



REFUGEE SUNDAY: HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song: "Jesus, See The Traveller" (Sara Groves)

Jesus, see the traveller On their long hard road

See the mother, see the father

See the child, have mercy on the traveller

Lord make soft the strangest bed

Rest the weary feet

Of the mother, of the father

Of the child, have mercy on the traveller

See the mother, see the father

See the child, have mercy on the traveller

See the mother, see the father

See the child, have mercy on the traveller

▼ The Gathering of the Community

Please rise as you are able

The Greeting:

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.

Priest: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

People: for the love of God welcomes us all.

Priest: Here in this place, there are no outsiders,

People: for the love of God embraces us all.

Priest: Here in this place, there are no strangers,

People: for the love of God unites us all.

Priest: Come, let us worship God in unity and love.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving.

You have searched us, known us, cared for us,

and welcomed us as your children.

In you, we find our home.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,

and the inspiration of your Word, continue to work in us and through us.

Transform us into your image.

Make us signs of grace and hospitality to the world around us, so that your kingdom would come and your will would be done,

on earth, as it is in heaven.

Amen.

▼ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 24.19-22

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 82: 3-4, 6-7 (George Black)



Rise, O God, and rule the earth. All na-tions are yours.

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Refrain

I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." Refrain

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 4.8-11

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "What Does The Lord Require Of You" (Jim Strathdee)

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

The Gospel

Please rise as you are able

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 10.25-37

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Dr. Mary Jo Leddy

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

Affirmation of Faith

Priest: This we believe.

People: That it is central to the mission of Christ

to participate, by word and action,

in the struggles of the poor for justice,

to share justly the earth's land and resources,

to rejoice in the diversity of human culture,

to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty,

to accompany the uprooted and to welcome the stranger, and to witness to the love of God for all people of the earth.

Priest: This we believe.

People: That we are called to become the Church of the Stranger,

to open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit

which may come to us through the foreigner,

to take the risk of speaking out

on behalf of those who are different from us,

and to see that when we minister

to the stranger, the uprooted,

we are serving our Lord and Saviour.

Priest: This we believe.

People: That Christ, fully aware of our differences,

prays that we might be one, so that the world may believe.

This we believe,

and to this we are committed

for the love of God in the way of Christ,

by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear friends, on this day when we particularly remember refugees,

we have been reminded of God's expectation that we maintain constant love

for the alien, the orphan and the widow, that we be merciful,

and love our neighbours. In light of this call, let us therefore come to God

in humility, depending on the mercy of the God of love.

Loving God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Creator, there are so many needs and struggles to bring before you, but first we sit quietly in deep gratitude. We thank you for life, for the abundant gifts of the Earth that sustain our every moment, for meaningful work, for family and friends.

Each of us has many things for which we are grateful this morning, and we name them to you now.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Au: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the lost and forgotten, on this Refugee Sunday, we pray for the millions of migrants and refugees in the world, who have been forced by war, political upheaval and environmental disaster to leave their homes, abandoning everything they know and depend on, not knowing where they will end up. We pray for justice, compassion and mercy to be shown to each of these homeless ones at each step of their journey.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: We pray especially for Abdikadir and his family, whose arrival we at Redeemer are anticipating, but who are still in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, waiting for their claim

to be processed. Lord we pray for their case to be expedited.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of peace, as we pray this morning 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 and violence that we hold in our hearts, in our own streets, our own nation and across the world.

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

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the Earth and direct the nations. We think of the nations of the world gathering right now in Scotland at COP26. In this time of climate crisis, we ask that you grant clarity to decision-makers and ordinary citizens alike, to hear both the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor. Your Spirit challenges all the human citizens

Leader: of the Earth to take courageous, transformative action.

We pray here and now for those deliberating at this global gathering, that the calling of healing for the Earth, and environmental justice will prevail.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Compassionate God, there are those among us facing trials and difficulties, illness and bereavement. We ask for courage and perseverance,

and 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.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Beloved God, we bring to you, not only our own struggles, pain and longings, but also the anguish and grief of the world. We gratefully accept your comfort, wisdom and call to action, in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Song: "Chimes of Freedom" (Bob Dylan)

Far between sundown's finish

An' midnights broken toll

We ducked inside the doorway, thunder crashing

As majestic bells of bolts

Struck shadows in the sound

Seeming to be the chimes of freedom flashing

Flashing for the warriors whose strength is not to fight Flashing for the refugees on the unarmed road of flight

An' for each an' every underdog soldier in the night

An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Even though a cloud's white curtain
In a far-off corner flashed
An' the hypnotic splattered mist was slowly lifting
Electric light still struck like arrows, fired but for the ones
Condemned to drift or else be kept from drifting
Tolling for the searching ones, on their speechless, seeking trail
For the lonesome-hearted lovers with too personal a tale
An' for each unharmful, gentle soul misplaced inside a jail

An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Starry-eyed an' laughing as I recall when we were caught
Trapped by no track of hours for they hanged suspended
As we listened one last time an' we watched with one last look
Spellbound an' swallowed 'til the tolling ended
Tolling for the aching ones whose wounds cannot be nursed
For the countless confused, accused, misused, strung-out ones an' worse
An' for every hung-up person in the whole wide universe
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

▼ The Celebration of the Eucharist:

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: God of the widows and orphans, of immigrants and refugees, you have promised food for the hungry and relief to all who bear heavy burdens.

