

PEACE
BE TO
YOU.



PRAYING FOR PEACE
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 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 Hymn: #635 (Common Praise) "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - our of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



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might: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.
sign: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.
pare: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 8.22-26

People: Thanks be to God.

A minute of silence is observed for reflection.

Psalm 27 (George Black)

All sing, as indicated

Refrain

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**

Reading: “When Great Trees Fall” – *Maya Angelou*

When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down in tall grasses,
and even elephants lumber after safety.

When great trees fall in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.

Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines,
gnaws on kind words unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us.
Our souls, dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed and informed by their radiance, fall away.

We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly.

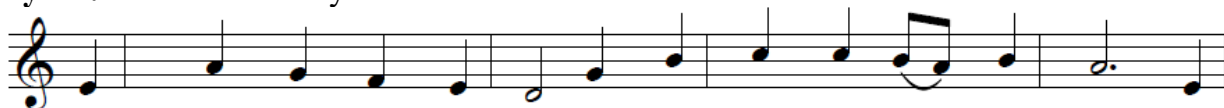
Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration.

Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us.

They existed. They existed. We can be. Be and be better. For they existed.”

A minute of silence is observed for reflection.

Hymn: "O God of Every Nation"



1. O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, Of ev - 'ry race and land, Re -
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right, From
3. Lord, strength - en those who la - bour, That all may find re - lease From
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when wars shall cease, When



- deem the whole cre - a - tion With your al - mighty - y hand. Where
trust in bombs that show - er De - struc - tion through the night, From
fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease. When
ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace, Till



hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled, In
pride of race and sta - tion And blind - ness to your way, De -
hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard; With
dawns the morn - ing glo - rious When truth and jus - tice reign, And



love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife - torn world.
- liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

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Reflection: Andrew Kuhl

Silence

We observe five minutes of silence

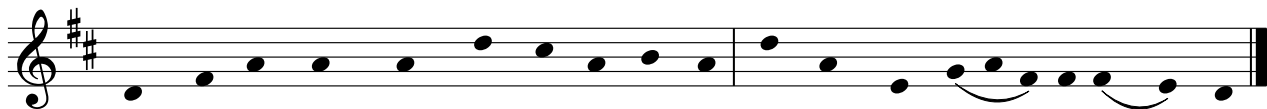
Embodied Prayer

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-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 our 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: 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.

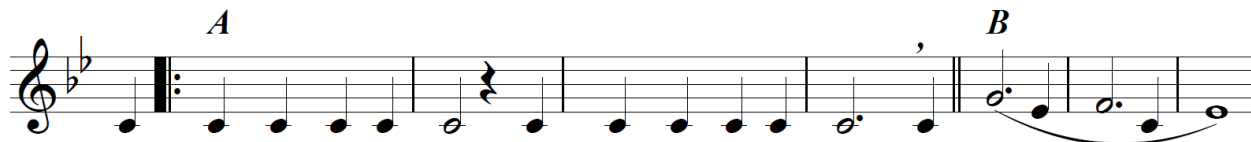
Protect us from pride and from despair

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: #44 (Taize) "Give Peace"



Da pa-cem cor-di - um. Da pa-cem co-di - um. Da pa-
Give peace to ev-'ry heart. Give peace to ev-'ry heart. Give peace,



- cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

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.

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LENT AT REDEEMER

Sundays, March 6 to April 10, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM – Lent Services

Sung Eucharist

Sunday, March 6 to April 10, 7:00 PM – 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) 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](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

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

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) and on eNews.

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 donated 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.