



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
RENEWAL OF VOWS AND HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Paul MacLean

Opening Hymn: #809 (Gather) “There Is One Lord”



There is one Lord, one faith, one bap-tis-m, There is one God who is Fa-ther of all.

TEXT: Ephesians 4. Taize Community, 1984. TUNE: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1984, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc.,

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paul MacLean

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: There is one body and one Spirit.

***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

***People:* One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Priest: Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,
to drink from the waters of the new creation
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.
Give us the wings of the Spirit,
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Didy Erb

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

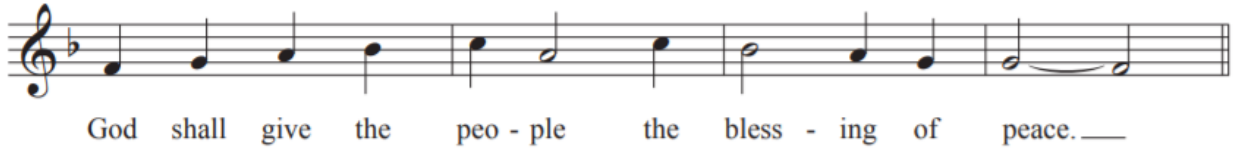
All: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 43.1-7

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 29 (George Black)

Refrain



Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:
Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.
Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name;
worship God in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders:
God is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of God is a powerful voice;
the voice of God is a voice of splendour. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness;
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

God sits enthroned above the flood;
the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.
The Holy One shall give strength to all people;
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

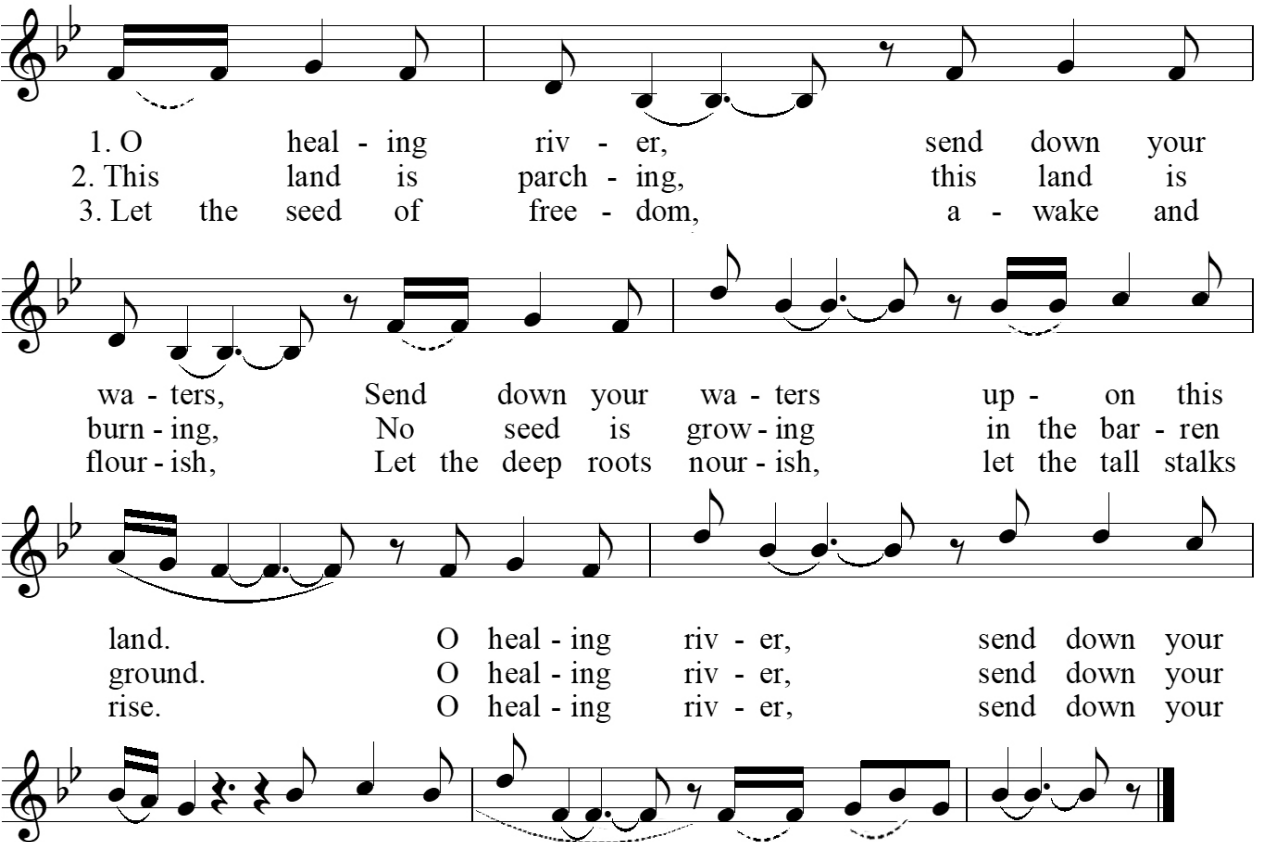
Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 8.14-17

