



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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The service begins in silence, with the opening rite.

All are invited to share in the land acknowledgement, offering the following prayer, before we begin.

We acknowledge with respect that we gather today to celebrate on many traditional lands

We give thanks for those peoples whose lands are home to Redeemer:

the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations,

including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Great Spirit, in our relationship with the indigenous community,

we ask that you set our spirits ablaze, that we may pursue justice with passion,

we ask that you breathe your spirit into our lives,

that we may be agents of healing and reconciliation.

This we pray in the name of the Risen and Ascended One,

Jesus Christ the Redeemer. Amen.

Opening Rite

Screen share



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. _____
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. _____

As the ostinato begins, the peoples' responses (below) begin to appear, spoken in many different languages

Priest: Come, Holy Spirit. Kindle our hearts with the fire of new life.

***People:* Fill your church with the breath of God.**

Veni Sancte Spiritus - Taizé

*Twelve candles are lit, to symbolize the tongues of fire that rested on each of the Apostles
When the screen share ends, the service continues on Zoom, live, with the collect of the day*

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Lord of all life,

your Holy Spirit brings hope in despair, joy in sorrow,
energy in despondency and life in death.

Stir up our hearts we pray, that by the Spirit's power
and strengthened by the encouragement of one another,
we may bring your love in service to a world
so much in need of your light and your warmth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**

First Reading

Marg Creal

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 11.1-9

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Response: #49 (More Voices) “When We Seek Language”



1. When we seek lan-guage to praise you, O God, all we can ut - ter seems
2. Stead-fast - ly lov - ing, you gave us your Word, liv - ing a-mong us on
3. To be our guard-ian, sup - port - er, and guide, you sent your Spi - rit to



stale, tame, or odd. Tongue-tied and word-lost, we strug - gle to find
earth, seen and heard, teach - er and heal - er whose prom - ise came true,
stay by our side, source of com - mu - ni - ty, well - spring of prayer,



phras-es that slight nei-ther heart, soul, nor mind:
dy - ing and ris - ing to make all things new:
pow - er to strength-en, and cour - age to dare:

Refrain:



In-fi-nite in-ti-mate un-bound-ed friend, cos-mic com-pan-ion who loves with-out end,



near-er than heart-beat, more sub-tle than breath, keen-er than in-sight, and



strong-er than death.

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Second Reading

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.1-21

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Pentecost Parade: "Once in a Lifetime" (*Talking Heads, B. Eno*)

Screen share

And you may find yourself living in a shotgun shack
And you may find yourself in another part of the world
And you may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile
And you may find yourself in a beautiful house, with a beautiful wife
And you may ask yourself, "Well... how did I get here?"

Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again after the money's gone
Once in a lifetime, water flowing underground

And you may ask yourself, "How do I work this?"
And you may ask yourself, "Where is that large automobile?"
And you may tell yourself, "This is not my beautiful house"
And you may tell yourself, "This is not my beautiful wife"

Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again after the money's gone
Once in a lifetime, water flowing underground

Same as it ever was, same as it ever was

Water dissolving and water removing
There is water at the bottom of the ocean
Under the water, carry the water
Remove the water at the bottom of the ocean

Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again, into the silent water

Under the rocks and stones, there is water underground
Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again after the money's gone
Once in a lifetime, water flowing underground

And you may ask yourself, "What is that beautiful house?"
And you may ask yourself, "Where does that highway go to?"
And you may ask yourself, "Am I right? Am I wrong?"
And you may say to yourself, "My God! What have I done?"

Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again, into the silent water
Under the rocks and stones, there is water underground
Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down
Letting the days go by, water flowing underground
Into the blue again after the money's gone
Once in a lifetime, water flowing underground

Same as it ever was and look where my hand was
Time isn't holding up, time isn't after us
Same as it ever was, same as it ever was
Letting the days go by, same as it ever was

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 John.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about

righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rt. Rev'd Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto

A moment of silence is observed.

