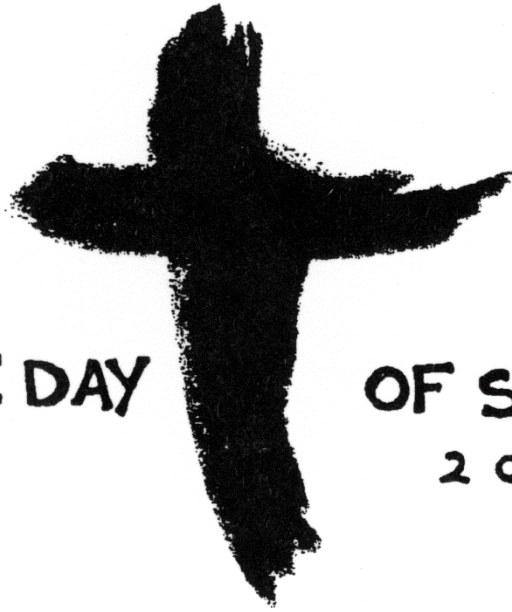


**BEHOLD,
NOW IS THE DAY**



OF SALVATION.

2 CORINTHIANS 6.2

**ASH WEDNESDAY
IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY EUCHARIST**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 AT 12:15 P.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Please stand, as you are able

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17a

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 103.8-18 *(George Black)*

Refrain



You, God, re - mem - ber that we are but dust.

O God, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger for ever. **Refrain**

You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you. **Refrain.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our sins from us.
As parents care for their children,
so do you care for those who love you. **Refrain.**

For you yourself know whereof we are made;
you remember that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more. **Refrain.**

But you merciful goodness endures for ever on those who fear you,
and your righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep your covenant
and remember your commandments and do them. **Refrain.**

Second Reading

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

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

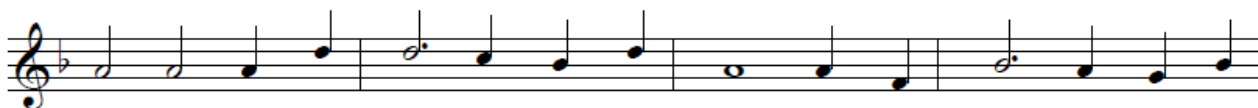
Sequence Song: "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"



1. Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an - oth - er Lent be - gins, thus we
2. We have failed to love our neigh-bours, their off - en - ses to for - give, have not
3. We are has - ty to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu-man need, and our



kneel be-fore our Ma - ker in con - tri - tion for our sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal
list-ened to their troub-les, nor have cared just how they live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im-
lack of un - der - stand - ing dem - on - strates our inn - er greed, we have wast - ed Earth's re-



pledg - es, in re - bel - lion gone a - stray, now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
- pa - tient, lov - ing o - ver much our things, may the yield - ing of our
- sour - ces, want and suffr - ing we've ig - nored, come and cleanse us, then re-



- give-ness, grant us par - don, God, this day!
fail - ings be our Lent - en off - er - ing.
- store us, make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

The Gospel

Please rise, as you are able

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

✠ The Penitential Rite

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as whole.

Priest: I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us come before our Creator and Redeemer.

Hymn: “Healer Divine” (*Raymond H. Haan*) *A time of silence is kept before and after the music*



1.Heal-er di - vine, Christ, hear our prayer: Let us touch the hem of your
2.Cov-er our sin, our guilt re - move. Make pure our hearts with your
3.Pain or des-pair, heart - ache or care Lord, you know the hurts of your
4.Heal-er di - vine, Christ, hear our prayer; Sav-iour, turn and look on your



gar - ment, find whole-ness, find peace.
cleans-ing. Give whole-ness, give peace.
peo - ple. Give whole-ness, give peace.
chil - dren. Give whole-ness, give peace.

Litany of Penitence

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Priest: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Priest: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Priest: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Priest: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Priest: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Priest: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

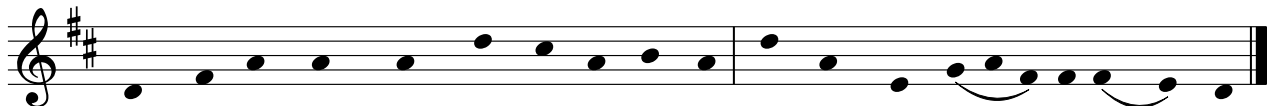
Priest: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

*Those who wish to receive ashes should come forward
when the officiating clergy have moved to their places*

Lent Prose

All repeat the refrain, then sing as indicated



Here us, O God, have mer-cy up -on us: for we have sinned a -gainst you.

Cantor: To you, Redeemer, on your throne of glory: lift we our eyes in penitence and sorrow. Listen, O Jesus to our supplication. **Refrain**

Cantor: O Christ, chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father, way of salvation, gate of life eternal, cleanse us, your people, in your love and mercy. **Refrain**

Cantor: God, we implore you, in your glory seated, look with compassion on our deep affliction; heal and forgive us, God of grace and pity. **Refrain**

Cantor: Sins oft committed, now we lay before you: with true contrition, now no more we veil them. Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. **Refrain**

Cantor: Innocent, captive, taken unresisting. falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced. Save us, we pray you, Jesus our Redeemer. **Refrain**

Absolution

Please rise, as you are able

Priest: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Priest: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord.

