



TRINITY SUNDAY & REFUGEE SUNDAY

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

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Welcome

Anne Lee

Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Prelude Song: “Jesus See the Traveler” (*Sara Groves*)

Screen share

Jesus, see the traveler
On their long hard road
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

Lord make soft the strangest bed
Rest the weary feet
Of the mother, of the father
Of the child, have mercy on the traveler

See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

✠ The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Song: “Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come” (*Taizé Community*)



Let all who are thirst-y, come. let all who wish re-ceive the



wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come Lord Je-sus. A-men, come, Lord Je-sus.

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Enfolding God, Trinity of love,
you are our source, our goal, and our life:
may we be born again in you,
no more to live alone and unconnected,
but, sharing the Spirit's breath,
be carried to your heart;
through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up,
and dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Paul Pynkoski

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

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

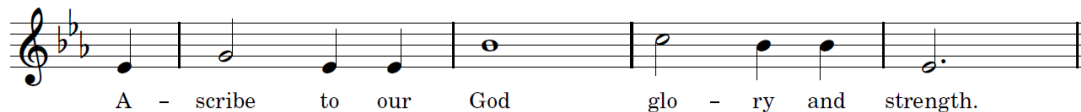
The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 6.1-8

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain:

Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:
 Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.
 Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's Name;
 worship God in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders:
 God is upon the mighty waters.
 The voice of God is a powerful voice;
 the voice of God is a voice of splendour. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;
 God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of God shakes the wilderness;
 God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the Holy One
 all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

God sits enthroned above the flood;
 the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.
 The Holy One shall give strength to all people;
 God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Carol Watson

Reader: A Reading the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to

death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 8.12-17

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #538 (Gather 3rd ed.) "On the Journey to Emmaus"

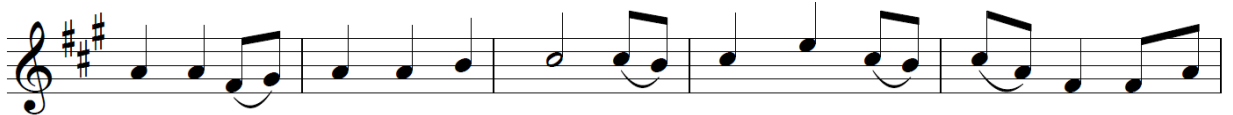
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1. On the jour - ney to Em - ma-us with our hearts cold as stone The
2. And our hearts burned wi - th - in us as we talked on the way, How
3. And that eve - ning at the ta - ble as he blessed and broke bread, We
4. On our jour - ney to Em - ma-us, in our sto - ries and feast, With



One who would save us had left us a - lone. Then a stran - ger walks
all that was prom-ised was ours on that day. So we begged him, "Stay
saw it was Je - sus a - ris'n from the dead; Though he van - ished be-
Je - sus we claim that the great-est is least: And his words burn with-



with us and, to our sur - prise, He o - pens our sto - ries and he
with us and grant us your word." We wel - comed the stran - ger and we
- fore us we knew he was near. The life in our dy - ing and the
- in us let none be ig - nored. Who wel - comes the stran - ger sh - all



Text: Luke 24:13-35; Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Tune: COLUMCILLE,
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o - pens our eyes.
wel - comed the Lord.
hope in our fear.
wel - come the Lord.

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.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 3.1-17

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

Homily: Susan Haig

A moment of silence is observed.

Notre Père qui est 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 soumet pas à la tentation,
Mais délivre-nous du mal.

Traditionally, on Trinity Sunday at Redeemer, we have recited the Nicene Creed as a way of affirming our Christian faith and connecting ourselves to the wider and historic Church. Today however, we take the opportunity to profess the words of a statement of faith, entitled, “The Immigrant’s Creed”.

On this Refugee Sunday, we take time to remember the ways in which our God is the God of the poor, the disenfranchised and the homeless, and through Jesus, citizenship in the Kingdom of God has trumped race, class or nationality.

Affirmation of Faith:

Priest: Together, let us affirm our faith as we say.

All: **I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,
and returning to his own country
suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power,
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,
accused and condemned to death unjustly.**

**But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's realm among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is the secure home
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,**

who speak the same language of faith and have the same purpose.

