



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Lyn Sibley

Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Prelude: “Ah, My Road” (*Gevorg Dabagian*) – *Sandi Hill, Flute*

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: #705 (Common Praise) “Kyrie Eleison”**

Screen share



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



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



mer-cy, have mer - cy.

MUSIC: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-).

**The Collect of the Day**

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* God of power and compassion,  
in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save.  
Open our ears to your redeeming word  
and move our hearts by the strength of your love,  
so that our every word and work may proclaim Jesus as Messiah,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Susan Scott

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

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 125 (George Black)

Chris Mayell

**Refrain:**



Those who trust in God are like Mount Zion,  
Which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.  
The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
as you, God, stand round about your people,  
from this time forth for evermore. **Refrain**

The sceptre of the wicked  
shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. **Refrain**

Show your goodness, O God, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.  
As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
God will lead them away with the evildoers;  
But peace be upon Israel. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

*Heather Bennett*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

James 2.1-10, 14-17

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Hymn: #446 (Common Praise) “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”** *Screen share*



1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heaven de - scend - ing;  
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre - a - tion,  
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal blind - ness.  
4. Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all tell - ing;



touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un - end - ing.  
Word that came from heaven to die, cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion;  
Deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness.  
Word that sends us from a - bove God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing;



Word al - might - y, we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
sav - ing Word, the world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
Be our Word in pi - ty spo - ken; heal the world by our sin bro - ken.  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## The Gospel

*Andrew Kuhl*

*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 set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 7.24-37

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

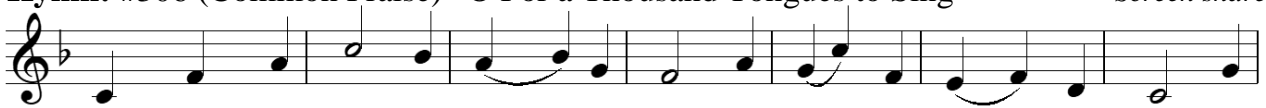
*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Meditation**

*Screen share*

**Hymn:** #306 (Common Praise) “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Screen share*



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise, the
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis
3. He speaks, and, lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive, the
4. Hear him, ye deaf, ye voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy; ye
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to



glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum-ble poor be - lieve.  
blind, be - hold your Sav - iour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!  
spread through all the earth a - broad the hon-ours of thy name.

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. MUSIC: Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe the younger (1770?-1843); DESC. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

## The Prayers of the People

Bill Horan

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to God,  
the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of your creation  
and our place within it,

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For our daily food,  
and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us,

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination,  
for the skills of research  
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For the light and shades of the changing seasons,  
and their variety;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For new hope and strength in our communities,  
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord;

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For all in whose lives we see  
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,  
and all the fruit of the Spirit,

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader:* For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,

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

*Leader:* we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All: your mercy endures for ever. 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: #560 (Common Praise) “God, Whose Almighty Word”

Screen share



1. God, whose al - might - y Word cha - os and dark - ness heard, and took their flight:
2. Sav - iour, who came to bring on your re - deem - ing wing heal - ing and sight,
3. Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove, speed on your flight!
4. Gra - cious and ho - ly Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty, wis - dom, love, might,



hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the gos - pel day sheds not its  
health to the sick in mind, sight to the in - ly blind: now for all  
Move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the lamp of grace, and in earth's  
bound - less as o - cean's tide roll - ing in full - est pride: through the world



TEXT: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. MUSIC: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796);  
adapt. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875;

glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
hu - man - kind let there be light.  
dark - est place let there be light!  
far and wide let there be light!

## The Blessing

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* May the God who heals all in need  
free your tongue to proclaim God's loving reign.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Andrew Kuhl

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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](#)

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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](#).

## **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](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.