People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

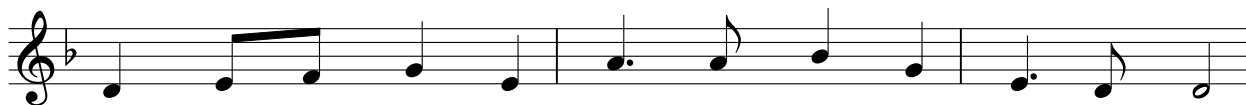
The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #171 "What Does the Lord Require"

All sing



1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the work - er toils,
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring? Do just-ly; love
Will God your plead-ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do just-ly; love
think not to win God's aid, if greed your com-merce soils. Do just-ly; love
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then just-ly, in



mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy, we'll

hum-bly walk with God.

TEXT: Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984), alt. © Oxford University Press. MUSIC: Erik Routley (1917-1982). © 1969 Hope Publishing Co.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: *People:*



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



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



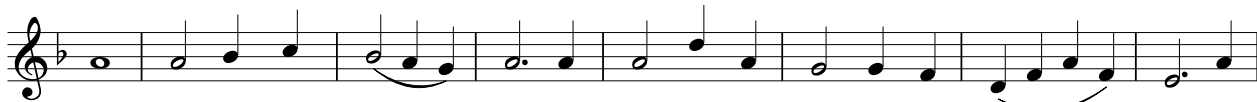
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *All sing*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho-



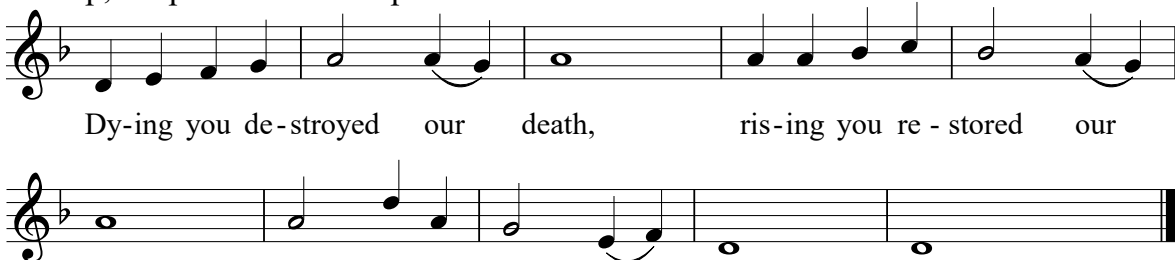
- san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the



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

Priest: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along our journey, lifting us up from the dust even when we have fallen short of your glory. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent angels to whisper your message of love without measure. In every age, you sent your prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; and our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire, which you have entrusted to our fragile wills and restless hearts. In the fullness of time, you sent your son to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and the despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and offered it for all, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim our hope:


All:



Dy-ing you de-stroyed our death, ris-ing you re - stored our
life. Lord Je-sus, come in glo - ry.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom, to pursue love and justice in all the world. Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All:



A - men, a - men.

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,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

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

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 Hymn: #634 “Jesus, Remember Me”

All sing

Je - sus re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

TEXT: Luke 23.42. MUSIC: Jesus Remember Me. Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1978 Les Presses de Taizé, G.I.A. Publications, Inc., exclusive agent.

Prayer After Communion

Please stand, as you are able

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life and bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #386 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

All sing



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
cross of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fering far too small; love so a - ma - zing, so di-



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
- vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).
Music: Rockingham; Melody
Psalmody in Miniature: Second
Supplement, 1780.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



LENT AT REDEEMER

Sundays, March 6 to April 10, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM – Lent Services

Sung Eucharist

Sunday, March 6 to April 10, 7:00 PM – Lent Evenings

No livestream available for evening services

Weekdays, 12:15 PM – Lenten Mid-Day Prayer

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 on Zoom at 9:30 AM to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

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).

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

Regathering, again!

Our Sunday worship will revert to our last regathering guidelines: 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM services in-person and on Zoom, each retaining their liturgical distinctiveness. Evening services will resume as well, with worship at 7:00 PM. Masking and distancing protocols will be in place and registration will again appear in eNews. Please reach out to us via email (office@theredeemer.ca) or phone (416-922-4948) if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Treaty Diplomacy: The Past and Present Perfect

What is the significance of a Wampum Belt? What is treaty law? How has it affected our relationship with First Nations Peoples? And how will it impact our future relations? This event created by Redeemer's Indigenous Solidarity Working Group, is your opportunity to gain insight into our combined future as Treaty People. After all, these treaties are Canada's foundational documents! Douglas Sanderson, Swampy Cree and an Associate Professor and Decanal Advisor on Indigenous Issues, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, will be joining us, as he discusses how he has been deeply engaged in Indigenous issues from a policy perspective.

Join us on **March 19 at 1:00 PM** in the church, or join us online via Zoom. **Please register** before March 17, the link is available on the website (theredeemer.ca) and on eNews.

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!

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