



**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 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

*Please kneel or remain seated*

*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:* Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

*People:* **Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**

**like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord enrich us with grace,  
and nourish us with many blessings;  
the Lord defend us in trouble  
and keep us from all evil;  
the Lord accept our prayers,  
and absolve us from our offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## Act of Penitence

*Please rise as you are able*

*The Priest and Deacon move to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Presider 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. **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:* Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life: accompany us on the difficult path with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful, so that we find the way to the city of our peace where we are all accepted as your beloved; through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Please be seated*

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

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, ‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, ‘Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve, and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.’

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.’

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Genesis 15.1-21

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



Trust in God. Be strong. Be brave. Trust in God.

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. **Refrain**

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And through war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in you.  
One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;  
to behold your fair beauty, O God  
and to seek you in your temple. **Refrain**

For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter;  
you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now you lift up my head above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in your dwelling and oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to my God. **Refrain**

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, O God, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **Refrain**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Most High will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O God; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **Refrain**

What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of God in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await God's pleasure;  
be strong and your heart shall be comforted; wait patiently for God. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Philippians 3.17-4.1

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Hymn: #388 (Gather) “The Glory of These Forty Days”**

*Please rise as you are able*



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing God who gave the law; And
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered from the li - on's might; And
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you; Our



Christ, by whom all things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
spir - its streng - en with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.

TEXT: *Clarum  
decus jejunii;*  
Gregory the Great,  
c.540-604; tr. By  
Maurice F. Bell,  
1862-1947.  
Oxford University  
Press. TUNE: OLD  
HUNDREDTH,  
LM: Louis  
Bourgeois, c.  
1510-1561

## 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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 13.31-35

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

**Homily:** Nate Wall

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* Dear friends, in our Lenten journey this year, news of war is all around us, and we are living with anxiety and grief.

The Psalm this morning calls us to be strong, take courage and wait patiently for God. Let us pray this morning for peace.

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* God of love, we pray for your Church in the world, that we as your followers can face the darkness, when bloody conflict threatens to destroy order and security, and hold with courage the Gospel light of peace and enemy love. May the Church around the world seek peace, not just in time of war, but finally learn to always live as beloved communities, with love, humility, and simplicity,

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* God of justice, we pray for all political leaders today, in Canada and all the other nations affected by the current conflict. We ask you to grant them wisdom and courage, that the safety of those suffering in Ukraine and Russia, as well as the well-being of all people, will be their utmost concern as they seek a peaceful resolution and a cessation of violence.

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* Jesus, our Friend, you are the mother hen  
who longs to gather your chicks under your wings.  
This week we have observed International Women's Day,  
and we pray especially today for the women peacemakers in our midst  
and around the world. We pray for equality and respect for women everywhere,  
and long for the day when the birth of a girl  
is as universally celebrated as that of a little boy.

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* God of compassion, while we cannot control the global conflict,  
we can continue to seek peace and healing in our own city.  
We pray for the work of the Common Table  
with the most marginalized in our neighbourhood.  
We pray for all those who are ill, anxious, and grieving,  
those we know personally, and those we don't.  
We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn.

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who are taking part in this year's Catechesis,  
both the catechumens and their sponsors, that their faith may be deepened  
and their lives transformed as they explore together  
the meaning of following Jesus.

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

*Leader:* Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

*All:* **Grant us peace.**

*Leader:* Loving Creator, in your love and goodness, you have taught us to come close  
to you in penitence, with prayer, fasting and generosity. Accept our Lenten  
discipline of mercy and peacemaking, and when we fall by our weakness raise  
us up by your unfailing mercy. We confidently pray these things in the name  
of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. **Amen.**



# The Peace

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

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

## Offertory Hymn: #514 (Gather) "The Word of Life"

*Please rise as you are able*



1. In a byre near Beth-le - hem, Passed by many a wand-'ring stran-ger,
2. By the Gal - i - le - an lake Where the peo - ple flocked for teach-ing,
3. qui - et was Geth - sem - an - e, Cam - ou - flag - ing priest and sol - dier;
4. On the hill of Cal - va - ry Place to end all hope of liv - ing
5. In a gar - den, just at dawn, Near the grave of hu - man vio - lence,



The most pre-cious Word of Life Was heard gur - gling in a man - ger,  
The most pre-cious Word of Life fed their mouths as well as preach-ing,  
The most pre-cious Word of Life Took the world's weight on his shoul-der,  
The most pre-cious Word of Life Breathed his last and died, for - giv - ing,  
The most pre-cious Word of Life Cleared his throat and end-ed si - lence,



For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,  
For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,  
For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,  
For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,  
For the good of us all. And he's here when we call him, bring-ing health,



love, and laugh-ter to life now and ev-er af-ter, for the good of us all.  
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## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of grace, receive all we offer you this day, and sustain us through this sacred meal as we make our pilgrimage through this holy season.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