**I believe that the Communion of the Saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.**

**I believe in the forgiveness, which makes us all equal,
and in the reconciliation,
which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.**

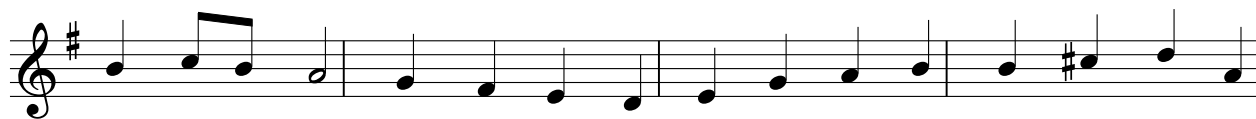
**I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
Beyond this world, I believe in Life Eternal
in which no one will be an immigrant
but all will be citizens of God's realm,
which will never end. Amen.**

Hymn: #84 (Common Praise) "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour"

Screen share



1. Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dour, first be - got - ten
2. Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we; here in lov - ing
3. Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of old in
4. Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering fin - ished once for all when
5. Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, strick - en Rock with



from the dead, thou a - lone, our strong de - fend - er, lift - est up thy
rev - er - ence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment pray we, lest we fail to
Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels hail thee, branch and flower of
thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di - min - ished shall for ev - er
stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud hos - san - na wor - ship thee, the



peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
know thee now. Al - le - lu - ia, thou art here, we ask not how.
Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia, we in wor - ship join with them.
more re - main. Al - le - lu - ia, cleans - ing souls from ev - ery stain.
Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia, risen, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

The Prayers of the People

Christopher Cantlon

Leader: As we continue to witness the refugee crisis,
we remember that the stories of our tradition
are stories of wandering, of flight, of forced migration.
Our Holy Scriptures tell us of the sojourns of the people of God
– of slavery and persecution, of wandering in the wilderness, of exile and loss.
Today, as we pray for the Church and for the world,
we remember our own sacred stories
and how they call us to live in God’s creation,
to bring forth God’s dream of shalom.
With all our heart and all our mind,
let us pray to our God, saying: “Lord, hear us.”

Sovereign God,
may we who are the Body of Christ, the Church,
embrace and welcome the immigrant, the refugee,
and all who seek shelter from any danger.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: God of protection,
whose Son fled violence from his own home with Joseph and Mary
and sought refuge in a foreign land,
hear the cries of all who suffer
because of hatred, war, violence, greed, and famine.
Help us to peacefully mend our divisions,
that all you have created in this world may be whole.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: God Who makes us One,
we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world,
that those who govern the people and have authority over them
may consider each life to be of value
and may serve the people of their nation with equity and fairness,
dedicating themselves to the peaceful resolution of conflict.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Gracious God,
we pray for our newest neighbours,
that those families who have sought refuge
from the ravages of war and violence
may find not only shelter and sustenance,
but also a loving and supportive community
in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

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

Leader: We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Loving God,
there is no one that goes unnoticed in your eyes.
Take into yourself all who suffer.
May Christ, the Wounded Healer, relieve the pain of hunger of the refugee,
heal the afflicted body, soothe the fears of the mind, bring peace to the soul,
and be tender with the broken hearted,
that those who have endured unspeakable trials
may find themselves restored in Christ.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Eternal God,
may you receive those who have died
during times of war and violence into your loving and peaceful arms
and may they find rest for their souls.
Comfort those who mourn the loss of their friends and loved ones
and give them relief from the painful memories they bear,
assuring them of life everlasting.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Almighty and Loving God,
you who have crossed the boundaries of Heaven and Earth
to be with your people,
visit those who must flee their homes
because of violence and oppression
and lead them to a land of safety.

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

We lift our prayers to you:

All: **Lord, hear us.**

Leader: We give thanks to you, Source of All Being,
that you hear our intercessions on behalf of all refugees.
We thank you that love swallows fear,
that in your compassion we learn to walk with those who suffer,
that when we give of ourselves we receive far more,
and that when we welcome those who stand knocking at our doors,
we receive Christ the Beloved One.

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

Hymn: #256 (Common Praise) “Yours the Hand That Made Creation”



1. Yours the hand that made cre - a - tion, womb of ev - ery con - stel - la - tion,

2. Je - sus, from the first de - scend - ing, by your birth the bro - ken mend - ing,

3. Ho - ly Wis - dom, ev - er near us, tongue of fire to teach all hear - ers,



ev - ery spe - cies, ev - ery na - tion: glo - ry to the Three - in - One.

Word of God the nev - er - end - ing: glo - ry to the Three - in - One.

sanc - ti - fy and guard and cheer us: glo - ry to the Three - in - One.

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The Blessing

Steven Mackison

Priest: God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace.

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 in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Ministry Updates

Staying Connected

After the service, beginning at 1 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in the Friday edition of eNews.

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 – Radical Hope: Radical Resistance

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.

The second event in the Voices for Peace series is on **Wednesday, June 16** at 7 PM. The speakers, Leah Gazan and Terry LeBlanc, will facilitate our reflection on reconciliation. The history of the relationship of Church and State with Indigenous peoples has been described by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of "cultural genocide." How do we acknowledge this violence, and then proceed to create the conflicts that produced the protests at Standing Rock and in Wet'suwet'en territory? How might we,

as peacemakers, foster healing and reconciliation? We begin by listening, and then take the challenging step of reimagining what we thought we knew.

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:

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](#).

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.
