



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Opening Hymn: "Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come" (Taizé Community)



Let all who are thirst-y, come. let all who wish re-ceive the



wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come Lord Je-sus. A-men, come, Lord Je-sus.

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▼ 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.

People: 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:

People: 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 blessing and woe,

disturbing the deadly order of the world:

give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for what really satisfies,

eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh

at all that is false and pompous,

so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life:

through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. Amen.

▼ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Didy Erb

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 17.5-10

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 1 (George Black)

Refrain



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in your law O God, and they meditate on it day and night. **Refrain**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. Refrain

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For God knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. Refrain

Second Reading

Deb Deacon

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

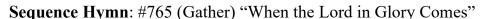
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed





- 1. When the Lord in glo-ry comes not the trum-pets, not the drums, not the shout the heav-ens raise, not the cho-rus, not the praise, not the
- 2. When the Lord is seen a gain not the glo ries of his reign, not the pomp and pow'r a lone, not the splen-dours of his throne, not his
- 3. When the Lord to hu-man eyes shall be-stride our nar-row skies, not the man by all de-nied not the vic tim cru-ci fied, but the



the psalm, not the thun-der, not the calm, not the an - them. not sub-lime, not the sounds of space and si - lenc - es time. ligh-nings through the storm, not the ra-diance of his form, not his robe and di - a - dems, not the gold and not the gems, hum - ble birth, not the car - pen - ter of earth, not the child of God who died save, but the vic - tor the to of grave,



but his voice when he ap-pears shall be mu-sic to my ears: but his but his face up-on my sight shall be dark-ness in-to light: but his he it is to whom I fall, Je-sus Christ, my All in all: he it



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The Gospel

Andrew Kuhl

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 6.17-26

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Angie Hocking

We pause for a moment of meditation.

Statement of Faith Steven Mackison

All: I believe in Christ's humble spirit

giving birth to the holy, apostolic and universal church,

which is among us and beyond us,

before us and after us.

I believe in a church comprised of sinners and saints,

imperfect and in need of grace, yet blessed - the body of Christ.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Jenny Kerber

Leader: With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O God.

In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life.

Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched

and withered hearts with the streams of your love.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God.

You brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters

and through the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing,

that we all may hope in your call to a life of justice and peace.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God.

In Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean.

Reach out and touch all who are in need. Heal our diseases.

Remove the evil spirit of racism.

Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God.

Your mercy encompasses all creation.

Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny

and distort your presence in our midst.

Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone.

May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God.

From creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions.

Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your way.

Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God.

You came to us little and vulnerable.

Make us see and become one with the poor; make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find our satisfaction in serving others.

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

Leader: Lord, in in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of wisdom and love,

hear the prayers of your beloved in this community of faith.

Bring your help to all in need, granting our prayer through Christ our Lord.

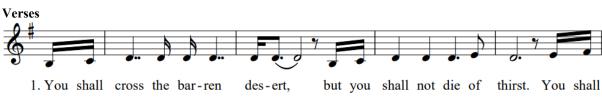
All: Amen.

The Peace Steven Mackison

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #608 (Gather) "Be Not Afraid"





wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in



for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.



Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low me, and



TEXT: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943. MUSIC: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; 1975, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and New Dawn Music.

I will give you rest.

Verses



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you



walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the



pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that



weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-



- sult and hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

▼ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Steven Mackison

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. 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: We praise you and we bless you,

holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

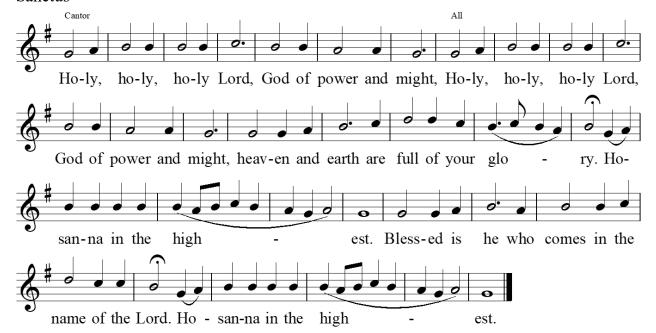
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love:

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus



MUSIC: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

Priest: Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Priest: Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Steven Mackison

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 of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me

will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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 Hymn: #755 (Common Praise) "The Beatitudes"



Lord, re-mem-ber us, when you come in-to your king-dom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.



Re-joice and be glad, for your re-ward is great in heav-en.

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they shall be satisfied.



Lord, re-mem-ber us, when you come in-to your king-dom.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be shown to them. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



Re-joice and be glad, for your re-ward is great in heav-en.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Lord, re-mem-ber us, when you come in-to your king-dom.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.



Re-joice and be glad, for your re-ward is great in heav-en.



Lord, re-mem-ber us, when you come in-to your king-dom.

Prayer After Communion

Steven Mackison

Priest: God of tender care,

in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives

and know its fulfilment in your presence.

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

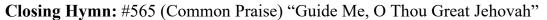
than we can ask or imagine.

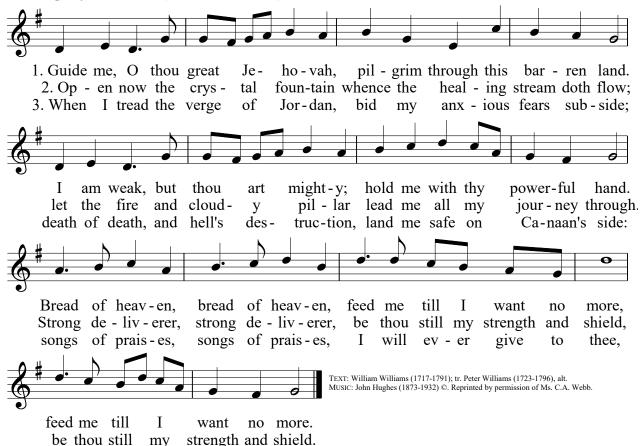
Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus

for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements Steven Mackison





DismissalAndrew Kuhl

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Deacon: 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 on Zoom at 9:30 AM to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>) 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 (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.

Catechesis 2021

Maybe you are new to Redeemer and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Or maybe you've been here for years and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Either way, Catechesis is the place for you!

Join us via Zoom for 6-8 weeks of meetings. We will explore core elements of the faith such as:

- Telling the Salvation Story
- Who is Jesus?
- How to be the Body of Christ

Each session will involve a short presentation, followed by group discussion/debate. We will strive to create a safe, respectful place where questions and doubts are welcome!

How can you get involved? We are looking for inquiring Catechumens and Discerning Sponsors! Please <u>register by February 24</u>. For more information, please contact <u>catechesis@theredeemer.ca</u>.

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 <u>on our website</u> (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 <u>online</u>. 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

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 <u>City of Toronto website</u>. When we love our neighbour, we wear a mask and get vaccinated!

Creation Matters

Creation Matters @ Redeemer invites you to join us, through film, for a day on the Island of Samos as we explore the epic story of how the universe, Earth, and we came to be. From the "great flaring forth" to the impact humans have on the planet today, this film is designed to inspire wonder and a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis.

Please join us to watch the Emmy award-winning documentary film *Journey of the Universe* on Wednesday, February 16 for showings via Zoom at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. For more info, check out https://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/film.

Please <u>register by Monday, February 14</u> for the Zoom link. For more information, contact <u>creationmatters@theredeemer.ca.</u>

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 <u>Paul Wasswa</u> (<u>pwasswa@theredeemer.ca</u>), 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 <u>The Common Table's page</u> 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 inkind 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.