



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome Anne Lee

#### Land Acknowledgement

Susan Haig

**Prelude:** "Psalm 38 (Verse 5)" (Anthoni van Noordt)

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# **★** The Gathering of the Community

Susan Haig

*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: #703 (Common Praise) "Kyrie Elesion"

Screen share



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.



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### The Collect of the Day

Susan Haig

Priest: Blessed are you, O Lord and Lover,

source of beauty and depth of passion.

Strengthen and inspire us to do the word we hear

and live the faith we confess,

through Jesus, our Saviour and Friend.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Andrew Duffy

Reader: A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Solomon 2.8-13 *A moment of silence is observed* 

### Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10 (George Black)

Will Reid

#### Refrain:

All:



My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever. Refrain

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
Therefore God, your God has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. Refrain

Ev-ery age will re-call your name. This song will fix it in their

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir. Refrain

## Second Reading Carol Watson

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of

wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

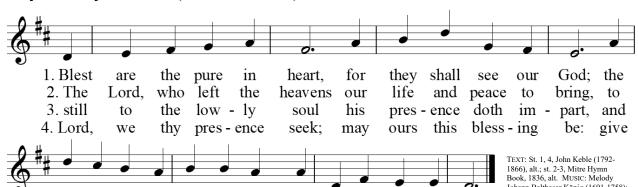
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

James 1.17-27

All: Thanks be to God. A moment of silence is observed

**Sequence Hymn:** #439 (Common Praise) "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Screen share



se-cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a-bode. dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat-tern and our King. a dwell-ing and a throne choos-eth the pure in heart. a pure and low - ly heart, for thee. a tem-ple fit

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The Gospel

Susan Haig

*Reader:* The Lord be with you. And also with you. All:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. All:

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat

anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ. Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Susan Haig

A moment of silence is observed.

**Meditation:** "O Salutaris Hostia" (Ēriks Ešenvalds)

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O salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, Who expands the door of heaven, Hostile wars press. Give strength; bear aid. To the Lord One and Three, May there be everlasting glory; that he may give life without end to us in our homeland.

Amen

Guest soloists: Caroline Schmidt, Janelle Santi

Hymn: #400 (Common Praise) "What Wondrous Love is This (Wondrous Love)" Screen share



caused the Lord of bliss bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my to neath God's righteous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will the great I AM. is and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing sing his love for me,



TEXT: General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use, 1811, alt. MUSIC: Melody William Walker (1809-1875), appendix to The Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1840 ed.; harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1995. Harm. © 1993 The Pilgrim Press.

soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul. sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing. on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

# The Prayers of the People

Richard Van Delft

Leader: As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your prayers and thanksgivings in the silences or in the chat.

In today's readings, we are reminded of the beauty

that comes from the revelation of inner character.

We rejoice in the gifts which God has bestowed on each of us.

In the Song of Solomon we read, "The flowers appear on the earth," and your response is, "the time of singing has come."

We give thanks for the gifts of your creation.

For the mountains and hills, gazelles and young stag,

Leader: the turtledove, the fig tree, the grapevine.

Renew in us a reverence and love for your creation, and all we have been given.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

All: The time of singing has come

*Leader:* We pray for the world.

We remember particularly the people of Afghanistan, Haiti,

and the victims of floods, earthquakes, famine, and war.

We read in the letter of James that we are to care

for the widows and orphans in their distress.

Equip us with the tools of compassion and generosity.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

**All:** The time of singing has come

*Leader:* We pray for the church.

We pray for persecuted churches throughout the world, where to talk of the love of God as laid out in the psalm

is to invite repression and worse. We remember persecuted believers of other faiths who face similar hostility.

In our own life in Christ, give us the patience to listen and the courage to change in the name of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

**All:** The time of singing has come

Leader: We pray for this country and for our community.

In the reading from Mark, Jesus says, "there is nothing outside a person

that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." Mindful of his words, we pray for all those who have offered themselves

as candidates in our upcoming federal election.

Give them the courage to reveal their true character and endow us with the wisdom to choose our representatives accordingly.

