



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Lyn Sibley

Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Prelude: “Finlandia” (*John Sibelius*)

Screen share

✠ 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.**

Kyrie: #175 (Gather) “Kyrie Eleison”

Screen share

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you feed your children
until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we reach out with Christ
to feed others with the depth of your love.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Kim Mouldsdale

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, “This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The

woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

2 Samuel 11.1-15

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 14 (*George Black*)

Andrew Scorer

Refrain:



Our ___ God looks down from heaven up - on us all.

Fools have said in their hearts, "There is no God."
 All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
 God looks down from heaven upon us all,
 to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. **Refrain**

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
 there is none who does good; no, not one.
 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
 who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God? **Refrain**



See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but God is their refuge.
Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when God restores the fortunes of the people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Jenny Kerber

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

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

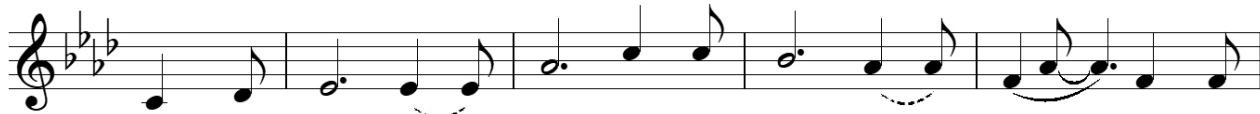
Ephesians 3.14-21

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #874 (Gather) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

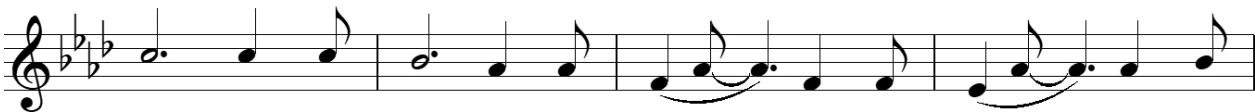
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1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, When my
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears And the night draws near, And the



tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the
life is al-most gone, Hear my cry, hear my
day is past and gone, At the riv-er I



night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, pre-cious
call, Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, pre-cious
stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, pre-cious



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Lord, lead me home.
Lord, lead me home.
Lord, lead me home.

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.**

After this (leaving Jerusalem) Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 6.1-21

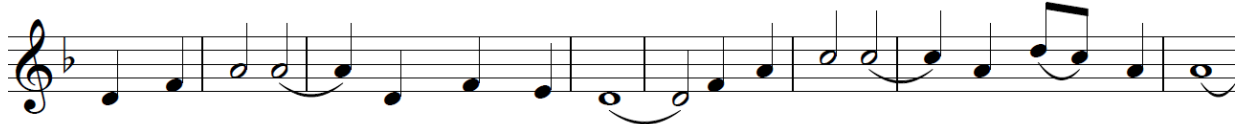
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Meditation: “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”

Screen share



1. I want Je-sus to walk with me; I want Je-sus to walk with me;
2. In my tri-als, Lord, walk with me; In my tri-als, Lord, walk with me;
3. In my sor-rows, Lord, walk with me; In my sor-rows, Lord, walk with me;



All a long my pil - grim jour-ney, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with
When the shades of life are fall-ing, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with
When my heart with - in is ach-ing, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with



TEXT: Traditional. MUSIC: African American Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of African American Spirituals. Copyright, 1992.

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me.
me.

The Prayers of the People

Crafted and offered by Karen Turner

Leader: Dear friends,

our Psalm tells us today that God looks down from heaven upon us all,
looking to find any who are wise, any who seek after God,
and reminds us that God is with the company of the righteous,
those who seek justice.

In light of this, let us summon the courage this morning to humbly say,
look on us, Lord,

All: **today we will seek after you**

Leader: Creator, we are surrounded by a world of beauty and abundance.

The earth gives us everything we need.

We are blessed with family and friends,

who teach us the meaning of love and sacrifice.

We are blessed with teachers, mentors, and books to lead us to knowledge.

Leader: We live each day with joy and sorrow, success and failure,
which brings us wisdom.

Let us each give thanks for the many things for which we are grateful today.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: We pray for the church in the world today.

We pray with this morning's epistle that you, loving God,
will strengthen each of us with the Spirit's power, and that together
we may be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ.

We pray that the church will have the power and inclination to comprehend,
with all your saints past and present, the breadth and length and height
and depth of your love for the world.

Give us the strength and courage to love as you love.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: God of Peace,

as we pray that your kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven,
we pray for peace in the world.

We bring before you the places of conflict, violence and suffering
that we hold in our hearts, in our own streets, in our nation and across the world.

We pray for our own political leaders in Canada, in all levels of government,
and the leaders of all the nations, that they will seek peace,
and the well-being of all the people.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: God of Justice, as Canadians,

we solemnly acknowledge that we are all treaty people.

