



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 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



Gloria: #686 (Common Praise) "Glory to God"

Screen share



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,



we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Mighty God,  
to you belong the mysteries of the universe.  
You transform shepherds into kings,  
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,  
and hardened hearts into loving ones.  
May your life-giving Spirit  
re-create us in your image  
and shape us into your purposes,  
through Jesus Christ.

*All:* Amen.

## First Reading

Didy Erb

*Reader:* A Reading from the first Book of Samuel

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.”





## Second Reading

Ron Waldie

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

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #478 (Common Praise) “Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast” *Screen share*



1. Al-might-y God, thy word is cast like seed in - to the ground: no
2. Let not the foe of right-eous-ness this ho - ly seed re - move: but
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant des - troy: but
4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, thy quick-ening grace be - stow, that



let the dew of heaven des-cend and right-eous fruits a - bound.  
give it root in ev - ery heart, to bring forth fruits of love.  
let it yield a hun - dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing power may know.

Text: John  
Cawood (1775-  
1852) alt. Music:  
Francise Vincent  
Novello (1781-  
1861).

# The Gospel

Steven Mackison

*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.**

Jesus also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 4.26-34

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Meditation:** Excerpt from Elijah (*Felix Mendelssohn*)

*Screen share*

I go on my way in the strength of the Lord.  
For Thou art my Lord, and I will suffer for Thy sake.  
My heart is therefore glad, and I am joyful,  
And my flesh shall rest in safety.

For the mountains shall depart,  
And the hills be removed;  
But thy kindness shall not depart from me;  
Neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed.

Hymn: #631 (Common Praise) "The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy"

Screen share



1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re-  
 2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap-tives are  
 3. The king-dom of God is chal-enge and choice: be - lieve the good  
 4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be-



stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in  
 freed, the sin - ners find place. The out-casts are wel - comed God's  
 news, re - pent and re - joyce! His love for us sin - ners brought  
 gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall



Je - sus we know, and here and here- af - ter the king-dom shall grow.  
 ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.  
 Christ to his cross, our cris - is of judge-ment for gain and for loss.  
 an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - All.

Text: Byrn Austin Rees (1911-1983). © Mrs. Olwen A. Scott. Music: Melody German tradl; Catholisch-Paderbornisches Gesangbuch, 1765; harm. Attrib. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1975-1947), Hymns Ancient and Modern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplement, 1916. Harm © Hope Publishing Co.

## The Prayers of the People

John Castillo

*Leader:* Siblings and friends in Christ,  
 today we acknowledge God's unending comfort,  
 grace, love, kindness, and forgiveness  
 which binds us together in a beautiful global mosaic.  
 May our hearts be changed by God's eternal flame  
 which kindles to purify our consciousness.  
 May we surrender our lives on the potter's wheel  
 to shape us into the image of his beloved son, Jesus.  
 May we reflect with gratitude every blessing he bountifully bestows on us  
 and the gifts of family, friends, and life.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All:** Hear our prayer



*Leader:* God our King;

may your church, the body of Christ use our diverse talents  
and ministry gifts to bring your light and truth to the world.

May we live together in Christ's love by the Holy Spirit's power  
to make evident your promised Kingdom which seeks social justice for all  
to live free from discrimination, hatred, oppression, and violence.

May we continue in your son Jesus' teachings  
to create equitable spaces for all to discover your love.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Sovereign God,

as your Kingdom is in heaven, may it too be here on earth  
and your promised peace transcend all barriers, borders, and boundaries.

We pray all conflict, war, and violence to not overshadow  
the beauty and majesty of your human creation making all our hearts one.

We pray for our own political leaders,

Mayor Tory, Premier Ford, and Prime Minister Trudeau

and governments at the local, provincial, and federal levels in Canada.

We also pray for leaders across our world,

that they will govern with justice and seek liberty

that all people may live peaceable lives.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Creator God, you are the great King over all.

In your hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to you.

The seas are yours; you made them and your hands formed the dry land.

Through your bondless and bountiful provision, you placed us on the earth  
as your ambassadors, stewards, and representatives  
to preserve and protect all life on earth.

May we honor all your creation big and small, visible, and invisible.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Merciful God, with heavy hearts we pray for and remember our Muslim brothers and sisters in London, who are coping with the sudden loss of Salman Afzaal, his wife Madiha Salman, their daughter Yumna Afzaal, Salman's mother, Talat Afzaal, and their nine-year-old son Fayez, the sole survivor who remains in hospital. We pray that your eternal comfort and grace overshadow the hearts of all those affected by this violent and tragic loss motivated by hate. Gracious God, give us the courage, fortitude, and resilience to stand against all forms of discrimination and islamophobia.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We pray for the healing of our relationship between Indigenous peoples, non-Indigenous people, and the land on which we gather to worship in this country. May we continue to remember and pray for the families of the 215 lives of innocent children lost in Kamloops. May your truth guide us towards transformative action and justice, that will rebuild and restore the histories of our First Nations peoples, so we may all live in harmony and peace. God of mercy, you reconciled us to you through your son Jesus' sacrifice, restoring our broken relationship with you. In this, we pray that we too will endeavour that truth and reconciliation guide our actions as we honour our treaties with the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Loving God, we acknowledge the challenges of the ongoing global pandemic and pray that all efforts by frontline workers do not go unnoticed, as vaccination efforts continue to increase providing protection against illnesses. We pray for your healing in our communities and ask for your sustaining grace to give us strength as patiently wait for the days when we can be reunited with our families, friends, and loved ones after a long period of separation.

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

*Leader:* God of comfort and grace,

*All:* **Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We remember all those who lost their lives to disease, sickness, and violence; those near to us and far from us, those known to us and those not known. Rest eternal grant unto them and may light perpetual shine upon them. Caring God, comfort those that mourn and fill their hearts with your unending presence.

