Gather) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, When my
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears And the night draws near, And the



tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the
life is al-most gone, Hear my cry, hear my
day is past and gone, At the riv-er I



night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, pre-cious
call, Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, pre-cious
stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, pre-cious



Lord, lead me home.
Lord, lead me home.
Lord, lead me home.

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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!

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Ministry Updates

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.

Lent-in-a-Bag – A Message from our Incumbent

Dear Friends,

One of the significant moments in the rhythm of our lives in faith is our observance of a Holy Lent. It is the time in our liturgical life when we are intentional about our faith journey from the sobering prayers of Ash Wednesday to the first spark of the Easter Vigil, as the light of Christ’s resurrection bursts forth in the darkness.

It is a pilgrimage we have always walked together as a community. And even though the pandemic caught us mid-step last year - forcing us to take other roads and change some of our familiar practices - we still made our journey through Lent together, and were faithful in being more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

This year brings further challenges as we will not be able to gather as a community and observe Ash Wednesday, with the poignant and humbling ashen crosses that would typically adorn our foreheads. So this year we are offering “Lent-in-a-Bag” - so that we remain one in our pilgrimage through Lent, despite being separated from one another. While we want the specific contents to be a surprise, it is important to note that each bag

will contain resources for each Sunday in Lent, including the symbols that guide us in that journey. It will begin with Ash Wednesday. Inside each bag there will be a small, sealed, pyx containing ashes from our own spent palm crosses. You are invited to apply these during our Ash Wednesday liturgy and use the other resources contained in the bag to deepen your experience during the forty days of Lent.

Details on how to acquire your Lent-in-a-bag are below. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Steven

Lent-in-a-Bag – How can I receive one?

Bags will be available for pick-up in the Yonge/St. Clair neighbourhood (a five-minute walk from the St. Clair subway station). Bags can also be delivered to those registrants who are unable to make a pick-up. Additional contact details including the address for pick-ups will be emailed to registrants.

Lent-in-a-Bag – How can I sign up?

Please contact the [church office](#) or click [here](#) to fill out the online form. The deadline is **TODAY - February 7**.

Lent-in-a-Bag – Volunteer Drivers Needed

We are asking for volunteers to deliver bags to those parishioners who are unable to pick up their bags. You can volunteer to help on the [sign-up form](#) as well!

All Creatures Great and Small

Introducing ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL – A joint project from the Pastoral Care Team and Creation Matters to keep us connected through the continuing lockdown. We hope it deepens our knowledge of one another through our relationships with our beloved creature friends inside and outside our homes. For example, why does Mister sit on the piano while Jill Daley plays? Is a guide dog a pet? Who are some of the other important creatures we glimpse in our fellow parishioners' Sunday Zoom boxes? This video series of interviews hopes to answer your questions and introduce you to many of our non-human companions over the coming weeks. If you would like to receive links to the videos of these interviews, please [sign up](#).

Save the Date for Mardi Gras

Join the online Mardi Gras party on **Tuesday, February 16** at 6 PM. There will be many of the things we love about our annual celebration and a few new things, too. Stay tuned for more information.

Catechesis 2021

Maybe you are new to Redeemer and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Or maybe you've been here for years and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Either way, Catechesis is the place for you!

Join us via Zoom for 6-8 weeks beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17. We will explore core elements of the faith such as:

- Telling the Salvation Story
- Who is Jesus?
- How to be the Body of Christ

Each session will involve a short presentation, followed by group discussion/debate. We will strive to create a safe, respectful place where questions and doubts are welcome!

How can you get involved? We are looking for inquiring Catechumens and Discerning Sponsors! Please [register](#).

For more information, please contact catechesis@theredeemer.ca.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

Are you looking to undertake a fast during Lent that focuses on creation and issues related to the climate crisis? The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has produced A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 to provide a fast for each week of Lent: a meat fast, a consumption fast, a food waste fast, a water fast, an injustice fast, an electricity fast and an ignorance fast. May this [resource](#) be part of your Lenten observance.

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. The deadline to register is February 15.

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.

Strategic Plan Update

While the trio working on Resourcing for Mission reported in November and received encouragement from the Board of Management we have not progressed with our plan.

We believe that the plan is sound - to be listening first and planning later. In the time since the last Board of Management meeting, the pandemic realities have forced a number of Church and other organizations to push off significant projects or events into late 2021 or even into 2022. (Canterbury Cathedral scaled back it's commemoration of the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Thomas Becket until 2021 or 2022. What's two years after 850? Just a round number.)

So with all that is happening we, again, are uncertain when to begin: Before Vestry, after Vestry, as part of the 150th, after the 150th.

At a recent Executive Committee meeting we agreed to provide an interim report or note to the Board of Management, Staying Connected (if appropriate), *The Gathering*, the 2020 Vestry Book.

MJ Wilson, Joan Robinson & I welcome advice and suggestions from the parish leadership.

Susan Graham Walker

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!

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.