



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 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 stand, as you are able

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: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

People: **Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Act of Penitence

The Priest and Deacon move 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. **Amen.**

The Asperges

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

For those participating on Zoom, please sprinkle yourself and other members of your home 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: Eternal Lover of our wayward race,
you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome;
you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance.
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,
so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation.

People: **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Joshua 5.9-12

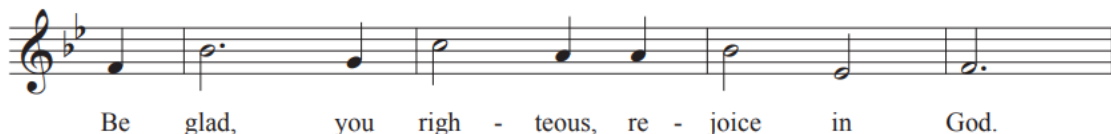
People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 32 (*George Black*)

All sing, as indicated

Refrain



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **Refrain**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **Refrain**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **Refrain**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **Refrain**

Refrain



Be glad, you righ - teous, re - joice in God.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **Refrain**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in God.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Refrain**

Second Reading

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #352 (Common Praise) “Amazing Grace”

Please rise, and sing



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved; how
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my hope se - cures; he
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come; 'tis
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, we've



once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
no less days to sing God's praise that when we'd first be - gun.

TEXT: St. 1-4, John Newton (1725-1807). St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, Richmond, 1790. MUSIC: Melody *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829; adapt. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. John Campbell (1950-2020).

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.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with

compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

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

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise, as you are able

Leader: In this holy season, let us turn to God in prayer. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the catechumens, their sponsors and leaders
and for all the holy people of God,
that we may become ministers of reconciliation in a broken world.

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all nations of the world,
that we may be careful stewards of the resources of the earth.

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the alienate and the rejected,
that God's welcome for all to have a seat at the table is known.

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this community,
that we may learn from God to seek the lost and rejoice in their homecoming.

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our own needs and the needs of others,
that God's presence may be our strength and our hope.

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #556 (Gather) "Canticle of the Turning"



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in
3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age we re-mem-ber who holds us



great, And my spir-it sings of the won-drous things that you
me, And your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the
stone. Let the king be-ware for your jus-tice tears ev-'ry
fast: God's mer-cy must de-liv-er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your
end of the age to be. Your ver-y name puts the
ty-rant from his throne. The hun-gry poor shall
con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp. This sav-ing word that our

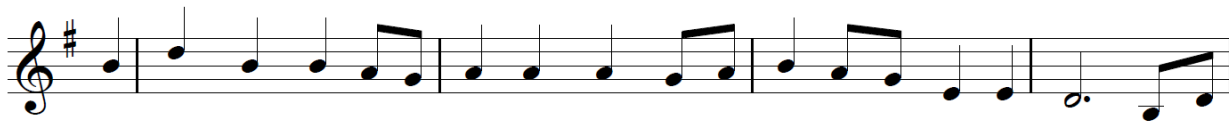


ser-vant's plight, and my weak-ness you did not spurn, So from
proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will
weep no more, for the food they can nev-er earn; There are
fore-bears heard is the prom-ise which holds us bound, 'Til the



east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?
show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.
ta-bles spread, ev-'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.
spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-



- way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

TEXT: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952. MUSIC: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. By Rory Cooney, b.1952. 1990 GIA Publications Inc.

✕ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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: “Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.” After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ’s Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

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.**

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Bread of Life,
Son of God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world grant us your peace.

MUSIC: *Mass of Light*, David Haas, 1988, 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.*

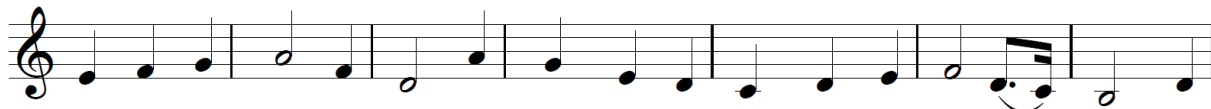
*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

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: #732 (Gather) "World Peace Prayer"

All sing

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from des-pair to hope, from



fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our



hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u-ni-verse.

Verses



1. Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your peo-ple die,
2. So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for love to break
3. Let jus-tice ev - er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be - gin to grow



earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let mer - cy pour down, come and
in - to their dark - ness. Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace, come and
in - to your peo - ple. We can be love, we can bring peace, we can



teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
still be your way of com-pas-sion.

TEXT: Refrain, Upanishads, Satish Kumar; verses, Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.
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Prayer after Communion

Please rise

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: #499 (Gather) “Sing Out, Earth and Skies”

Verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin-king star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new;



Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo-ry of your Son.
Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
Come and make op-pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your joy-ful cries!



Dance to the life a-round you!

TEXT: Marty Haugen, b.1950.

TUNE: SING OUT, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950. 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 27, 7:00 PM – Rock Eucharist featuring the music of Billy Joel

Sunday, April 3, 7:00 PM – Prayers for Peace

Sunday, April 10, 7:00 PM – Bach Vespers featuring Dietrich Buxtehude’s “Membra Jesu Nostri”

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

HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER

*Sunday, April 10, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM – Palm Sunday service
Sung Eucharist*

Monday to Wednesday, April 11 to 13, 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM – Mid-Week services

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 PM – Maundy Thursday service

*Friday, April 15, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM – Good Friday services
Children’s Liturgy followed by traditional Good Friday service*

*Saturday, April 16, 9:00 PM – Holy Saturday service
Easter Vigil*

Sunday, April 17, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM – Easter Day services

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

Staying Connected at 2 PM

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

Rock Eucharist at 7 PM

Join us **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. for the next Rock Eucharist contemporary popular songs that are chosen to illuminate the Bible readings are woven into this service. The service will feature the music of Billy Joel. Feel free to join us in the church or over Zoom, the link to the livestream is available in the Friday edition of eNews and on the website.

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

Calling All Pilgrims

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee invites all parishioners contemplating walking the Camino this September to a planning/preparation meeting on **Wednesday March 30** at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be both in the sanctuary of the church and by Zoom. A Camino veteran will speak to us about preparation and planning. Please join us and bring your questions. The link to the Zoom will be available in next week's 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).

The Common Table – Laundry Volunteers Needed!

We now have a new resting area every Monday, which has proved to be a huge help to offer folks the space to take a load off comfortably and safely. We use tall and comfortable blow-up beds and real sheets and blankets which are a notable difference from uncomfortable mats on the ground offered in most spaces. To ensure we can continue to offer this cozy space, we need **a few people** to do **a load or two of laundry each week**. The laundry will be bagged and ready to pick up anytime Monday afternoon or later, it just needs to be returned clean and ready to use by Sunday or before. Please let us know if you would be willing to be on the laundry rotation, to ensure we can continue offering this important space of rest for folks! Thanks so much for considering. Please email Kelly if you are interested at: kbouchard@theredeemer.ca

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!