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #584 (Gather) “Healing River”



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The second line continues the melody. The third line also continues the melody. The fourth line concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. Some lyrics are written on multiple lines to fit the melody. The lyrics are: 1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your 2. This land is parch - ing, this land is 3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your wa - ters, And wash the blood from off the sand. wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down. wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

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.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for a moment of meditation.

✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest: Eternal God,
in your faithful and enduring love
you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.
In obedience we hear and accept your commands;
in love we seek to do your perfect will;
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.
We are no longer our own but yours.

All: **I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.**

All: Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all that I have and am
to serve you, as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

Priest: As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone,
but as God's servants and witnesses,
let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Prayers of the People

Deb Deacon

Leader: For those who lead the church throughout the world,
that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship...

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who have answered the invitation to baptism,
that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer
and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord...

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those preparing for baptism and for their families,
that they might draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen,
the light of the nations, and our light...

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the healing of all who do not recognize God's impartial love;
for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us;
for the gifts of unity and peace, ...

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the consolation and support
of all who are imprisoned physically, spiritually, emotionally...
for all who are ill...
for those who are dying...
for all who provide care and nurture...

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: All loving and ever-faithful God,
we thank you for the gift of your Son.
As his disciples, we have offered our prayers.
We offer them through Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Lord,
this day and forever.

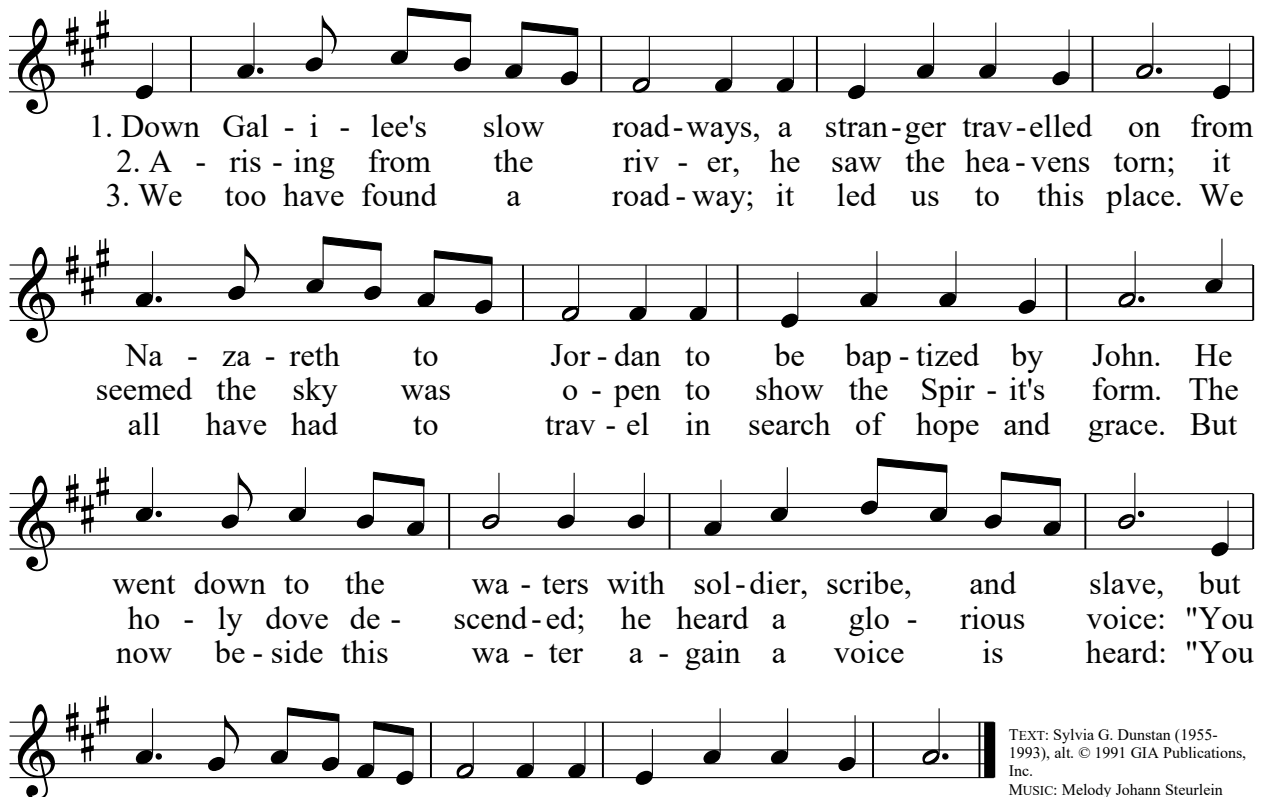
All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #45 (Common Praise) “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”



1. Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways, a stran-ger trav-elled on from
2. A - ris - ing from the riv - er, he saw the hea - vens torn; it
3. We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place. We

Na - za - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John. He
seemed the sky was o - pen to show the Spir - it's form. The
all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace. But

went down to the wa - ters with sol - dier, scribe, and slave, but
ho - ly dove de - scend - ed; he heard a glo - rious voice: "You
now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard: "You

there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Paul MacLean

Priest: God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-



san-na in the high-est.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honour your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world
around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,

Priest: opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us,
our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending,
Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of all your children,
that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

Communion Motet: “The Baptism of Jesus” (*Peter Hallock*)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane!

When Jesus Christ baptized was,
The Holy Ghost descended with His grace.
The Gather voice was heard in the place:

“Hic est Filius meus; ipsum intende!”

There were three Persons and one God.
The Son baptized with one accord.
The Father said this blessed word:

“Hic est Filius meus; ipsum intende!”

Now Jesu as Thou art both God and Man
And were baptized in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray Thee, say then:

“Hic est Filius meus; ipsum intende!”

Prayer After Communion

Paul MacLean

Priest: Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name. **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.**

Closing Hymn: #499 (Gather) “Sing Out, Earth and Skies”

Verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin-king star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new;



Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo-ry of your Son.
 Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
 God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
 Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
 Come and make op-pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your joy-ful cries!



TEXT: Marty Haugen, b.1950.
 TUNE: SING OUT, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950. 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

Dance to the life a-round you!

Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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) 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).

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 \(theredeemer.ca\)](http://theredeemer.ca).

Tuesday Meditation Group

With no services in the church currently, the meditation group will be temporarily paused. Email Lilian Junkin (lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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](http://theredeemer.ca) (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.

Rock Eucharist on Jan. 16

Our next Rock Eucharist will be **Sunday, January 16 at 7 PM** featuring music of the one and only Prince. Please join us on Zoom. The link to the service and bulletin will be available on the [website](http://theredeemer.ca) (theredeemer.ca) and in eNews.

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) 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.

Redeemer Readers

Redeemer Readers is the church's book club. In 2022, we will be looking at the top of The Church in the 21st Century. On January 27 we meet at noon over Zoom to discuss the book of essays with the arresting and evocative title *The Church Has Left the Building: Faith, Parish and Ministry in the Twenty-first Century*. There are 16 contributors to this volume. If you would like to join the discussion, contact Pauline Thompson at pauline.thompson@utoronto.ca, and Marjorie Wrightson at mwrightson@theredeemer.ca for Zoom link information. All are welcome!

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](mailto:pwasswa@theredeemer.ca) (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.

Stewardship Committee - Gratitude Update

Despite all the uncertainty in our world right now we are delighted to report on the enthusiastic support of the Redeemer ministry during December. There were 300 donors in December who generously gave \$204,000, including 25 new supporters of our ministry! Thank you very much for the strong response. While there is much tallying and accounting to be done before sharing Redeemer's overall financial position we want to **THANK YOU** for all that has been given so that we closed 2021 with strength. We look forward to continuing our witness in 2022 - our 151st year - faithfully following Jesus as a beacon of hope at Avenue Road and Bloor.

With gratitude,

David Pabke, Steven Mackison, Lyn Sibley, Ron Waldie, and Susan Graham Walker

Support Us

Last year was one where hopes for a return to life as it once was, seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of on-going uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year starts anew, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. If your givings need to remain the same or be reduced - thank you for your continuing donations. Your gifts make a difference. If you have the capacity to increase your givings or to give for the first time, we are grateful.

Here are the ways you can offer your financial support:

- update your Pre- Authorized Remittance information or sign up for PAR. There is a form on the church website – www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website – www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer, Richard Heystee, for more information on how to do this.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.