



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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# WELCOME!

**We are delighted** that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our home sits on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Standing at the crossroads of the heart of the city, this is a place of celebration, refuge, learning, and worship, for the vibrant, diverse faithful community that gathers here. We open our doors to welcome the sojourner, the weary, the yearning, and the seeker. We welcome you!

**Children are always welcome in worship!** To support your child's participation in worship we have activity bags available for use during the service. please look for the kits and supplies near the entrance of the Church by the rainbow carpet!

**Pastoral care is available through the holiday season.** Christmas is often a season of joy and light; it can also be a difficult time. If you are in need of prayer, a listening ear, or pastoral care, feel free to reach out to our clergy. One of us will be available throughout the Christmas season.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:30 AM – Relaxed Sung Eucharist *(Online and In-Person)*
- 11:15 AM – Traditional Sung Eucharist *(Online and In-Person)*
- 7:00 PM – Various Evening Services *(Online and/or In-Person)*
- 8:00 PM – Compline *(Online Only)*

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Monday-Saturday, 12:15PM – Mid-Day Prayer *(Online Only)*
- Tuesday, 12:15 PM – Meditation *(In-Person Only)*
- Wednesday – Daily Prayer *(Posted on Website)*

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**Prelude:** “The Advent” (*John Ireland/Alice Meynell*)

No sudden thing of glory and fear  
Was the Lord's coming; but the dear  
Slow Nature's days followed each other  
To form the Saviour from his Mother  
One of the children of the year.

The earth, the rain, received the trust,  
The sun and dews, to frame the Just.  
He drew his daily life from these,  
According to his own decrees  
Who makes man from the fertile dust.

Sweet summer and the winter wild,  
These brought him forth, the Undefined.  
The happy Springs renewed again  
His daily bread, the growing grain,  
The food and raiment of the Child.

**Land Acknowledgement**

*Susan Haig*

**The Procession**

*Please rise, as you are able*

*Priest:* Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.

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

**Entrance Hymn: #155 “From East to West...”***vv. 1-6 sung before the station, verse 7, after*

1. From east to west, from shore to shore, let ev-  
 2. Be - hold! the world's cre - a - tor wears the form  
 3. For this how wond - rous - ly he wrought! A maid-  
 4. As - sent - ing to the an - gel's word, she chose  
 5. He shrank not from the ox - en's stall, he lay  
 6. And while the an - gels in the sky sang praise  
 7. All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn to God,



- ery heart a-wake and sing the ho - ly child whom Ma-  
 and fash - ion of a slave; our ver - y flesh our Mak-  
 - en, in her low - ly place, be-came, in ways be - yond  
 what God the Spir - it willed, and sud - den - ly the prom-  
 with-in the man - ger bed, and he whose boun - ty feeds  
 a - bove the si - lent field, to shep - herds poor the Lord  
 the source of all, is due; all praise to you, O Vir-



- ry bore, the Christ, the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 - er shares, his fal - len crea - ture now to save.  
 all thought, the cho - sen ves - sel of his grace.  
 - ised Lord that pure and hal - lowed tem - ple filled.  
 us all at Ma - ry's breast him - self was fed.  
 most high, the one great Shep - herd, was re-vealed.  
 - gin born; all praise, O Ho - ly Ghost, to you.

TEXT: Cecil Alexander  
 (1818-1895), alt.  
 MUSIC: Melody Trier  
 MS (15<sup>th</sup> cent.); adapt.  
 Michael Praetorius  
 (1571-1621).

**Station at the Crèche***Priest:* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia!*People:* **And we beheld his glory. Alleluia!***Priest:* Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born this day: grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen.***All sing verse 7 of “From East to West”*