Meditation: "My Spirit Sang All Day" (*Gerald Finzi / Robert Bridges*)

Screen share

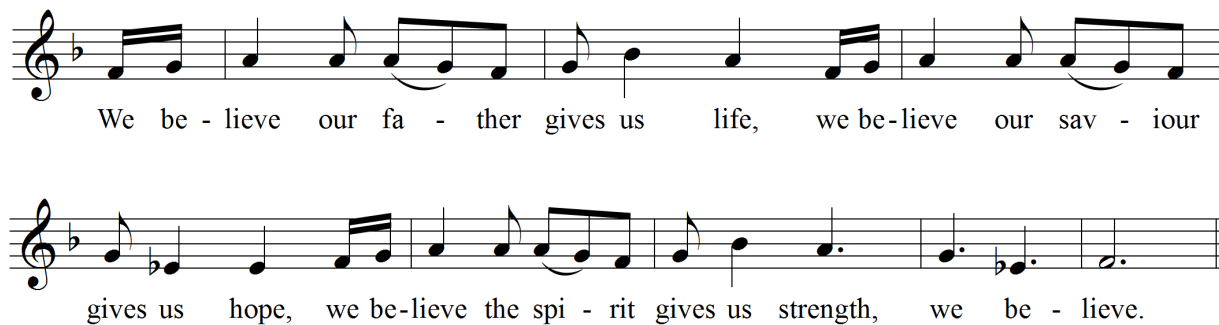
My spirit sang all day
O my joy.
Nothing my tongue could say,
Only My joy!
My heart an echo caught
O my joy
And spake,
Tell me thy thought,
Hide not thy joy.
My eyes gan peer around,
O my joy
What beauty hast thou found?
Shew us thy joy.

My jealous ears grew whist;
O my joy
Music from heaven is't,
Sent for our joy?
She also came and heard;
O my joy,
What, said she, is this word?
What is thy joy?
And I replied,

O see, O my joy,
'Tis thee, I cried, 'tis thee:
Thou art my joy.

Profession of Faith

Refrain



We be - lieve our fa - ther gives us life, we be-lieve our sav - iour
gives us hope, we be-lieve the spi - rit gives us strength, we be - lieve.

We believe in God the father, creator of heaven and earth
we believe in Jesus Christ, the one and only son. **Refrain**

Conceived by the holy spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. **Refrain**

He descended to the dead and rose again on the third day.
He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead. **Refrain**

We believe in the holy spirit and the holy catholic church,
the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of our sins.
We believe in the resurrection and in everlasting life. **Refrain**

Hymn: #645 (Common Praise): “Come Down, O Love Divine”



1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and vis - it it with
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn to dust and ash - es
3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward vest - ure be, and low - li - ness be
4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out - pass the



thine own ar - dour glow - ing; O com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
in its heat con - sum - ing; and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
come mine in - ner cloth - ing; true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler
power of hu - man tell - ing; for none can guess its grace, till they be - come the



pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
part, and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
place where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it finds a dwell - ing.

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The Prayers of the People

Grant Jahnke

Leader: In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God.

For a renewed in-breathing of life and power
in each church community,
which breaks down our barriers
and sets us on fire with God's love.

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

We pray to you:

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: For the grace to see this world
and its needs and problems
through the eyes of love, hope, justice and mercy;
for the grace to abandon prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation;
for the humility to serve creation with awe and wonder.

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

Leader: We pray to you:

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: For the Spirit of loving kindness
to fill our homes, places of work, and centres of learning;
for family rifts to be healed and long-standing conflicts resolved.

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

We pray to you:

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: For the restoration of those who are sick;
for wholeness and well-being;
for courage and patience in all suffering,
and for good to be distilled from every painful, destructive experience.

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

We pray to you:

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: For those who have died, that they may be welcomed into eternity;
for those who grieve a loss, that they may be consoled
and for the opportunity for us all
to prepare carefully for meeting God face to face.

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

We pray to you:

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: For a deeper knowledge and love
of the God who knows and loves us completely.
This we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - *We invite you to recite the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

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.**

French

Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent
le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
dans les siècles des siècles!
Amen.

