



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 AT 9:30 A.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

Entrance Hymn: #744 (Gather) "Gather Us In" Please rise, as you are able & sing 1. Here in this new light is stream-ing, Now is place the dark-ness 2. We are the young our lives are a mys - t'ry, We are the old who 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en, fears and our dream-ings, van-ished a - way, See in this space our yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light-years a-way. But here in this place the new light is shin - ing. in the light of this day. Gath-er us Brought here to you in the to the whole hu-man Called to be light Gath-er us in the race. Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the Now is the King-dom, now is the Gath-er us in day. and lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in the blind and the lame; rich and the haugh-ty, Gath - er us in the proud and the strong; com - pas - sion, wine of Give us to eat the bread that is you; hold us for ev - er. Gath - er us in and make us vour own; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour-age to Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion Lives that are ho - ly and peo - ples to - geth - er, Gath - er us in all Fire of love in our TEXT: Marty Haugen (1950-). TUNE: Marty Haugen (1950-) 0 1982, GIA Publications, Inc. sound of our name. en - ter the song. hearts that are true. flesh and our bone.

★ The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Reader: The word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Acts 5.27-32 A moment of silence is observed Psalm 150 (George Black)

Refrain



Hallelujah! Sing praise in God's holy temple; let praise resound in the highest heaven. Praise God for every mighty act; praise the wonder of surpassing greatness. **Refrain**

Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; O praise with tuneful lyre and harp. Praise God with timbrel and dance; O praise with joyful strings and pipe. **Refrain**

Praise God with resounding cymbals; re-echo with loud-clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise our God. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Revelation 1.4-8 A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "Under Pressure" (Taylor/Mercury/Bowie/Deacon/May)

Pressure pushing down on me Pressing down on you, no man ask for Under pressure that burns a building down Splits a family in two Puts people on the streets

It's the terror of knowing what this world is about Watching some good friends screaming "let me out!" Pray tomorrow gets me higher Pressure on people, people on streets

Chipping around, kick my brains around the floor These are the days it never rains but it pours People on the streets People on the streets

It's the terror of knowing what this world is about Watching some good friends screaming "let me out" Pray tomorrow gets me higher, high Pressure on people, people on streets

Turned away from it all like a blind man Sat on the fence but it don't work Keep coming up with love but it's so slashed and torn Why, why, why? Love, love, love, love Insanity laughs under pressure we're cracking

Can't we give ourselves one more chance? Why can't we give love that one more chance? Why can't we give love, give love, give love, give love Give love, give love, give love, give love, give love? 'Cause love's such an old fashioned word And love dares you to care for The people on the edge of the night And love dares you to change our way of Caring about ourselves This is our last dance, This is our last dance This is ourselves under pressure Under pressure, Pressure

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.19-31

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Angie Hocking

A moment of silence is observed

Please be seated

₩ Holy Baptism

Priest:	The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
P & S:	I present <i>N</i> to receive the sacrament of baptism. <i>When all have been presented the priest asks the parents and sponsors,</i>
Priest:	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?
P & S:	I will with God's help.
Priest:	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
P & S:	I will with God's help.
Priest:	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
P & S:	I renounce them.
Priest:	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
P & S:	I renounce them.
Priest: P & S:	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.
Priest: P & S:	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? I do.
Priest: P & S:	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.
Priest: P & S:	Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? I do.
	After all have been presented, the priest addresses the congregation, saying,
Priest:	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
Peonle	to support Nora, Rebecca, and Sarah in their life in Christ? We will

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

- *Priest:* Let us now pray for Nora, Rebecca, and Sarah, who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.
- Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

- All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

- All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

✤ The Celebration of Baptism

Please be seated as the candidates for baptism, their parents, and sponsors come to the font. The water is poured into the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: Holy God, well-spring of life, in your love and justice, you use the gift of water to declare your saving power.In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.

