



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 18, 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     Sylvia Wang  |
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| Land Acknowledgement Susan Haig  |
| <b>Prelude:</b> "Lord God of Abraham" from <i>Elijah (Felix Mendelssohn)</i> Screen share  |
| <b>H</b> The Gathering of the Community Susan Haig   |
| <ul> <li>Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.</li> <li>People: And also with you.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Gloria:</b> #366 (Common Praise) "Glory, in the Highest Glory" Screen share   |
| 1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.<br>2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,  |
| Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:<br>Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:<br>reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,<br>ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,<br>TEXT: Glory to God (Gloria in<br>excelsis, Greek hym., 200?):<br>paral Gibson (1932-) C.<br>Music: Melody Geneva, 1551;<br>harm. based on Claude Goudined<br>(1514-1572); rev. Alian Mabinet<br>(1514-1572); rev. Alian Mabinet |

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: Holy God of Israel, draw us near to you, so that, in place of hostility, there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us.
All: Amen.

**First Reading** 

Craig Spielmacher

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

Susan Haig

He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

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

2 Samuel 7.1-14a A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 89 (George Black)

Rachel MacEwan

**Refrain:** 



I have found David my servant:

with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, nor shall the wicked bring him down. Refrain

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and love shall be won with him,

and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend

from the Great Sea to the river. Refrain

He will say to me, "You gave me life, my God, you are the rock of my salvation." I will make him my firstborn and higher than the kings of the earth. I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven. Refrain

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my judgments; If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments; will punish their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with the lash; But I will not take my love from him, nor let my faithfulness prove false. I will not break my covenant, nor change what has gone out of my lips. **Refrain** 

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: "I will not lie to David. His line shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me; It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky." **Refrain** 

# **Second Reading**

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision "- a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Ephesians 2.11-22 A moment of silence is observed Sequence Hymn: #500 (Common Praise) "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant" Screen share 1. Sis - ter, be as Christ let me be your ser-vant, let me to you; pil - grims 2. We fel - low trav-ellers on the road; are jour - ney, on а 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you the night-time of your fear; in 4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. shall find such har - mo - ny, 5. When we God in heav - en, sing to we 6. Broth - er, let be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to me you; pray that have the grace to let be L may you my ser vant too. help each oth - er walk the we are here mile and bear the load. to will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. Γ will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour - ney through. Ι all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and born of а go ny. have the grace to pray that Ι may let you be my ser vant too.

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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.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

Homily: Nate Wall

A moment of silence is observed.

Meditation: "Shall We Gather at the River" (Robert Lowry) Screen share



Show us how through care and good-ness fear will die and hope in-crease. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice, may we hal-low life's brief span. that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

> TEXT: Fred Kaan (1929-), alt. 1968 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Henry Purcell (1659-1695), O God, thou art my God; adapt. The Psalmist, 1842.

#### Doug Smith

### The Prayers of the People

Leader: Siblings and friends in Christ, today we come into God's holy presence.
We approach his eternal throne bringing our prayers and petitions to him acknowledging his unending comfort, grace, love, kindness, and forgiveness which binds us together in a beautiful tapestry.
We pray our hearts be changed by God's eternal flame which kindles to purify our consciousness as 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: Sovereign God,

### All: Hear our prayer

Leader: God our king; may your church the body of Christ use our diverse talents and ministry gifts to demonstrate and 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 us to live free from all forms of discrimination, hatred, oppression, and violence. We pray we continue in Jesus' teachings to create equitable spaces for all to discover your unfailing love.

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

Leader: Sovereign God,

### All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Sovereign God, as your Kingdom is in heaven, may it too be here on earth and your promised justice and peace transcend all barriers, boarders, and boundaries.We pray all conflict, war, and violence does not overshadow the beauty and majesty of your human creation.