Spanish

Padre nuestro,
que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día,
dánosle hoy,
y perdónanos nuestras deudas,
así como nosotros perdonamos a
nuestros deudores,
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
mas libranos del mal.
Tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la
gloria por siempre, Señor.
Amén.

Dutch

Onze Vader, die in de hemel zijt;
uw naam worde geheiligd;
uw rijk kome;
uw wil geschiede op aarde zoals in
de hemel.
Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood;
en vergeef ons onze schuld,
zoals ook wij aan anderen hun
schuld
vergeven;
en leid ons niet in bekoring;
maar verlos ons van het kwade.
Want van U is het koninkrijk
en de kracht en de heerlijkheid
in eeuwigheid.
Emen.

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**

Polish

Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie,
święć się imię Twoje,
przyjdź królestwo Twoje,
bądź wola Twoja
Jako w niebie, tak i na ziemi.
Chleba naszego powszedniego daj
nam dzisiaj.
I odpuść nam nasze winy,
jako i my odpuszczamy
naszym winowajcom.
I nie wódź nas na pokuszenie,
ale nas zbaw ode złego.
Bo twoje jest królestwo i potęga,
i chwała na wieki wieków.
Amen.

Steven Mackison

One man come in the name of love
One man, come and go
One man come here to justify
One man to overthrow.
In the name of love
What more in the name of love?

One man caught in a barbed wire fence,
one man he resist.
One man washed on an empty beach,
one man betrayed with a kiss.
In the name of love
What more in the name of love?

Early evening, April 4th
Shot rings out in the Memphis sky
Free at last, they took your life
They could not take your pride
In the name of love
What more in the name of love?

Sesquicentennial Prayer & Blessing

Andrew Asbil

Bishop: Holy Spirit of God,
wind of inspiration,
fire of language,
guardian of truth,
breathe anew on your waiting Church.
Refresh within our community your many gifts,
that seeking out love with patience, genuineness and commitment,
we may be re-formed each day
into the glorious body of the eternal Son,
Jesus Christ the Lord.

And may the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Go forth in peace of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit. 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.

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.

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. Registration for the event is available [here](#).

Marginalia: Sunday School for Grown Ups

Marginalia meets 9 AM–10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. To join the e-mail lists for any of the coming series, all hosted virtually over Zoom, e-mail Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence, at nwall@theredeemer.ca. In case you're interested, here are some upcoming series:

The Holy Trinity in Poetry: 30 May (Trinity Sunday)

The Tri-unity of God is the stubborn knot at the heart of the Christian faith. Join Marginalia this Trinity Sunday as we trace the threads of the mystery with the help of three great Anglican poets: George Herbert, John Donne and Rowan Williams.

Between Angels & Beasts: The Book of Daniel: June 6, 13, 20

Set during Israel exile in Babylon, the Book of Daniel weaves tales of political resistance with visions of monsters. The book has something to say about what it means to be human, and about how to hold onto our humanity inside a dehumanizing culture. (Plus it is full of prophetic fever dreams, so there will be something for everyone.)

Lovers in a Dangerous Time: The Song of Songs: July 4, 11, 18

Early Jewish tradition forbid the young from reading Scripture's most erotic book: the Song of Songs. All these years later, without any official prohibition, the Church still tends to leave this book unread. In the middle of this summer Marginalia will explore the Song's drama of love, its celebration of fleshly joys, and the way it tangles God up in the bedsheets of human longing.

National Indigenous History Month – Bell Ringing

Beginning on Monday, May 31 and every Monday throughout the month of June, the Church of the Redeemer's bell will toll seven times at noon every four seconds to honour the missing Indigenous women and girls across Canada. The number seven is to acknowledge the [Seven Grandfather Teachings](#), while the four seconds is in reference to the four directions of [The Medicine Wheel](#).

By making our bell be heard throughout our community, we hope to spread more awareness of this issue during National Indigenous History Month. Read more [here](#).

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 tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca.

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](#).

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.

Future Ministry Updates

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