In light of the growing evidence of hundreds of Indigenous children who died,
unacknowledged and dishonoured, in the residential schools
that our government and our church designed and supported,
those of us who are settlers and Anglicans
must collectively face our responsibility and shame.

Leader: Mother God, show us the hard way of justice and right relations,
so that settlers may come to understand treaty obligations,
and First Nations can flourish in ways that are true to their history and cultures,
and we can live together in peace.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: Creator God, you have entrusted us as servants to care for the earth,
so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us,
but also the generations to come after us.
We have not done well with this calling; in our greed,
human beings have wasted resources and polluted the earth.
Some of us have heedlessly taken far too much,
leaving our sisters, brothers, and siblings in other places in poverty and need.
We pray earnestly for our collective conversion,
to understanding that we only live because everything else does.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: God of Love, you have shown us that you are always on the side of the poor,
the afflicted and the oppressed, and that you call on those who are affluent
and comfortable to serve the poor.
We pray for the work, for the staff and volunteers,
and the guests of the Common Table ministry of our community.
We each commit ourselves to sacrificially support our work together,
with our time, prayers and money.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: today we will seek after you

Leader: Compassionate God,
there are those among us who are facing trials and difficulties,
illness and bereavement. Many are deeply weary of these long months of
limitations and social isolation, and prolonged separation from those we love.
We see relief ahead, as we are gratefully getting vaccinated,
and we ask for courage and perseverance to see this journey through to the end.

Leader: We ask that you continue to use us, and our community, to bring comfort, help and encouragement to those who are in distress.
We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning who need healing and strength, and for those who have died, those we know personally and those we do not.

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

Leader: Look on us, Lord,

All: **today we will seek after you**

Leader: Mother God, bind us together in community, heal your church, and restore hope where sometimes there seems to be none.

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

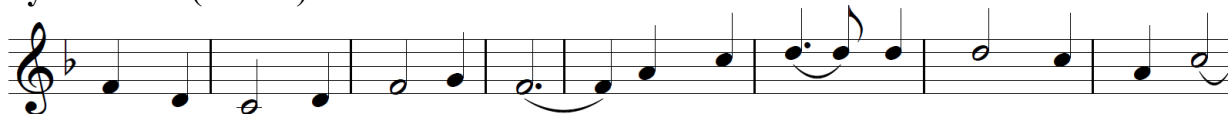
Steven Mackison

Priest: Glory to God,

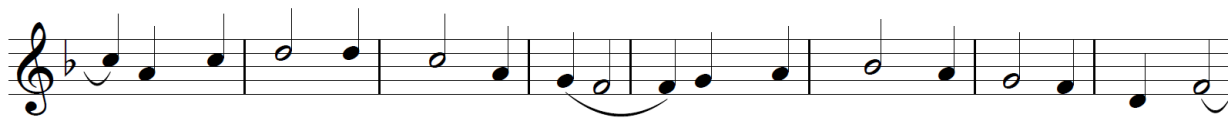
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen**

Hymn: #514 (Gather) "The Word of Life"

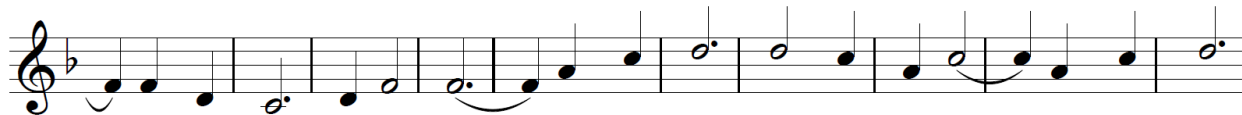
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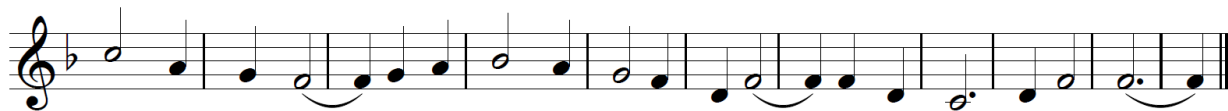
1. In a byre near Beth-le - hem, Passed by many a wand-'ring stran-ger,
2. By the Gal - i - le - an lake Where the peo - ple flocked for teach-ing,



The most pre-cious Word of Life Was heard gur-gling in a man - ger,
The most pre-cious Word of Life fed their mouths as well as preach-ing,



For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,
For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,



love, and laugh-ter to life now and ev-er af-ter, for the good of us all.
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TEXT: John L. Bell, b.1949. MUSIC: Wild Mountain Thyme, irregular, Irish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b. 1949. 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc. agent.

The Blessing

Steven Mackison

Priest: May the God who satisfies our deepest longings
inspire us to share our abundance with others.

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 the name of Christ. 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.

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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 this week's eNews.

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 nwall@theredeemer.ca. In case you're interested, here is upcoming series:

Lovers in a Dangerous Time: The Song of Songs: July 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.

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 [the race website](#). If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at 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.

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 [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.