*People:* **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving



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



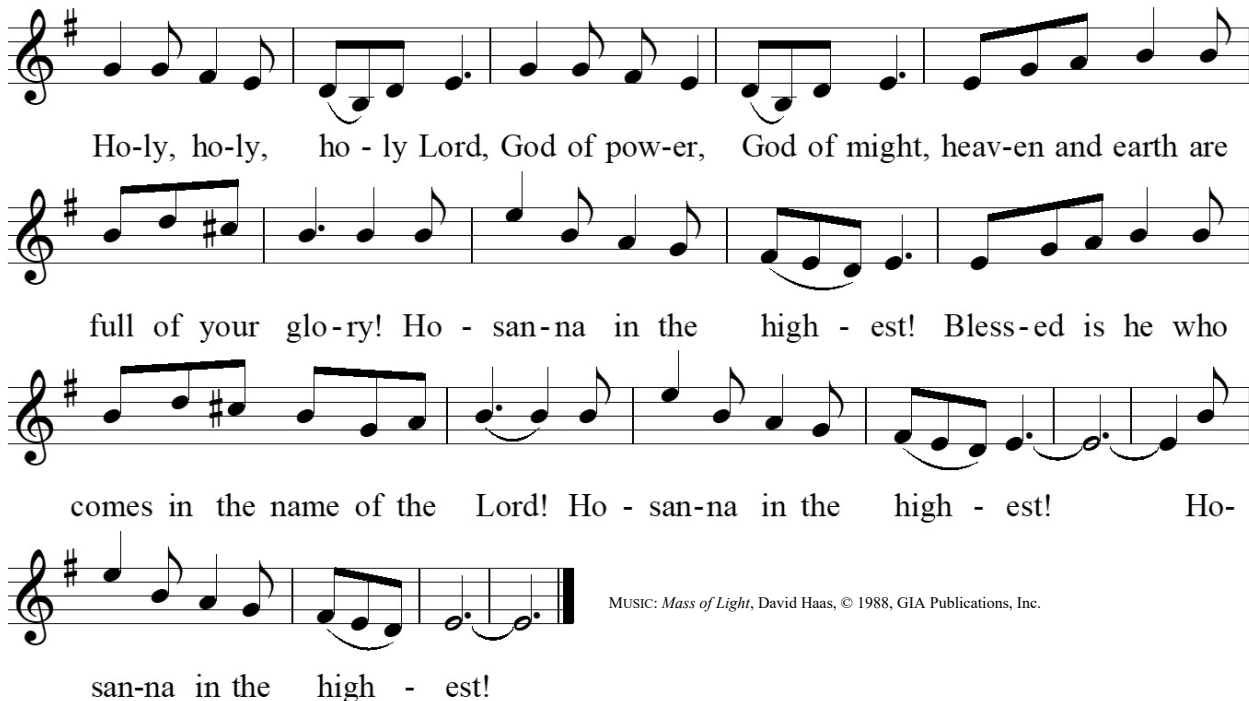
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



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

*Priest:* It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses and Miriam you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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: *Mass of Light*, David Haas, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

*Priest:* Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Priest:* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and 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:* We break this bread,

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

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

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

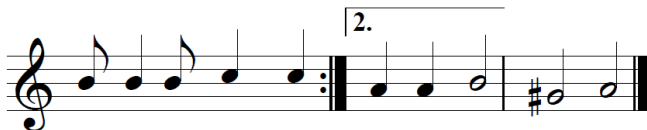
*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

## Fraction Song: #639 (Gather) “Nada Te Turbe (Nothing Can Trouble)”



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall



na-da le fal - ta. So-lo Dios bas-ta.  
nev-er go want-ing. God a-lone fills us.

TEXT: St. Teresa of Jesus; Taize Community, 1986, 1991.  
TUNE: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1986, 1991, Les Presse de Taize,  
GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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: #697 (Gather) "Unless a Grain of Wheat"

*All sing*

## Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and die, it re - mains



TEXT: John 12:24; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957.  
TUNE: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957.

but a sin-gle grain with no life.

## Verses



1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him; if we hold
2. If an-y - one serves me then they must fol - low me; where - ev - er
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who re-
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you, then you will
5. Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther; we shall be
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the



firm we shall reign with him.

I am my ser-vants will be.

- main in me bear much fruit.

be my dis - ci - ples.

with them and dwell in them.

world can - not give is my gift.

## 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;**

**we, who drink his cup, 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: "I Am Walking a Path of Peace"



I am walk - ing a path of peace, I am walk - ing a path of peace, I am

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the first line. There are two markings above the staff: a box labeled "Repeats" covering the first two measures of the line, and a box labeled "Last time" covering the final two measures. The notation ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

WORDS and MUSIC:  
Janet Bauman  
Tissandier

walk - ing a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home. I am home.

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

*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 – Prayers for Peace*

*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, 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](mailto: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

### Prayers for Peace at 7 PM

During all of Lent, there will be a Prayers for Peace service beginning at 7:00 PM in the church, that will also be available on Zoom. Please join us in-person or via the link available in eNews or on the website ([theredeemer.ca](http://theredeemer.ca)).

### 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

### Season of Creation: An Invitation

The Season of Creation planning for Fall 2022 has begun! We would like to share some ideas with you. We invite you to a 60-minute Zoom call on **Tuesday, March 15** at 7:00 PM. If you would like to know what we are planning and participate in the program, please join us! We hope to be able to announce the speaker for our opening Earthsong event on October 2. The link is available on the Thursday edition of eNews.

### Creation Matters Meeting

Creation Matters, Redeemer's ecospirituality group, gathers each month for prayer, discussion and support. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 16**, from 2 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please contact Grant Jahnke at [creationmatters@theredeemer.ca](mailto:creationmatters@theredeemer.ca).

### 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** to receive the Zoom link before March 17, the link is available on the website ([theredeemer.ca](http://theredeemer.ca)) and on eNews.

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

## The Common Table

While we are beginning to return to some sort of normal, the past two years of 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 donate 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.

## 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!

## 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