



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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## Land Acknowledgement

*Susan Haig*

## Opening Hymn: #408 (Gather) “Ubi Caritas”



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
Live in char-i - ty and stead-fast love, live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978.  
TUNE : Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

*Susan Haig*

*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:* Provoking God,  
calling us through the face of the Other:  
free our fickle hearts  
from our need to divide and exclude  
both the foreign and the misfit;  
lead us through the storms of rage  
to a clear and new beginning;  
through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. **Amen.**

# ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading

Ron Waldie

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 1.4-10

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 71.1-6 (George Black)

### Refrain



From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

In you, O God, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me. **Refrain**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **Refrain**

For you are my hope, O God,  
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

*Paul Maranger*

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

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 13. 1-13

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Sequence Hymn: #629 (Gather) “God is Love”

### Refrain



God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.

### Verse 1



1. God is light, in God there is no dark-ness. Come live in the love of the Lord.

### Verse 2



2. Come to the Lord, re - ceive the light, and live in the love of the Lord.

### Verse 3



3. We are called to be God's own chil-dren, to live in the love of the Lord.

### Verse 4



4. All of you are one, u - nit-ed in Je-sus, to live in the love of the Lord.

TEXT: 1 John 1:5, 3:2, 4:15, Psalm 33:6, Galatians 3:28; David Haas (1957- ). TUNE: David Haas (1957- ). © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

## The Gospel

*Steven Mackison*

*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.

Jesus began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this



proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 4.21-30

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

*We pause for a moment of meditation.*

**Statement of Faith**

*Susan Haig*

*Priest:* We believe

*All:* **that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.  
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Peter Bennett

*Leader:* As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your petition, your hopes, and thanksgivings in the pauses – silently, aloud, or in the chat function. We draw from the words of the psalmist who proclaims, “For you, O Lord, are my hope,” to which we respond, “my trust, O Lord, from my youth.”

*Leader:* We pray for the Church throughout the world.  
We pray particularly for persecuted churches throughout the world.  
In today’s readings, we hear God calling youth to be leaders and prophets.  
Give us the courage to encourage new leadership,  
endowing them with the gifts of ministry.  
In our own church, help us to break down structures of colonialism,  
to hear the wisdom of our Indigenous siblings,  
and build a church that is grounded in hope, and rooted in the Spirit.

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

*Leader:* For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
**All: My trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world.  
Open us to the hope that our leaders and your people will bring  
a renewed reverence to the beauty and life-giving nature of your creation.  
We remember the athletes and officials who are gathering in Beijing  
for the Olympics and Paralympics this month.  
We pray for a just and equitable sharing of vaccines  
and other public health measures throughout the world.  
We pray for leaders who are negotiating a peaceful resolution  
to conflicts, wherever they may be.

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

*Leader:* For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
**All: My trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

*Leader:* We pray for the country.  
We remember John our Mayor, Doug our Premier,  
and Justin our Prime Minister.  
Give them the strength, courage, wisdom, and compassion  
to exercise their authority for the well-being of all who call this city,  
this province, and this country, their home.  
We pray for the ministry God calls us to at this corner.

*Leader:* We give thanks for the gifts that each of us is given,  
that we may offer our time, talent, and treasure to your honour.

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

*Leader:* For you, O Lord, are my hope,

***All:* My trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who are in need.

We pray for the sick and those who care for them.

Teach us to ask for help and to ask how we can help.

Be with those who are dying. Comfort their loved ones.

We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died.

May they rest in peace and rise to the life immortal.

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

*Leader:* For you, O Lord, are my hope,

***All:* My trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

*Leader:* Finally, in today's reading of Paul to the people of Corinth,  
we are given a description of the power and attributes of love.

Give us the courage to love our enemies, express our love for justice,  
exercise our love in comforting the lonely, and practice our love for You,  
our families, and our neighbours next door, and around the world.

All this we ask in the name of our Redeemer,  
O Lord of our hope in whom we trust, Jesus Christ.