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

### 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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 52.7-10

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

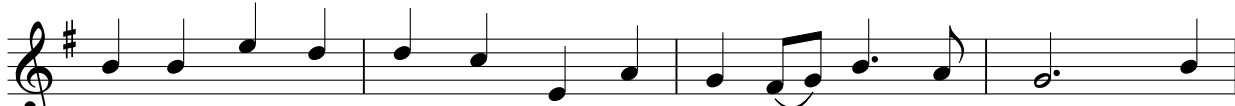
*A moment of silence is observed*

**Carol: #120 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

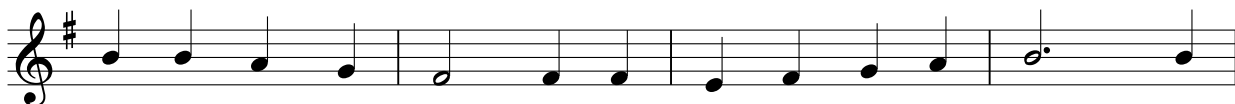
*All remain seated and sing*



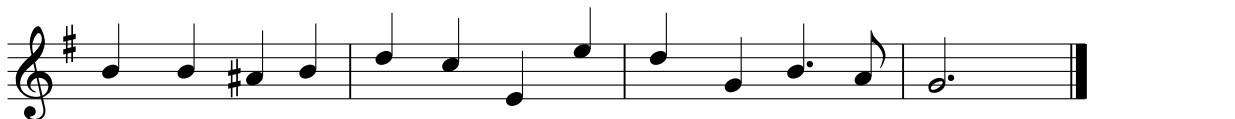
1. O lit - tle town of Bethle-hem, how still we see thee lie! A-  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while  
3. How si - lent - ly, how silent - ly, the won - drous Gift is giv'n; as  
4. O ho - ly Child of Bethle-hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast



- bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet  
mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O  
love im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of God's heav'n. No  
out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We



in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; The  
morn - ing stars to - ge - ther, pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and  
ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where  
hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O



hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!  
meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em-man - u - el!

TEXT: Phillips Brooks  
(1835-1893), alt.  
MUSIC: Lewis Henry  
Redner (1831-1908)

**The Second Reading**

*Please remain seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Hebrews 1.1-4

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Sequence Hymn: #125 “Infant Holy...”

*Please rise as you are able & sing*



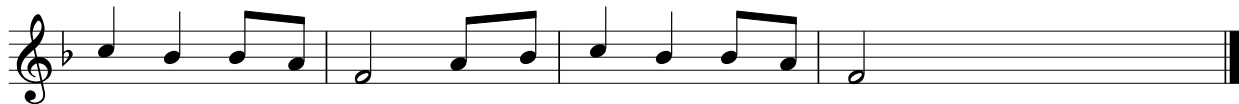
1. In - fant low - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vi - gil till the morn - ing new saw the



low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are  
glo - ry, heard the stor - y, ti - dings of a gos - pel true. Thus re -



wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - wells ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the  
- joic - ing, free from sor - row, prai - ses voi - cing greet to - mor - row: Christ the



babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

TEXT: Polish carol;  
tr. Edith M.G. Reed (1885-1933), alt.  
MUSIC: Melody Polish trad.;

## The Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, *(a moment of silence is observed)* and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 1.1-14

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please rise, as you are able*

*Priest:* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**



## Prayers of the People

*Cantor:* In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, singing,



Lord, grant us peace.

*Cantor:* By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace.**

*Cantor:* Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hear us, O...

*All:* **Lord, grant us peace. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please rise, as you are able*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*If you would like to make a financial donation to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate as you exit the church today.*

# Offertory Hymn: #148 "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

*All sing*

## Verses



1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;
5. Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a migh - ty love was thine,



see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!  
who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.  
where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?  
an - gels, sing - ing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Sav - iour's birth."  
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!

## Refrain



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je -



ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

TEXT: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. MUSIC:  
John Goss (1800-1880).

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of peace,  
your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.  
May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household.  
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man  
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;  
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,  
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

## Sanctus (*Carol Setting*)

*All sing*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of Power and might Heaven and Earth and



full of your glo - ry, glo - ry to You O Lord most high Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Priest:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in 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 may  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."  
Therefore, Father, according to his command.

*People:* **We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Priest:* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest:* Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*People:* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*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



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,  
please let the communion minister know.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,  
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

**Carol:** “Gesù Bambino” (*Pietro Yon/Rederick Martens*)

*Please be seated*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night  
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,  
and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.  
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Please stand*

*Priest:* Father of all,  
the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.  
May he who made us your children  
welcome us into your kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns with you  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*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.**

## Closing Hymn: #154 "Joy to the World"

*Please rise, as you are able & sing*



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive the  
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: let us glad songs em -  
3. No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture  
- ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing  
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far as our sin is  
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.  
love, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. MUSIC: Antioch. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759).

