



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

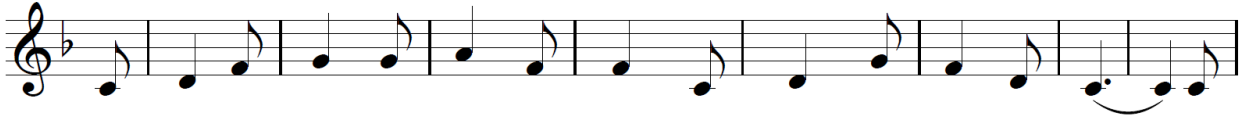
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Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Opening Hymn: #679 (Gather) “Good News”

Verses



1. When Je - sus worked here on earth he preached in his home - town, I -
2. The eld - ers of the syn - a - gogue were shocked by Mar - y's son, That
3. The way he lived was proof of it: he qui - et - ed our strife. The
4. So pass it on to - day, good friend: the mes - sage is the same. De -



TEXT: Howard S. Olson.
TUNE: Almaz Belihu; Yemissrach Dimts Literature Program, Ethiopia. 1993, Howard S. Olson.

- sa - iah's hopes now ful - filled, those claims of great re - nown.
he was des - tined to be the Christ for ev - 'ry - one.
cross it - self he would not flee e'en though it cost his life.
- liv - 'rance Christ a - lone can give, for this to earth he came.

Refrain



To bring good news to the need - y, to make the blind to see, the bro - ken



hearts healed a - gain, to set the cap - tive free. cap - tive free.

✠ 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.

All: And also with you.

Priest: When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:

All: **To find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.**

Collect of the Day

Priest: God of freedom,
make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,
the poor lifted up,
the oppressed set free
and your love made manifest
in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who

taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 19 Paraphrase: #489 (Gather) "The Stars Declare God's Glory"



1. The stars de - clare God's glo - ry; The vault of heav - en springs Mute
2. The dawn re - turns in splen - dour, The heav - ens burn and blaze, The
3. So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments To make the sim - ple wise; More
4. So or - der too this life of mine, Di - rect it all my days; The



wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand In all cre - at - ed things, And
ris - ing sun re - news the race that meas - ures all our days, And
sweet than hon - ey to the taste, More rich than an - y prize, A
med - i - ta - tions of my heart Be in - no - cence and praise. My



through the si - lence - es of space Their sound - less mu - sic sings.
writes in fire a - cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.
law of love with - in our hearts, A light be - fore our eyes.
rock and my re - deem - ing Lord, In all my words and ways.

TEXT: Psalm 19; Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-), © 1981, Hope Publishing Co. TUNE: David Haas, (1957-), © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading

David Burt

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I

am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

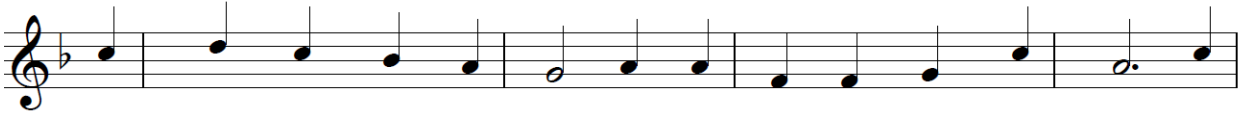
Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #101 (Common Praise) “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail,
2. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, and
3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; all
4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest, from



in the time ap-point-ed, his reign on earth be-gun! He comes to break op-
love, joy, hope, like flow-ers, spring in his path to birth. Be - fore him on the
na-tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo-ple sing. To him shall prayer un-
age to age more glo-rious, all-bless-ing and all-blest. The tide of time shall



- pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free, to take a - way trans-gres-sion, and
- moun-tains shall peace the her-ald go, and right-eous-ness in foun-tains from
- ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as-cend, his king-dom still in - creas-ing, a
- nev - er his cov - e - nant re-move. His name shall stand for - ev - er: that



TEXT: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
MUSIC: Melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

rule in eq - ui - ty.
hill to val-ley flow.
king-dom with-out end.
name to us is Love.

The Gospel

Susan Haig

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Then, Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 4.14-21

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

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

We pause for a moment of meditation.

Statement of Faith

Steven Mackison

Priest: We believe

All: **in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
who journeys with us through life,
and leads us to new beginnings.**

**We believe in the God of Moses,
who frees us from oppression and guides us
through desert, wilderness, and sin to the Promised Land.**

**We believe in the God of the prophets,
who asks for justice in our land,
and cares for the poor.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who brought the Gospel to us,
who celebrated God’s unconditional love for everyone.**

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who forms and molds us into God's image,
who sends us out to serve God and people,
who leads us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Richard Van Delft

Leader: Dear friends,
today we have heard that we are bound together in Christ, as one body.
Therefore, as Christ's beloved body, depending on one another,
let us join our hearts together in prayer, saying:
Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Loving Creator,
we pause in deep gratitude for the gift of life, for the self-giving love
of the Earth, our Mother, who, in her mysterious life systems, nurtures
and sustains us every moment of our lives.
Sometimes we lose sight of this astonishing beauty and grace.
Let us sit in silence, remembering the many wondrous things
for which we are thankful this morning.

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Loving God,
we pray for the church, the Body of Christ, in the world.
Our Redeemer has anointed this Body to bring good news to the poor,
release to the captives, sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed.
That is your holy calling to the Church that is so often blind and lost,
locked in conflict, confused about power and freedom.
We pray earnestly for renewal, so that the world will know
that we are your Body by the way we love.