***All:* Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Susan Haig*

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

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



# Offertory Hymn: #410 (Gather) "Serving You"

## Refrain



In a spir - it of thank - ful - ness we wash each oth - er's feet, up - hold each



oth - er's lives. In a spir - it of joy and praise we serve each oth - er now



TEXT: Michel Guimont, b.1950.  
TUNE: Michel Guimont, b.1950. 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

at the ta - ble of the Lord.

## Verses



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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. A new com - mand       | I give to you:           | love one an -   |
| 2. Hap - py are you,      | the faith - ful servants | who stand a -   |
| 3. I am the vine,         | you are the branches,    | those who a -   |
| 4. No great - er love     | than this, my friend,    | to give your    |
| 5. My peace I leave       | with all who live        | in the true     |
| 6. Al - ways re - member, | a - mong your - selves,  | the great - est |



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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| - oth - er as I've loved you.       | This love you share | will be a sign,    |
| - wake at the Lord's com - ing.     | Hap - py are you,   | for at the banquet |
| - bide in me will bear great fruit. | Re - main in me,    | re - main in me    |
| life for an - oth - er.             | These words I share | with all who hear  |
| spir - it of my word.               | My peace I give     | to all who choose  |
| one must be the ser - vant.         | Just as the Lord,   | a - mong his own,  |



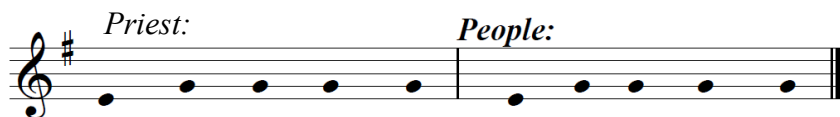
a sign that you are my friends.  
sure - ly the Lord will wait on you.  
and God will grant you what you need.  
so that your joy may be com - plete.  
to serve each oth - er in my name.  
has made him - self ser - vant of all.

# ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Susan Haig

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.  
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:* Holy God, Lover of creation,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us  
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.  
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,  
you do not abandon us.  
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,  
to confront our sin  
and reveal the vision of your new creation.  
Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory singing:

## 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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the



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

*Music: Mass of Remembrance, Marty Haugen, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.*

*Priest:* Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ  
to share our fragile humanity.  
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection  
you open the path from brokenness to health,  
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit  
to reverence for you.  
Rejected by a world  
that could not bear the Gospel of life,  
Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial  
by an unknown woman,  
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it  
and gave it to his friends,  
saying, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
gave you thanks,  
and said "Drink this all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant

*Priest:* which is shed for you and for many.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”  
And now we gather at this table  
in response to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,  
and to proclaim our faith.

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

*Priest:* Breathe your Holy Spirit  
the wisdom of the universe,  
upon these gifts that we bring to you:  
this bread, this cup,  
ourselves, our soul and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world  
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory is yours, Creator of all,  
and we bless your holy name for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **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.

## **Agnus Dei:** Healey Willan (Missa Brevis No. 04)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Susan Haig*

*Priest:* Source of all goodness,  
in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine.  
May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
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: #562 (Gather) “Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises”

### Refrain



Hal-le - lu-ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad-ness. Hal-le-  
lu-ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad-ness.

### Verses



1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am  
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in  
wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun-ger.  
faith, free of doubt, to pro-claim the joy - ful Gos-pel.

TEXT AND TUNE: South African. © 1984, Utryck, Walton Music Corporation, agent.

### Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord. 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 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)).

### **Women & the Bible** (Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 21)

“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)).

#### **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](http://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.

## **Garden Eucharist**

Due to the unfortunate weather we are currently having, and the snow piling up in backyards, the Garden Eucharist for the month of February will have to be cancelled. Our monthly outdoor eucharist will still continue for March. More details to come closer to that date.

## **On Sunday**

### **Staying Connected at 2 PM**

After the service, beginning at 2 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in the Friday edition of eNews.

### **Compline at 8 PM**

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in the Friday edition of eNews.

## **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!

## **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](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**

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](http://www.theredeemer.ca/donate)
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website – [www.theredeemer.ca/donate](http://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.**