



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M. The Church of the Redeemer: 162 Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4 office@theredeemer.ca • Tel: (416) 922 4948 • www.theredeemer.ca

Welcome: Steven Mackison y

Opening Song: "Here Comes the Sun" (George Harrison)

Here comes the sun do, do, do Here comes the sun And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun do, do, do Here comes the sun And I say it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun do, do, do Here comes the sun And I say it's all right

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

Here comes the sun do, do, do Here comes the sun And I say it's all right

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* The Easter Greeting

- Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- *Priest:* The stone is rolled away.
- People: Death has been vanquished.



The Collect of the Day: Steven Mackison

Priest: Mighty God,
in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in his resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Jenny Kerber

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader:The word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

Acts 10.34-43 A moment of silence is observed Psalm 118 (Paraphrase): Hymn 435: "Sing to the Mountains"



Second Reading: Andrew Scorer

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

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good new] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader:The word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 A moment of silence is observed



Gospel Acclamation

Redeemer Kids: Easter Gospel Presentation

Thank you to all of the Redeemer Kids, families & leaders who shared & proclaimed the Easter Gospel with us.

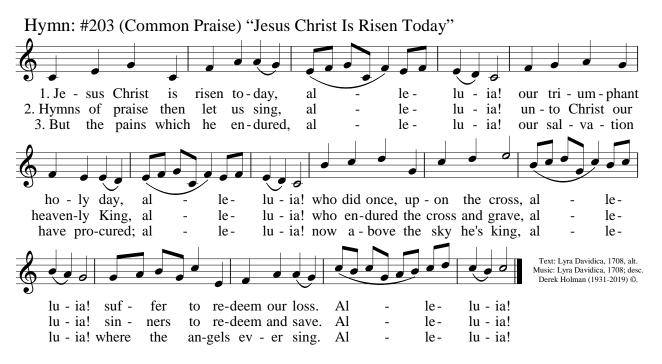
Narration: Jasper, Anna, Madeline, Colin

Illustrations: Jamie, Christopher, Madeline, Sophia, James, Jasper, Julia, Penny, Francis Production: Paul, Hilary

Homily: Susan Haig

A moment of silence is observed.

Meditation: "Songbird" (Christine McVie)



Statement of Faith: Steven Mackison

Priest: We believe in God,
All: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion. *Priest:* We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

- All: he came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable loved the unlovable and endured slander, persecution and death.
- Priest: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth through Christ's suffering love;
 All: he rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven to be present in all times to all people.

Priest: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

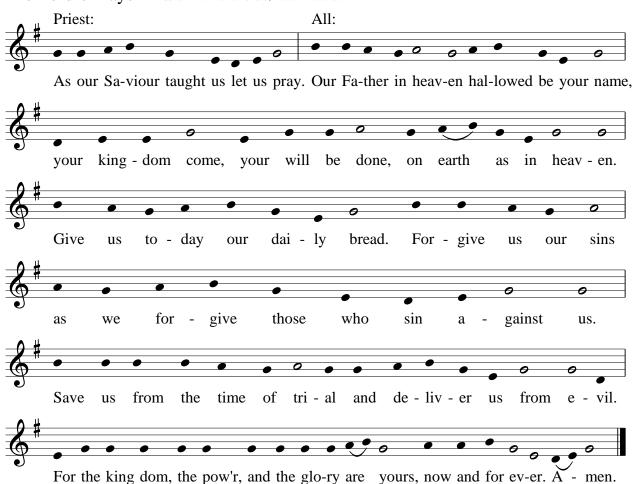
- All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who works through prayer and politics, through justice, care of creation and the healing of the nations.
- *Priest:* We celebrate the potential God has given us:
- All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, and the promise of good things in store for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Led by "The Wise Cherubs" (Redeemer Youth)

All respond to each petition as follows:

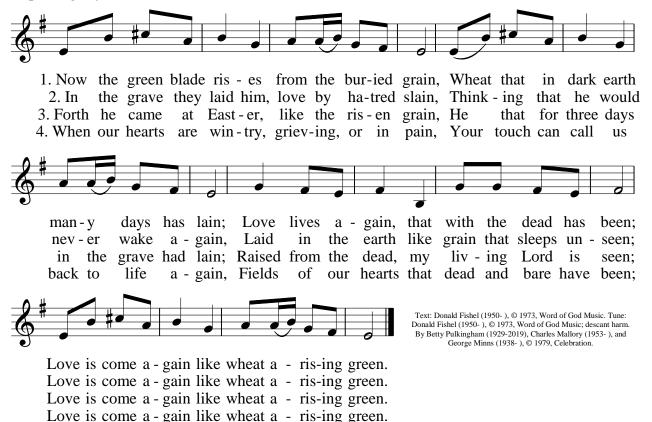
Leader: God of Love. All: Heal us. The Lord's Prayer - MUSIC: McNeil Robinson © 1979, Theodore Presser Co.



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. Departing Hymn: #444 (Gather) "Now the Green Blade Rises"



The Blessing: Steven Mackison

Priest: May Christ,

who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

- *Priest:* We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia!
- People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, 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.

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 <u>website</u>, and <u>registration</u> is open.

Voices For Peace

Voices for Peace explores the radical Christian praxis of peace and non-violence. Redeemer, along with Citizens for Public Justice, the Henri Nouwen Society, the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsors the conference.

This year, in lieu of a residential conference, so we are hosting three webinars with the theme Radical Hope: Radical Resistance. Our speakers will explore the connections of peacemaking to ecology, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and opposition to nuclear weapons development.

April 20, 7 PM: Sylvia Keesmaat. "Recovering Our Roots in the Community of Creation." (Ecology) June 16, 7 PM: Terry Leblanc. "Retelling our Theological Narrative." (Reconciliation) September 16, 7 PM: John Dear. Title TBA (Nuclear disarmament)

Tickets are \$15 + tax/event. <u>Registration</u> for April 20 is now open.

Vaccinations

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at shaig@theredeemer.ca.

Pastoral Care Team Checking In

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at <u>tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available <u>online</u>. 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.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email <u>twilliams@theredeemer.ca</u> by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.