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: God of Justice,
we pray for political leaders, here in Canada at all levels of government,
and in all the nations of the world.

Leader: We know that those who hold power can be distracted by many desires and influences, but we pray that your Spirit will prevail, and that the concern of each one will ultimately be the common good, justice and equity.

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Holy Comforter,

we are reminded today that when one part of the body suffers, all suffer.

Spirit of God, the people of the whole Earth are suffering,

with a pandemic that shows little sign of relenting.

Our fallible leaders, scientists and doctors have done their best.

We have done all we know to do, individually and as a global community.

So much inequality and injustice has been brought into the open

by this suffering, and needs to be healed.

We pray for relief, for healing, for deliverance.

We pray for the opportunity to work, with your strength and wisdom,

to heal the ruptures, to tear down unjust systems and bring equity and peace.

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Compassionate God,

there are those among us who are facing trials and difficulties,

illness and bereavement. We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning,

who need healing and strength, and for those who have died,

those we know personally and those we do not.

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: God of all comfort,

in this season of Epiphany, when the manifestation of your purposes in this world

are revealed, we trust your promise to hear us when we lift our hearts to you

in prayer, and in loving faith we boldly pray these things in the name,

and for the sake, of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #451 (Common Praise) “King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You”



1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
2. King of life, you have cre-a - ted wheat in gold - en har - vest spread:
3. King of mer - cy, you have saved us from the haunt - ing sense of loss,
4. King tri - um-phiant, King vic - to - rious, take your throne our hearts with - in,



each de - mand of your high chal - lenge ded - i - cat - ed to ful - fil;
make your ser - vants strong to serve you by the gift of dai - ly bread.
nail - ing in your vast com - pas - sion sin's in - dict - ment to the cross.
lest the might of fierce temp - ta - tion snare us in - to dead - ly sin.



we with you by grace co-work-ers, till, where hu - man foot has trod,
Feed us with your bod - y bro - ken, with your blood out - poured sus - tain,
Those who love, by your sore ang - uish, from the past you cleanse and free,
By the Spir - it's rich a - noint - ing, grant us strength life's race to run,



peo - ples, kings, do - min - ions, rac - es, own the em - pire of our God.
that our souls di - vine - ly strength - ened may the life e - ter - nal gain.
breath - ing words of ab - so - lu - tion throned and reign - ing from the tree.
till the power of sin be van - quished, till the prize of God be won.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Steven Mackison

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Loving God, before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.



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



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



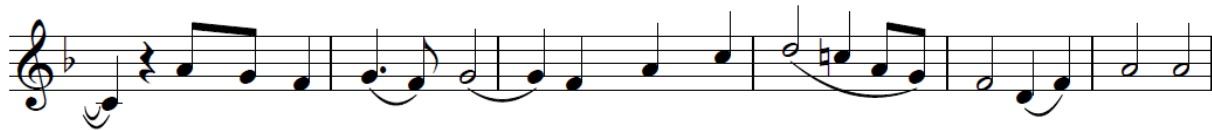
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.



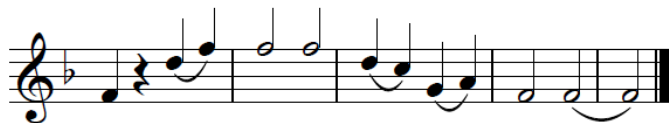
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the



Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,



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ho - san-na in the high-est.

Priest: We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

Priest: 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 which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

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

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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.

Motet: “O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit” (*Thomas Tallis*)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
all the days of our life,
that we may know thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #676 (Gather) “You Have Anointed Me”

Verse 1



1. To bring glad tid-ings to the low - ly, to heal the bro-ken heart,



You have a - noint-ed me. To pro-claim lib-er-ty to cap-tives, re-



TEXT: Mike Balhoff, b.1946, Gary Daigle, b.1957, Darryl Ducote, b.1945.
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- lease to pris-on - ers, You have a-noint-ed me.

Refrain

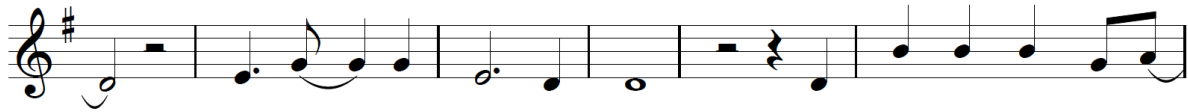


Your Spir-it, O God, is up - on me, You have a - noint - ed me.

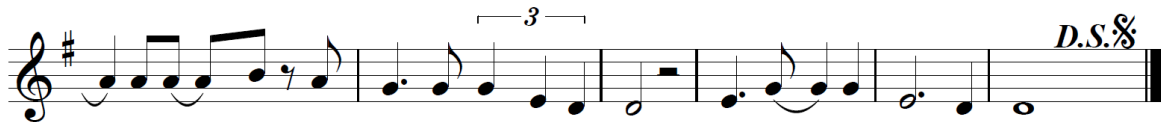
Verse 2



2. To an-ounce a year of fa - vour, to com-fort those who mourn,



You have a - noint-ed me. To give to them the oil



of glad-ness, and share a man-tle of joy, You have a-noint-ed me.

Dismissal

Susan Haig

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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 10:30 AM on Zoom, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun.

Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather online at 10:30 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).

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

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

Redeemer Readers

Redeemer Readers is the church's book club. In 2022, we will be looking at the topic 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 donated needed resources, please contact Paul Wasswa (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

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.
- by cheque or cash on the collection plate when we gather for worship in the church.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.