By the gentle dew, the steady rain, you nourish and give increase to all that grows; you make the desert a watered garden. You command the wildness of the waves; when the storm rages you calm our fear; in the stillness you lead us to a deeper faith. Priest: In the life-giving rivers and the rainbow, Israel discerned your mercy.
 You divided the Red Sea to let them pass
 from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
 In the waters of Jordan, penitents found forgiveness in the baptism of John.

There, Jesus your beloved child was anointed with the Holy Spirit, that he might bring us to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Send upon this water and upon your people your holy, life-giving Spirit.

- All: Bring those who have been baptized in this water with Christ through the waters of death, to be one with him in his resurrection. Sustain your people by your Spirit to be hope and strength to the world.
- *Priest:* Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

The priest addresses the whole congregation,

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. *Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- *All:* I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- *Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?
- *All:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- *All:* I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

- *All:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?*All:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- *All:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
- *All:* I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

The celebrant pours the water upon the candidate saying,

- *Priest:* (Nora, Rebecca, Sarah) I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- All: Amen.

The celebrant anoints the candidate upon the forehead, making the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism.

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

All: Amen.

The priest prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Priest: Heavenly Father,

we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants
the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works. Amen.

The Giving of the Light

A lighted candle is given as the priest says,

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, To show that you have passed from darkness to light.

- All: Let your light so shine before others That they may see your good works And glorify your Father in heaven.
- *Priest:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- *All:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

We receive the newly baptized as they are processed through the congregation!

The Peace

- *Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: And also with you.

During the singing of the hymn, we gratefully offer back to God some of what we have been given, symbolically in the bread and wine brought to the altar and in the money we give. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate as it is passed to you.



✤ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Priest: Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is. You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes. One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:





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Priest: Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "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."

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us. Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end. With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

- *Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.
- *People:* Thanks be to God.

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.

The Communion



All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a glutenfree wafer, please indicate when you arrive at the communion station. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.

Communion Song: "Beautiful Things" (Lisa Gungor/Michael Gungor)

All sing

All this pain I wonder if I'll ever find my way I wonder if my life could really change, at all All this earth Could all that is lost ever be found? Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us All around,

Hope is springing up from this old ground Out of chaos life is being found, in you

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new, You are making me new

Prayer after Communion

Please stand, as you are able

Priest:	Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith
	that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
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All: Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen

Announcements

Closing Song: "Takin' It To The Streets" (Michael McDonald)

You don't know me but I'm your brother I was raised here in this living hell You don't know my kind in your world Fairly soon, the time will tell

You, telling me the things you're gonna do for me I ain't blind and I don't like what I think I see Takin' it to the streets, Takin' it to the streets

Take this message to my brother You will find him everywhere Wherever people live together Tied in poverty's despair

You, telling me the things you're gonna do for me I ain't blind and I don't like what I think I see Takin' it to the streets...

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia! *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>) 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 <u>on our website</u> (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 <u>website</u> (theredeemer.ca).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available <u>online</u>. 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 (theredeemer.ca). These will be added in the Zoom chat in the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

In the Community

Write a Message for Angie!

With Angie's departure from the Redeemer and continuing her ongoing ministry within the city, we want to thank her for all that she has done for this community! Please <u>visit the Kudo board</u> (<u>kudoboard.com/boards/Ae12YLBB</u>) in the latest Thursday edition of eNews to write a personalized message, upload any memorable images, add your own goodbye video, wishing her all the best in her new role.

Diocese Postponing Green Stage

Announced on Wednesday, the Diocese of Toronto will be postponing the move into the Green Stage that was originally planned for April 27 and is now planned to take place on the Feast of Pentecost, on June 5. We will continue with requiring masks during services. We will wait to return to the common cup. Conversations will happen with Steven and the Executive about our next steps. To read more about the postponement, <u>visit the diocese's website (toronto.anglican.ca).</u>

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.

- update your Pre- Authorized Remittance information or sign up for PAR. There is a form on the church website <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer (treasurer@theredeemer.ca) for more information on how to do this.
- by cheque or cash on the collection plate when we gather for worship in the church