



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 AT 9:30 A.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 Penitential Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear God, we thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

People: **Merciful God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
forgive what we have been,
accept us as we are, and guide what we shall be.**

Priest: O God of mercy, you forgive our past sin,
you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life, you shape us for glory.
O God of mercy, we thank you. Amen.

Act of Penitence

The Priest moves to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Priest says,

Priest: God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.
Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Asperges

During the Asperges, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

Song: Mercy, O God (*Francis Patrick O'Brien*)



Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your mer-cy to set us free.



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The Collect of the Day

Priest: God of the wilderness, your Spirit leads us to face the truth, unprotected and exposed:
in our times of trial help us to resist the worship of empty power, so that we may find
our true food in Jesus Christ, the broken bread. **Amen.**

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Please be seated

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as

a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

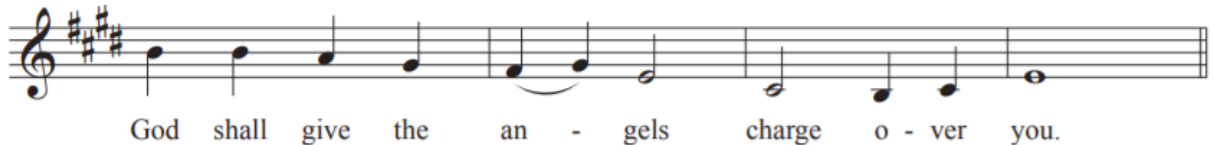
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16 (George Black)

Refrain



Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty

They shall say to God,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." **Refrain**

Because you have made God your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation.

No evil shall happen to you,

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. **Refrain**

Refrain



For God's angels shall take care of you,
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
Because you are bound to me in love,
therefore I will deliver you; I will protect you, because you know my name. **Refrain**

You will call upon me, and I will answer you;
I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
With long life will I satisfy you,
and show you my salvation. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be
saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth
and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to
shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 10.8b-13

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #393 (Gather) “Lonesome Valley”

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley; He had to walk it by him - self. Oh,
2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley; We have to walk it by our - selves. Oh,
3. You must go and stand your tri-al; You have to stand it by your - self. Oh,

—3—



no-bod-y else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by him - self.
no-bod-y else can walk it for us; We have to walk it by our - selves.
no-bod-y else can stand it for you; You have to stand it by your - self.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn. TUNE: LONESOME VALLEY, 8 8 10 8; American folk hymn; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937, 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 4.1-13

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord,
saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For peace in the world,
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,
prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.

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

Leader: We pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #389 (Gather) “Return to God”

All sing

Refrain



Re - turn to God with al your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy; come



seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**



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



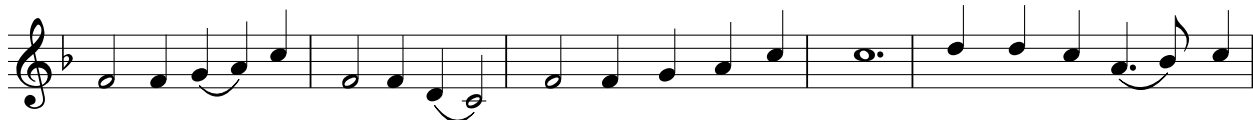
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



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

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en 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: Land of Rest; adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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 of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

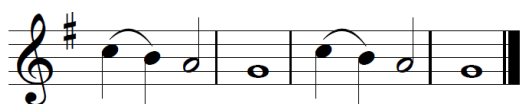
Fraction Song: #310 (Gather) "Lamb of God"



1. Je - sus, Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world, have
2. Je - sus, Pas - chal vic - tim you take a - way the sins of the world, have



mer-cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world.,
mer-cy on us.



grant us peace, 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: #399 (Gather) "Deep Within"

All sing

Refrain

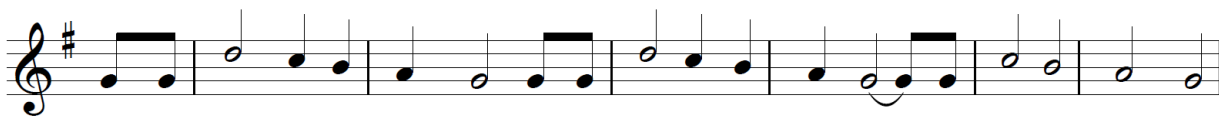


Deep with-in I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart. Fol-low me,

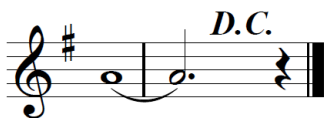


I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God.

Verses



1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir-it with - in you, for I will be your
2. Seek my face, and see your God, for I will be your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your heart and I will bring you



D.C.

TEXT: Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 36:26, Joel 2:12; Davis Haas, b.1957.
TUNE: David Haas, b.1957; acc. By Jeanne Cotter, b.1964. 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

strength.
hope.
back.

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,

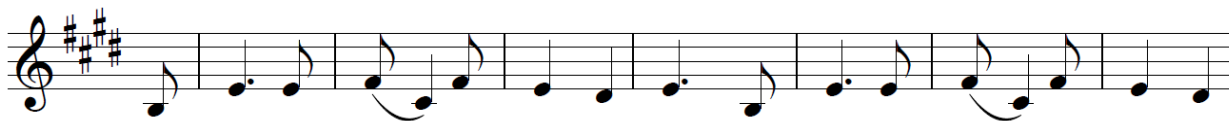
and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #592 (Gather) “Mayenziwe”

All sing



Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O



Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on



earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

TEXT: from the Lord's Prayer, South African
MUSIC: South African traditional, as taught by George
Mxadana; transcribed by John L. Bell, b.1949; 1990,
Iona Community. GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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

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 normally offer Pyjama Prayers on Zoom on Friday Nights at 6:45 PM, but will be paused until March 18. 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](https://www.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](https://www.theredeemer.ca) theredeemer.ca

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese, and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

On Sunday

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

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](mailto:pwasswa@theredeemer.ca) (pwasswa@theredeemer.ca), The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. A list of the items we need is updated regularly and posted on [The Common Table's page](#) of the website. We ask that you donate only the needed items as storage space is limited. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

The REDress Project

The REDress Project was created by Jaime Black, a Metis artist. Each red dress that is hung up acknowledges an Indigenous woman or girl who has been murdered or is missing. The Church of Redeemer will once again make this acknowledgment in June, by hanging red dresses on the outside of the church. As Jaime Black has said, “Each dress will become a teacher, educating those who are not aware of the violence against these women and girls. This art gives Indigenous women and girls a voice, as it acknowledges their having been murdered or missing.”

In order to accomplish this, the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group (ISWG) is asking members of the Redeemer Community to consider donating red dresses. For anyone who is able to make such a donation, we are asking you to bring your donated red dress, or dresses, to the church, indicating they are for ISWG. Thank you for your consideration and possible donation!

Redeemer Readers

The book for discussion this Lent is *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection* by Samuel Wells, (with optional extras: *Credo* by William Sloane Coffin – a Reader suggestion; and “Silence in the Face of Mystery” by Rowan Williams, a version of the final chapter of Williams’ *Being Human*). The Lent discussion will take place on **March 31 at 12:00 PM**. Please register to receive the Zoom link. The link to register for the discussion is in the Thursday edition of eNews and on the website (theredeemer.ca).

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.