We pray for the health of our community, and that sound public health practices will govern our response to this next wave of pandemic.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

**All:** The time of singing has come

Leader: We pray for those in need, for the underhoused, the underemployed, the prisoner, the undernourished, the refugee.

We remember those in our community who are sick,

who are anxious or troubled.

We pray for those who care for them.

May your healing grace cleanse their bodies and spirits.

We pray for those whom we know who have died. Comfort those who mourn.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

# All: The time of singing has come

Leader: My beloved speaks and says to me.

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

We pray for love in all its expressions. We give thanks for all who are marrying or plan to marry in these difficult circumstances.

We give thanks for all those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries.

Help us remember the words of James in all our relationships.

"Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for your anger does not produce God's righteousness."

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Leader: The flowers appear on the earth

# **All:** The time of singing has come

Leader: For all these prayers, and the many blessings you have given us, we give you thanks in the name of our Creator and Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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: #502 (Common Praise) "You Are Salt for the Earth"

Screen share



- 1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
- 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the ci ty of God!
- 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God! 4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vour of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice grow in the king-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

#### Refrain



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;



bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the ci-ty of God!

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The Blessing

Susan Haig

Priest: May the God who knows the human heart

Guide us in the ways of the Beloved.

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**

### **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.

## **Reconciliation Mural Project**

The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is grateful for the deep desire in our community to support an Indigenous-themed mural on the exterior west wall by Joseph Sagaj. Particularly with the renewed focus on the treatment of Indigenous children in the resident schools, this project affords the parish an opportunity to be creative, emphatic, and prophetic in the message such a mural can hold now and for years to come. Please see the concept and the plans within the red boxes that is available on the church website.

The special Vestry meeting on July 27 approved raising the needed funds from within the community. With the very generous offer of a matching grant from an anonymous donor (to a maximum of \$31,500) the budgeted amount of \$62,609.85 is an achievable goal. Please consider making a donation to support this important public statement about reconciliation and "reconcili-action" with our Indigenous brothers, sisters, and siblings.

You can contribute by:

## Mailing a cheque to the church

(note Indigenous Mural Project on the memo line) 162 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON M5S 1M4

## **Donate through CanadaHelps**

(select Indigenous Mural Project)

eTransfer, designated to the Indigenous Mural Project, sent from your bank account to the treasurer.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project.

## Voices For Peace - Radical Hope: Radical Resistance

The final Voices for Peace session for 2021 is **September 16 at 7:00 PM.** We see in the news the shambles of Afghanistan and the cycle of violence in Israel and Palestine, and are pressed to ask why nations and politicians still see war as a solution to conflict. Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are all proposing significant increases in their military budgets, much of it directed to weapons research. In the face of this, we must ask "What shape might a spirituality of nonviolence, resistance, and hope take?"

Cesar Jaramillo will join us from Project Plowshares, as they celebrate 45 years of resistance through research and policy.

Fr. John Dear, author, activist, and two-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, will speak to us on "Returning to the Nonviolence of Jesus: Following in the Footsteps of Active Nonviolence, Living Gospel Nonviolence Today." John will draw on the Beatitudes and the legacy of Gandhi, who influenced Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King, and Thomas Merton.

Voices for Peace is sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Basilian Centre for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, the Henri Nouwen Society, and Church of the Redeemer

You can register here.

#### **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)

**Last call** for Season of Creation photos and sound clips! Any submissions must be in by **Sunday, August 29**. Please send your 5 best photos <u>here</u>. Please send your sound clips to <u>Susan Graham Walker.</u> Be sure to include your name and contact information along with the photos.

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

If you've been considering running or walking in the Constantine Yorkville 5K Run in support of The Common Table, this is a great time to join us! The city has approved the in-person race, which means that you can participate with other runners and walkers on Sep. 12 or you can run/walk your own 5K route any time from Sep. 12 to Sep. 26.

You can also help make this run a success by helping our participants raise funds for The Common Table. To donate, please visit the race website. You can also find out more information by checking out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. 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 <a href="mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca">tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca</a>.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca">shaig@theredeemer.ca</a>.

#### **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 <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.