God who comforts our hearts and give us hope in a world filled with anguish, pain, and much uncertainty, may we give you our anxieties, doubts, and worries and hold firmly to your promises that reassure us to live unapologetically for you.

May we stand bold in Christ's liberty to wholly trust your compassion and promises knowing you will hear and answer us when we offer our hearts, mind, soul, and prayers to you who sees and knows us.

In unwavering and unyielding faith, we boldly and confidently pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

*Susan Haig*

*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

Susan Haig

*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: #598 (Common Praise) "Go to the World"



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the  
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go live the  
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray; the nights of  
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am



cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing as the sign of  
word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence in each  
tears give way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant church, you fol - low  
with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glo - ry



our re - birth. Al - le - lu - ia!  
time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ's own way. Al - le - lu - ia!  
cry, "A - men!" Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Blessing

Susan Haig

*Priest:* May the God of all growth,  
nurture and sustain you  
as you seek to serve the kingdom.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

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

*Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.*

### [Online Donation](#)

---

Unless stated otherwise, all liturgical texts are excerpted from the Book of Alternative Services © 2004 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. All rights reserved.  
Reproduced under license from ABC Publishing, Anglican Book Centre, a ministry of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, from Anglican Liturgical Library.

The cover image is courtesy of The Episcopal National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

The Collect of the Day is adapted from "Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of The Revised Common Lectionary and Seasonal Prayers Over The Gifts And After Communion",  
The Prayers of the People is prepared by John Castillo.

Prepared by the Liturgy Task Force, Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee Of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.  
All music, not in the public domain, is reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-707061.

---

## Ministry Updates

### A Message from Our Incumbent

Dear Friends,

Both the diocese and the province are now allowing worship to take place in the church, observing all the existing health and safety protocols.

The diocese is encouraging individual communities to decide whether they feel safe and ready to resume worship in their, cherished, sacred spaces.

We are all eager to return to the church when it is safe to do so. The steps we must take to make that possible have already begun. Many have received their first vaccine and are

scheduled for a second dose sometime over the summer. We already have, established, best practices from our experience last fall that allowed us to worship with one another in the church, but remain safe at the same time. However, despite these encouraging steps, we are going to postpone in-person gathering in the church until the fall. We are making this decision so that we may all be safe.

As you may recall from our Vestry meeting, our air-handling system is no longer functioning adequately. Of the eight compressors that control our air conditioning and ventilation needs, only three are working - and those only service our lower level. In other words, there is no air conditioning or ventilation for the church. Given the spread of new COVID variants, we believe it would not be prudent to return to worship in the church until this situation is resolved.

We are currently securing quotes to expedite the needed replacements/repairs and hope to begin the work shortly, with a view to completing it as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we will continue to worship via Zoom, offer in-person participation at our Garden Eucharists, and devise a comprehensive plan for the fall that includes in-person worship in the church and a continued on-line worship experience going forward.

We thank you for your patience and are interested in your thoughts and comments, as always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Steven

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **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](#).



## **Land & Memory: An Introduction to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**

There is much to be thankful for, to celebrate and to reflect on for 150 years of Church of The Redeemer's ministry. As a contribution to the Sesquicentennial, the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is planning several events for the coming months. The series is called Land and Memory.

The first event in this series will be a presentation **on Zoom** by Margaret Sault on **Thursday, June 17, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. She will provide an introduction to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

To register for this Zoom presentation and to receive the link, [please click here](#).

## **Learning@Redeemer: Summer Readers**

The days are getting longer, the flowers are in bloom, and it is once again time for Summer Readers. The reading groups will be starting up in July, and Learning at Redeemer is inviting you to join one. This is a great way to be strengthened and challenged in the life of faith. Plus, it will allow you to get to know some of the people whose faces you see in the Zoom boxes on Sundays. At this point, we expect the groups to meet online, but outdoor meetups are possible depending on provincial regulations and the comfort level of the group members.

This year's book is *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope* by Esau McCaulley. In this book McCaulley draws from the interpretive tradition of the African American church in the States to enrich our understanding of the Biblical text as it relates to some of our most pressing contemporary concerns, including policing, the political witness of the church, and the pursuit of justice.

You can sign up for a group by [clicking here](#). Please contact Karen Chandler (by email: [kchandler@theredeemer.ca](mailto:kchandler@theredeemer.ca) or by phone: 647-309-1025) to arrange purchase and pick-up of the book. Books are \$20 each, however, if the price is prohibitive, please let us know and we can cover the cost. We can't wait to learn with you this summer!

## **Season of Creation: Call for Photos**

Redeemer Creatives: As you see God's creation over the summer with phone or camera in hand have our Season of Creation themes in mind - AIR - SOIL - WATER. The planning team is collecting your submissions for use in various ways throughout *Season of Creation*. (September 26 - October 16) **Share up to five of your best photos**, and be sure to include your name and contact information along with the photos.

## The Common Table Fundraiser: Constantine Yorkville 5K Run

Are you ready to get out of the house and breathe some fresh air? Consider putting on your running or walking shoes to raise money for The Common Table. Once again we're honored to be a participating charity in The Constantine Yorkville 5K Run, and there are a few ways you can help make this fundraiser a success:

- **Register** as a runner or a walker - you can run or walk either virtually or in person this year
- **Support** a runner or walker in this year's event
- **Pass along information** about the event to avid runners and walkers in your life

The run will be on Sunday, Sep. 12 this year. For more information and to register for the run, visit [the race website](#). If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at [amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.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](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca).

## 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](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.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](mailto:twilliams@theredeemer.ca) by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.

---