



REGATHERING: A LITURGY OF LAMENTATION AND HOPE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Steven Mackison

Land Acknowledgement

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The service begins at the entrance to the church. The priest addresses the community, saying,

Priest: Dear Friends in Christ,
We are not alone.
God has been with us on our journey through this pandemic,
calming our fears, comforting our sorrows, and offering us healing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Today, as we regather for worship in the church
and celebrate Christ's mysteries,
we lament what we have lost,
we give thanks for what has sustained us,
and we look forward in hope
to experience how God will inspire us
to serve the world and all that is in it.

Priest: Let us pray:
Gracious and merciful God,
We come with grateful hearts
to again raise our voices with joy
to praise your Name, to hear your Word, to know your healing power,
and to be nourished by the spiritual food
of your Son Jesus Christ in this sacred place.
Draw us ever closer to your presence in this House of Prayer
that we may be strengthened to proclaim your love to the world.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.
Amen.

✠ The Procession

Priest: Let us go forth in hope. Alleluia!

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. come
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

✠ 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

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Priest: O God,
from your providing hand
even the dissatisfied and grumbling
receive what they need for their lives.
Teach us your ways of justice
and lead us to practise your generosity,
so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel
made known through your Son
Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

First Reading

Paul Pynkoski

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 11.18-20

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 54 (George Black)

Refrain:



Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. **Refrain**

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Most High who sustains my life.
Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness destroy them.
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O God, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Paul Pynkoski

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “Imagine” (*John Lennon/Yoko Ono*)

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no country
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

The Gospel

Andrew Kuhl

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

(After healing the child) They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 9.30-37

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Richard Van Delft

Leader: Siblings and friends in Christ,
today we approach God’s eternal throne
bringing our prayers and petitions to Him acknowledging His unending grace,
love, and forgiveness which weaves us together in a beautiful tapestry.
We pray that our hearts may 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.

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

Leader: Gracious 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 your love
which brings 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 that we may create equitable spaces for all
to discover your unfailing love through Jesus’ teachings.

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

Leader: Gracious God,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Sovereign God,
as your Kingdom is in heaven, may its presence on earth
proclaim your promised justice and peace that transcend all barriers,
borders, and boundaries.

We pray that conflict, war, and violence in regions around the world
do not overshadow the beauty and majesty of your human creation.

We pray for our upcoming elections and ask that your Holy Spirit
will guide the decisions of all eligible voters.

We pray for our 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: Gracious 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 that we may honour
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: Gracious 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.

We pray that as a nation we may grieve together and travel together on the road
towards forgiveness, healing, restoration, and reconciliation.

Leader: We 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.

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

Leader: Gracious God,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God, we are thankful for the vaccination efforts that continue to provide us with immunity against COVID-19. We pray for healing in our communities and ask that you continue to strengthen us to 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: Gracious 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 continue to comfort 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 reassure 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, minds, souls, and prayers to you.

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 Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Song: "Sing a New Church"



1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in our di-ver-si-ty, Gath-ered
2. Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, Robed in ho-li-ness and light, Male and
3. Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; Trust the Spir-it strong with-in. Dare to
4. Bring the hopes of ev-'ry na-tion; Bring the art of ev-'ry race. Weave a
5. Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble All the hu-man fam-i-ly; Shape a



in the name of Je-sus, Rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
fe-male in God's im-age, Male and fe-male, God's de-light:
dream the vi-sion prom-ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
song of peace and jus-tice; Let it sound through time and space.
cir-cle ev-er wid-er And a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer And, in splen-did, var-ied ways, Sing a



new Church in-to be-ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest: Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

Priest: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

People: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Priest: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

People: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Priest: Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God’s people,
unseen and yet present with us now.
Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all, during this prayer the elements are elevated, in offering to the people.

Priest: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **we welcome your presence in us,
and together proclaim our love for you;
with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,
with the saints we worship you,
with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.
Come to us, though many,
and make us one in you. Amen.**

Prayer of Reception

A time of stillness is kept to allow the community to make their spiritual communion offering this prayer in silence

One: Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home.
I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength,
and so, through your presence in bread and wine
I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.
As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people,
rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving,
I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: #678 (Gather) "City of God"



1. A - wake from your slum - ber! A - rise from your sleep!



A new day is dawn - ing for all those who weep. The peo - ple in

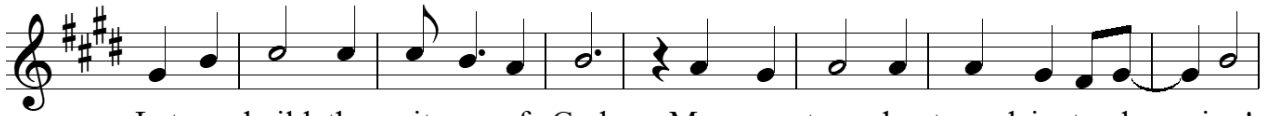


dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our long - ing



has con - quered the night.

Refrain



Let us build the cit - y of God. May our tears be turned in - to danc - ing!



For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in - to day!



4. O cit - y of glad - ness, now lift up your voice. Pro - claim the good



tid - ings that all may re - joice!

The Blessing of the Backpacks

The children and youth are invited to come forward

Announcements

The Dismissal

Andrew Kuhl

Deacon: 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

After Church This Sunday!

Come one come all... Angie and friends will be doing a **Common Table outreach cart demonstration** by "the rock" on Cumberland Ave. If you have a few minutes after service to come by, please find a seat anywhere in the Yorkville Rock park, and you will be visited by the outreach cart!

You will even be offered a hot coffee and baked good for a full immersion experience (and learn a bit about our street outreach that has now been running for a year!) Looking forward to seeing those of you who can make it! The park is located a two-minute walk from the church, one block directly north of Redeemer, and just east a bit, near the Bay station entrance on Cumberland Ave.

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.

Orange Shirt Sunday

We will acknowledge **Orange Shirt Day on Sunday, September 26 at the 9:30am and 11:15am services**. Our guest preacher for both services will be The Venerable Valerie Kerr, Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese of Niagara. In marking Orange Shirt Day, we are remembering the inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools on individuals, families and communities. We are also demonstrating our commitment as a community of faith to live out Call to Action # 59 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We are all invited to wear something orange on September 26; a shirt, sweater, socks, shoes, etc.

Reconciliation Mural Project

Redeemer has committed to supporting a beautiful and eloquent mural on our lower west wall by Joseph Sagaj (Ojibway from Neskantaga). The cost will be close to \$63,000. We hope that parishioners will donate at least one-half of that sum by the end of October. An anonymous parishioner has offered to match gifts up to \$31,500. We eagerly anticipate having a preliminary design shortly. In the meantime, please go to our [website](#) for more detailed information.

Blessings to all those who have so graciously donated the \$7712.68, and thanks to those considering support for this outward sign of our commitment to Indigenous rights and dignity. 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.

Becoming a Pilgrim Community at Redeemer

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee continues to develop the idea of the Redeemer community embarking on pilgrimages. So we invite you to complete [this questionnaire](#) about your interest in pilgrimage. We hope to hear from you by Friday October 1.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with [Henry Krol](#).

The Common Table Fundraiser: Constantine Yorkville 5K Run

It's not too late to support The Common Table by donating to a runner or walker in the Yorkville Run. The virtual event continues until Sep. 26 and you can donate through the end of the month. 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 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