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

*Sunday, December 26 – First Sunday After Christmas*

Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom



## **Upcoming Worship Services**

### ***Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord***

We welcome the Magi as we continue our celebration of the birth of Jesus  
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom  
Compline at 7 PM in the church, and at 8 PM on Zoom

### ***Sunday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord***

Through the waters of baptism, Jesus heard “you are my Son, the beloved”.  
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom  
Compline at 7 PM in the church, and at 8 PM on Zoom

## **Faith Formation**

At Church of the Redeemer, we offer a variety of faith formation programs. For our youngest members and their families, we offer Pyjama Prayers on Zoom on Friday Nights at 6:45 PM. This is a time of story, songs, and prayers at the end of a week. For children (JK-Grade 6) we offer Church School Sundays at 9:30 AM on Zoom, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun.

Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather in person at 9:30 AM, we gather to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

Marginalia is our adult faith formation program. It brings people together for learning and conversation sometimes with special guests and speakers. For information about upcoming sessions contact Nate Wall ([nwall@theredeemer.ca](mailto:nwall@theredeemer.ca)).

### **Jesus & Astrology (Jan. 10)**

A band of non-Jewish strangers hunts down the baby Jesus because, as they say, “We saw his star at its rising.” Ancient peoples tried to decode the stars’ secrets. Modern people still feel the pull of celestial bodies on our lives. In this Marginalia one-off, we’ll explore the role of stars and folk magic in the Bible, in western history, and in the here and now. And we’ll wonder what it all has to do with the story of the non-Jewish magi who track down the Jewish Messiah.

### **Women & the Bible (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7)**

“Complicated” might be the best word to describe women’s relationship with the Christian Bible. The Bible’s words inspired the suffrage movement and made possible the 20th century idea of universal human rights. But the Bible has also been used to defend and entrench even the worst kinds of patriarchy. With the help of some special guests, this Marginalia series will explore the Bible’s legacy when it comes to women and womanhood.

# Worship and Spirituality

## During the Week

### Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website (theredeemer.ca).

### Tuesday Meditation Group

The group is taking a break for Christmas and will return on Jan. 11.

### Prayer on Wednesday

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the website (theredeemer.ca).

### 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.

## On Sunday

### Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern. If you have people or situations that you would like but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added in the Zoom chat in the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

## In the Community

### Remember Your Booster

All members of the community are encouraged to book a COVID-19 booster vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Information is available on the City of Toronto website. When we love our neighbour, we wear a mask and get vaccinated!

## Becoming a Pilgrim

The next steps in planning a parish Camino to Santiago pilgrimage in mid-September 2022, alongside a series of local pilgrimages in and around the GTA, are well underway. The Pilgrimage Committee is proposing two possible starting points for the Camino: the first begins in the village of O’Cebreiro and would mean a pilgrimage of about nine days; the second in the city of Sarria and would take approximately six to seven. The local pilgrimages in and around the GTA will begin Eastertide 2022 and continuing into the autumn. Anyone interested in the Camino pilgrimage in Spain is invited to a Zoom planning meeting on **Wednesday Jan. 19, 2022**, at 7:30 PM. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Susan Haig ([shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca)) or Henry Krol. The Zoom link will be available in a future edition of eNews. Planning for the local pilgrimages will commence in February 2022.

## The Common Table

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear. To donate needed resources, please contact Paul Wasswa ([pwasswa@theredeemer.ca](mailto:pwasswa@theredeemer.ca)), The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. A list of the items we need is updated regularly and posted on The Common Table's page of the website. We ask that you donate only the needed items as storage space is limited. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

## Support Us

We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus - God-with-us, Emmanuel. This has been a year where hopes for a return to life as it once was, has seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year ends, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. If you have given all you can - thank you. Your gifts have made a difference. Please remember that any donations received after December 31 at midnight that are not postmarked in 2021 cannot be receipted for 2021 due to Canada Revenue Agency regulations. If you have the capacity to make an additional gift or to give for the first time, please consider one of these options:

- **online through CanadaHelps**
- **e-transfer.** Please **contact** the treasurer, Richard Heystee ([treasure@thredeemer.ca](mailto:treasure@thredeemer.ca)), for more information on how to do this.
- **a cheque, dated in December 2021, mailed to the church and postmarked in 2021.** The church address is 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4.
- **hand-delivered envelopes** dropped through the mail slot in the door to the right of the main doors before midnight December 31, 2021 (if you can do this safely while following pandemic protocols).

**Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.**