



## HOLY CROSS DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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**Welcome**

*Sylvia Wang*

**Land Acknowledgement**

*Steven Mackison*

**Prelude:** “Invention No.14 in B flat major” (*J.S. Bach*)

*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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Healer of the nations,  
your beloved was lifted on the wood of the cross  
and exalted as Lord of all creation.  
Grant that all who believe in him  
may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory  
of your promised reign of justice and peace  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

*Dennis Duffy*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Israelites became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Numbers 21.4b-9

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Refrain:**



Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain**

Whenever you slew them, they would seek you,  
and repent, and diligently seek their God.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
and the Most High their redeemer. **Refrain**

But they flattered you with their mouths  
and lied to you with their tongues.  
Their heart was not steadfast toward you,  
and they were not faithful to your covenant. **Refrain**

But you were so merciful that you forgave their sins and did not destroy them;  
many times you held back your anger  
and did not permit your wrath to be roused. **Refrain**

**Second Reading**

*Sara Lawson*

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

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Sequence Hymn: #698 (Gather) "Take Up Your Cross"

Screen share



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-iour said, If you would my dis - ci - ple
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak spir - it with a -
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool-ish heart be
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly ev - 'ry dan-ger
5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it



be; Take up your cross with will - ing heart, and hum - bly  
larm; his strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your  
still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed death Up - on a  
brave: It guides you to a bet - ter home And leads to  
down; For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to



TEXT: Charles W. Everest (1814-1877), alt. MUSIC: English; harm. By  
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fol - low af - ter me.  
heart and nerve your arm.  
cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.  
vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
wear the glo - rious crown.

## 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.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 3.13-17

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

**Homily:** Andrew Kuhl

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Meditation:** “The Cross” (*Prince*)

*Screen share*

Black day, stormy night  
No love, no hope in sight  
Don't cry, he is coming  
Don't die without knowing the cross

Ghettos to the left of us  
Flowers to the right  
There'll be bread for all of us  
If we can just bear the cross

Sweet song of salvation  
A pregnant mother sings  
She lives in starvation  
Her children need all that she bring

We all have our problems  
Some big, some are small  
Soon all of our problems  
Will be taken by the cross

**Hymn: #417 (Gather) “Crucem Tuam – O Lord, Your Cross”**

*Screen share*



Cru-cem tu - am a - do - ra - mus Do - mi - ne, re - sur - re - cti - o - nem  
O Lord, your cross, we a - dore and glo - ri - fy, for your ho - ly re - sur -



tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Lau - da - mus et glo - ri - fi - ca - mus.  
rec-tion, we praise you Lord of life. We praise you and we glo - ri - fy you.



Re - sur - re - cti - o - nem tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne.  
For your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion, we praise you Lord of life.

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**The Prayers of the People**

*Ron Waldie*

*Leader:* As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings silently or in the chat function, during the pauses.

We pray for the Church.

We remember persecuted believers throughout the world whose only sin is ‘proclaiming Christ crucified’.

We pray for churches throughout the world who are confronting their colonial legacy.

In our own church we pray for a restoration of a just relationship with our Indigenous siblings in Christ.

We pray for Andrew, our Diocesan; and Kevin, our area Bishop, for Anne, our Metropolitan; for Linda, our Primate; and for Mark, our National Indigenous Bishop.

We celebrate the new ministry of our Assistant Curate, Andrew Kuhl.

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

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We pray for the world.  
We pray for all who are suffering from the effects of COVID-19.  
We pray that those countries who are blessed with vaccine supply will recognize that pandemics have no national boundaries, and that resources need to be shared. The earth is the Lord's.  
We remember places of war, the victims of natural disasters.  
Teach us to be responsible stewards of your creation in all that we do and all that we share.

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

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We pray for this country.  
We pray for all those who have offered themselves as candidates in the upcoming federal election.  
We have the freedom to disagree, which many societies do not have.  
We pray for civil debate and respect for those with whom we may not agree.  
Above all we give thanks for the right to vote, freely, and without fear.  
We pray for Justin, for Doug, for John, and all those who hold elected office.

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

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We pray for this community.  
We remember the community members and volunteers of The Common Table, remembering especially today those who are running in support of the Common Table.  
We pray for the sick, and those who care for them.  
We pray for all those who are troubled in any way, those who are in need of food, housing, employment, friendship, or community.

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

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died.  
Comfort those who mourn. Bring healing. Bring peace.

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

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Leader:* We give thanks for all the blessings we have received.  
For peach juice that runs down our cheeks.  
For watermelon seed spitting contests.  
For melting butter off a fresh cob of corn.  
For the sound of children in a school playground.  
For cool rain on a parched earth. For birds gathering for their migration.  
For September baseball games that actually mean something!

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

*Leader:* We ask these and all our prayers  
in the name of the one who died on the cross for us, Jesus Christ.

**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: #707 (Gather) "Guide My Feet"

Screen share



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
5. Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,
6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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## The Blessing

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* May the God  
who redeemed the cross  
from an instrument of pain and death  
to a sign of healing and new life  
transform you through God's grace and mercy.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* Amen.

## The Dismissal

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ and take up our crosses. 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

### 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)*

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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](#).

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

The in-person event for the Yorkville Run is happening **this Sunday**! If you've been thinking about supporting one of the runners or walkers as they raise money for The Common Table, now is a great time to do so. 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](mailto:amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca).

## **Regathering at Redeemer Survey**

We want to hear from you! During these transitional times, as we begin to worship in the church again, we would like to hear from our Redeemer community. No matter if you are planning on attending the services in-person or not, we would greatly appreciate any input as we continue.

Please complete the survey [here](#).

## **Season of Creation 2021 – Mark Your Calendar!**

Our annual Season of Creation begins **September 26 at 7:00 PM** with EarthSong. The service of music, readings, and prayer focuses on this year's theme, [\*In Earth's Life We Live\*](#). The Rev'd Laurel Dykstra, Anglican priest and leader of [Salal + Cedar](#) in BC, will be our guest speaker.

Mark your calendar with all the [services and events](#) from **September 26 to October 17**. To register for in-person services and events, email [office@theredeemer.ca](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca) or call 416-922-4948.

## **The Bishop's Company Cabaret**

For the second consecutive year, the Diocese of Toronto is bringing the Bishop's Company annual event to our homes. The free event on October 15 at 8:00 PM, will feature a conversation between Bishop Kevin Robertson and Bishop Riscylla Shaw, as well as the musical talents of our very own John Deacon.

[Register](#) to get your link.

## **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.