May we who hunger for your justice find the nourishment we need to do your will.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them



up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to



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give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses and Miriam

you led your people from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God an Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

Priest: On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

"Take, 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,

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;

do this for the remembrance of me."

by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest: Recalling his death,

proclaiming his resurrection,

and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table

may be one body and one holy people,

a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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 of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Giving and Receiving of 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.

For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion

— not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste—
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

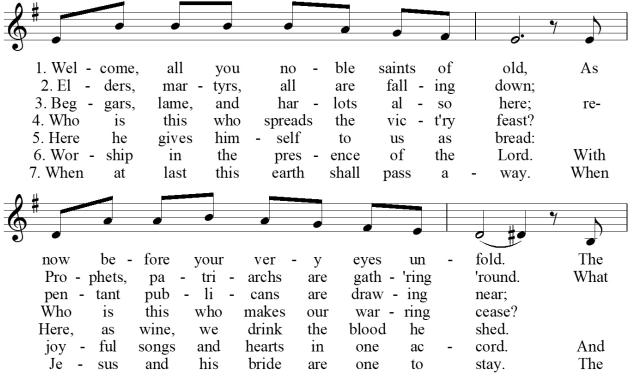
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Communion Hymn: #749 (Gather) "In Christ There is a Table Set for All"





go fore - told: won-ders all SO long an - gels long we have found. to see now Way-ward sons come home with - out fear. a Je - sus. ris - en Say - iour. Prince of Peace. Born to die. and live in - stead! we eat ta - ble let our host at be a - dored. feast of love is just be - gun that day.



In Christ there is a ta-ble set for all.

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Prayer After Communion

Priest: Eternal God,

comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us this day at the table of life and hope.

Lead us in the ways of gentleness and peace,

that we may find our home in you

This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

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

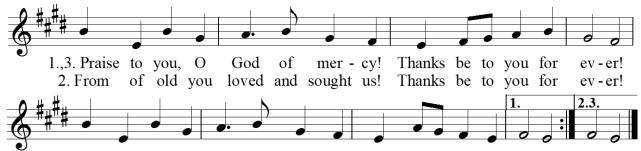
for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry Updates

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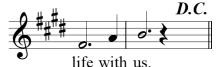
ev-er!

Departing Hymn: #569 (Gather) "Thanks Be To You"



Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev-er! Truth and jus-tice you have taught us: Thanks be to you for

Strong is your faith-ful-ness, strong is your love, re-mem-b'ring your cov-e-nant of



The Dismissal Steven Mackison

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.

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Ministry Updates

Compline at 7 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. The community gathers in the nave of the church for this candlelit service at 7:00 PMof scripture, prayer, song, and stillness.

Registration is required, please do so by going to our website.

Compline at 8 PM

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in this week's eNews.

Tuesday Meditation Group

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin begins again on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 for a half an hour, starting at 12:15 PM in the chancel. All are welcome to join for a peaceful mid-week reflection. Registration/contract tracing will be completed at the door. If you have any other questions, please contact <u>Lilian</u>.

Sesquicentennial Sound Portraits Party

Join us Monday, November 22 at 7:00 PM for the culminating event of our Sesquicentennial Celebrations. We will gather together on Zoom and enjoy our recent Sound Portraits project. Judy Maddren, former parishioner and CBC broadcaster, interviewed parishioners and asked them to reflect on their experiences of Redeemer as a justice-seeking, faith sharing, community of the redeemed. These interviews are accompanied by music and images that highlight the stories of our common life.

In addition, our own Mike Daley will be speaking about how the surrounding community of Yorkville has grown and changed in decades past.

Please come and be a part of this celebration! A Zoom link will be sent in the November 19 edition of eNews.

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 and thanks to your generosity, we have **surpassed our donation goal!** We have received \$32,910, and 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 on the process.

Thank you all for your generous donations that helped us achieve this goal!

Learning@Redeemer: Be You 2

Running on the success of the Small Group Learning Initiatives at Redeemer, "Be You" is back and wants you! Coming together as a group on Zoom, participants will share and learn by each other while celebrating and exploring God's mission, deepening our faith; learning to live as disciples of Jesus and mutually support one another.

To receive the Zoom link, <u>please click here</u> and register by November 8. For more information visit the <u>website</u> or contact Craig Spielmacher at <u>craig spielmacher@yahoo.ca.</u>

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.

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.