We pray for our newly appointed Governor General the Honorable Mary Simon. May you guide her as the Queen's representative in all affairs and her decisions and actions continue to build and restore our nation. We pray for peace on the Caribbean Island of Haiti and the tragic and violent loss of President Jovenel Moïse. May those responsible be brought to justice and those affected by this act be comforted and restored. Leader: 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: Sovereign God,

# All: Hear our prayer

Leader Creator God, you are 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 boundless and bountiful provision, you placed us on the earth as your ambassadors, stewards, and representatives

to preserve and protect all life on earth.

We pray we honor all your creation big and small, visible, and invisible. May we with sincere appreciation, awe, and childlike wonder reverence your creation and celebrate the diversity, expression, value, and vibrancy of all life.

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

Leader: Sovereign God,

## All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for renewed hope and transformational healing of our relationship between Indigenous peoples, non-Indigenous people, and the sacred land on which we gather to worship.
We acknowledge our wrongdoings through the Residential School systems and the loss of many Indigenous lives.
May we as a nation grieve together and travel together on the road towards forgiveness, healing, restoration, and reconciliation.
May we continue to remember and pray for the families and lives displaced and disrupted because of our selfish ambitions, misguided ideologies, and misplaced desires.

> Sovereign God, may your truth guide us towards transformative action and sustainable justice that will rebuild and restore the histories of our First Nations peoples so we may all live in harmony and peace.

*Leader:* God of mercy, as you reconciled us to you through your son Jesus' sacrifice restoring our broken relationship with you; may your consuming flame burn in us and your brilliant light guide our actions as we honor 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: Sovereign God,

# All: Hear our prayer

# Leader: Faithful God,

as we continue to navigate the changing scenes of the ongoing global pandemic, we are thankful for the vaccination efforts that continue to provide us with immunity against COVID-19. We pray for your continued healing in our communities and ask for your sustaining grace to strengthen us as we patiently wait. Loving God, may we live in hope and look forward to the days when we can embrace each other and 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: Sovereign God,

## All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We remember all those who lost their lives to disease, sickness, and violence; those near 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.

> Loving God, you are the one who comforts our hearts and give us hope in a world filled with anguish, pain, and much uncertainty. With trust we give you our anxieties, doubts, and worries and hold firmly to your promises that reassures 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**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven, All: 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

*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 Susan Haig



| Christ,  | your | word of    | love   | is    | found.   |
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| heart    | has  | nev - er   | know   | 'n re | - coil.  |
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| tread    | the  | ci - ty's  | street | s a · | - gain,  |
| come     | the  | ci - ty    | of     | our   | God.     |

### The Blessing

Priest: May the God who breaks down the walls that divide us make us one body through the cross.
And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.
People: Amen.

Susan Haig

## The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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# **Ministry Updates**

## Marginalia: Sunday School for Grown Ups

Marginalia meets on Monday evenings. 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 <u>nwall@theredeemer.ca</u>. In case you're interested, here is upcoming series:

### Lovers in a Dangerous Time: The Song of Songs: July 19, 26

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 this week's eNews.

### Becoming a Pilgrim Community at Redeemer

What does it mean to be a pilgrim? What makes a journey a pilgrimage? What is the Camino to Santiago de Compostela and why do so many people the world over flock to Europe to walk it? Is God calling us to become pilgrims in some form, on some road?

Join Redeemer pilgrims, Susan Haig, Henry Krol and others, to explore these questions, on **Wednesday July 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Please <u>register</u> for the event and Zoom details will be sent out at a later date.

# ISWG Proposal to Special Vestry Regarding the Funding for the Mural

The chair of the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group briefed members of Redeemer during announcements in June about the decision by the City of Toronto's StART Committee not to fund the mural proposal. Now we propose a Special Vestry regarding the different paths of funding for the mural, that will be created by artist Joseph Sagaj.

For more details, read the full proposal on the Redeemer's website.

## 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 <u>the race website</u>. If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at <u>amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca</u>.

# 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>.

# 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.

# 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.