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PRAYING FOR PEACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

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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

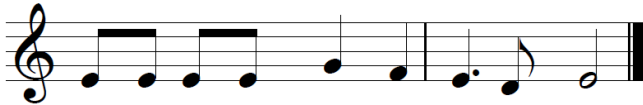
*Please rise, as you are able*

*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: “Dona nobis pacem, Domine”



Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.  
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

## Confession

*Please be seated*

*Leader:* We have wounded your love.

*All:* **O God, heal us.**

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*Leader:* Eternal Spirit,

*All:* **living God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you.**

**In the very secret of our hearts**

**you know all that rises to trouble us.**

**Living flame, burn into us.**

**Cleansing wind, blow through us.**

**Fountain of water, well up within us;**

**that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.**

*Leader:* May God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from our sins  
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Word Heard

### Scripture Reading

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

For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not

destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4.6-11

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

### Psalm 4 *(George Black)*

#### Refrain



The Lord does won-ders for the faith - ful.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?" **Refrain**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **Refrain**

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. **Refrain**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Refrain**

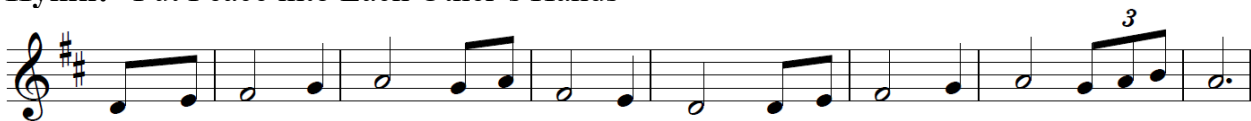
## Reading

Candles,  
Unwavering and gentle,  
they are images of purity and innocence.  
They burn and give light  
and typify a life wholly devoted  
to a burning, all-consuming and unique love.

They are fated silently to burn away  
just as our lives are consumed in the inevitable struggles  
of hearts which have renounced the world in self-sacrifice  
and in the joys and pains of love which will not end with death,  
but which will shine forever in the everlasting encounter  
with the flame that is kindled at the centre of our lives,  
Jesus Christ the light of the world, and our Redeemer.

*A minute of silence is observed for reflection.*

## Hymn: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"



1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands And like a treas - ure hold
2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands With lov - ing ex - pec - ta -
3. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, Like bread we break for shar -
4. Give thanks for strong yet ten - der hands, Held out in trust and bless -
5. Reach out in friend - ship, stay with faith, In touch with those a - round



- it; Pro - tect it like a can - dle flame, With ten - der - ness en - fold it.  
- tion; Be gen - tle in your words and ways, In touch with God's cre - a - tion.  
- ing; Look peo - ple warm - ly in the eye: Our life is meant for car - ing.  
- ing. Where words fall short, let hands speak out, The heights of love ex - press - ing.  
you. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands: The Peace that sought and found you.

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## Reflection: Steven Mackison

## Silence

*We observe five minutes of silence*

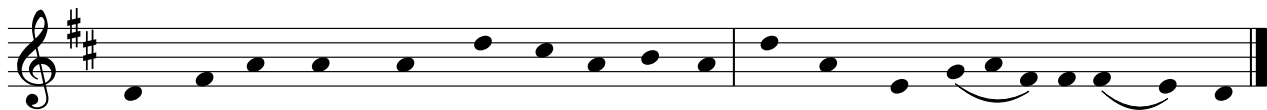
## Embodied Prayer

*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 from 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 -gainst 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 our prayer.

*Leader:* As we approach God let us look inward  
and reflect on our own need for peace, healing, and forgiveness.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Gracious God, quiet our anger, calm our fears, soothe our pain, renew our hope,  
and lead us by your Spirit to reconciliation within ourselves,  
with you, with our neighbours and with the world.

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

*Leader:* We remember neighbours in our city and country who are angry because  
they exist on the margins of our society without adequate food and shelter.

*Silence*

*Leader:* May they see signs of your grace and love in helping hands reaching out to them,  
and guiding them to a way of peace, reconciliation and renewal.

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

*Leader:* We pray for those who live in countries where there is hatred,  
violence and the desire for vengeance.

*Silence*

*Leader:* May the seemingly endless cycle of revenge be broken.  
May we begin to see more signs of your coming peaceful rule in our world  
bringing new hope and possibilities

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

*Leader:* We remember those who suffer and despair because of war and for those who  
stand alongside them offering the cup of cold water and the bread of new life.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Protect those who serve and work tirelessly in foreign lands far from home  
and family. Protect them from harm and bless the work they do on our behalf.

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

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings we experience in our lives.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Gracious and loving God, receive our thanksgiving and praise.  
May we who have been blessed and provided for abundantly find ways  
of expressing our gratitude in a ministry of sharing.

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

## Concluding Prayer

*Leader:* Merciful God,

you give to the faithful the peace we find in you.

Grant to us who call upon your name your reconciling love,  
that it might rule our hearts, bend our wills, and transform our lives.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit dwell in perfect unity,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

*All:* **God, who cares for us,**

**the wonder of whose presence fills us with awe,**

**let justice, kindness and love shine in our world.**

**Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.**

**Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing as we forgive the wrongs done to us.**

**Protect us from pride and from despair**

**and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory, and power,**

**while worlds come and go. Amen.**



## Closing Song: "Abundant Life"



1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild flow'rs grow-ing, for  
2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and wea-ry, wait for morn-ing, when  
3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-a-ting a



we are part of all that is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing, with  
chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing, God  
fu-ture free from want or fear, life's good-ness cel-e-bra-ting, that



o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, that  
calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bour, that  
new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our shared en-dea-vour, that



TEXT: Ruth Duck.  
MUSIC: Attrib. Robert Lowry.

all may have a-bun-dant life In ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion.  
all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bour.  
all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

## Dismissal

*Leader:* Go in peace.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Online Donation

# HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER

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

*Sung Eucharist*

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

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

*Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 PM – Service of Darkness*

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

*Friday, April 15, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM – Good Friday services*

*Dramatic Liturgy for All Ages followed by Solemn Eucharist*

*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](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](http://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](http://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

### Special Vestry at 2 PM

Redeemer will be holding a special vestry this afternoon to discuss the addition of a sculpture created by Canadian artist Timothy P. Schmalz, that Steven introduced at Staying Connected last week. Join us via Zoom by clicking the link here, or in the Friday edition of eNews.

### Prayers for Peace at 7 PM

Tonight 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).

### 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

### Tasting God: The Last Supper in Medieval Art

Jesus's last meal with the disciples before his crucifixion was a frequent subject in art long before Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper. In this Zoom event one week before Maundy Thursday, we'll explore depictions of the Last Supper in manuscripts, sculpture, and architecture from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. We'll see how the Last Supper is connected with other events during Holy Week in these depictions. We'll investigate how medieval Christians might have experienced intimate connection with Jesus's own body and blood in Holy Communion, and discuss what Communion means to our own faith. Our presenter Sylvia Wang, a member of Redeemer, is a doctoral candidate in medieval art history at the University of Toronto. Please join her **7:30 – 9:00 PM on April 7**. You can access the talk on Zoom. Please also register in advance, so we have a sense of how many to expect. The link is available on the Thursday edition of eNews.

### 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](mailto:kbouchard@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](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