

PEACE
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PRAYING FOR PEACE

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today.

We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Land Acknowledgement

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

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

The Gathering of the Community

Please rise, as you are able

The service begins as the Candles for Peace are lit.

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Opening Song: "Come By Here, My Lord"



1. Come by here Lord, come by here, Come by here Lord, come by here,
2. Some-one needs you Lord, come by here, Some-one needs you Lord, come by here,
3. Kum bah - ya Lord, Kum bah-ya, Kum bah - ya Lord, Kum bah-ya,



Come by here Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.
Some-one needs you Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.
Kum bah - ya Lord, Kum-bah-ya, O Lord, Kum bah-ya.

Confession

Please be seated

Leader: Jesus said, 'Turn now, for the kingdom of heaven is close.'
So let us confess our sins in hope:

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Leader: May the God of all hope
free us from our sins,
heal us by the Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word Heard

Scripture Reading

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

(Jesus said) “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Matthew 5.3-10, 43-47

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

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 72.1-7, 9-16 (George Black)

Refrain



In his time shall — peace and just - ice flou - rish.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**

Refrain



In his time shall— peace and just - ice flou - rish.

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth. **Refrain**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. **Refrain**

Reading: “Soldiers of Peace” – *Clement of Alexandria – tr. Thomas Merton*

Now the trumpet sounds with a mighty voice calling the
soldiers of the world to arms, announcing war.

And shall not Christ who has uttered His summons to
peace even to the ends of the earth

Summon together His own soldiers of peace?

Indeed, O Man, He has called to arms with His Blood and
His Word an army that sheds no blood:

To these soldiers He has handed over the Kmgdom of Heaven.

The trumpet of Christ is His Gospel. He has sounded it in our ears.

And we have heard Him.

Let us be armed for peace, putting on the armor of Justice,
seizing the shield of faith,

The helmet of salvation,

And sharpening the "sword of the spirit which is the Word of God."

This is how the Apostle prepares us peaceably for battle.

Such are the arms that make us invulnerable.

So armed, let us prepare to fight the Evil One.

Let us cut through his flaming attack with the blade
which the Logos Himself has tempered in the waters (of Baptism).
Let us reply to His goodness by praise and thanksgiving.
Let us honor God with His divine Word:
"While thou art yet speaking", He says, "Here I am."

A moment of silence is observed for reflection.

Song: "Ubi Caritas"



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
Live in char-i - ty and stead-fast love, live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978. TUNE: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Reflection: Paul Pynkoski

Embodied Prayer

Leader: Dear friends,
St. Paul speaks to us the words of truth saying,
"do not let the sun go down on your anger."
In the cares of each day,
in the anxieties we face,
in the fears that come in the night
we come before God seeking that peace
which the world does not know and cannot give.
I invite you, in the name of the Lord, to come forward and light a candle,
As a symbol that peace may dispel the darkness of all conflict and aggression.

*All approach the bowls in the centre of the room, take a taper,
light it form the candle and place it in the sand with the words:
"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace"*

Lent Prose

All repeat the refrain, then sing as indicated



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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayers for Peace

Please rise, as you are able



God, bend your ear and hear my prayer.

Leader: Creator God, you have made us in your image and given us authority and responsibility to care for the earth and all its creatures.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: Teach us by your Spirit how to live so that the resources of the earth are preserved and developed in ways that benefit all your creatures throughout the world.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: Our God, we desire peace, we yearn for peace, we pray for peace.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: May people throughout the world be led by your Spirit to find avenues of peace and abandoning their swords of hatred and violence.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: Ruler of the nations, we pray for those who hold positions of authority
And power in our world.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: May they be filled with a desire for justice
and take serious their calling to exercise their authority
in ways that bring reconciliation, healing and peace.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: God of Hope, we pray for the many people in our world,
neighbours near and far, who feel powerless and despairing
and live without hope.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: Strengthening God, encourage them in their struggle
and may they come to know your love and your liberating word of hope.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Leader: Our God, receive our thanksgiving and praise.
May we who have been blessed and provided for abundantly
always express our gratitude in a ministry of sharing.

All: **God, bend your ear...**

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Be with us, Lord, in all endings,
and direct our way safely home to you,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may be always defended by your gracious help;
and rest in your peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

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 (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).