



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 AT 11:15 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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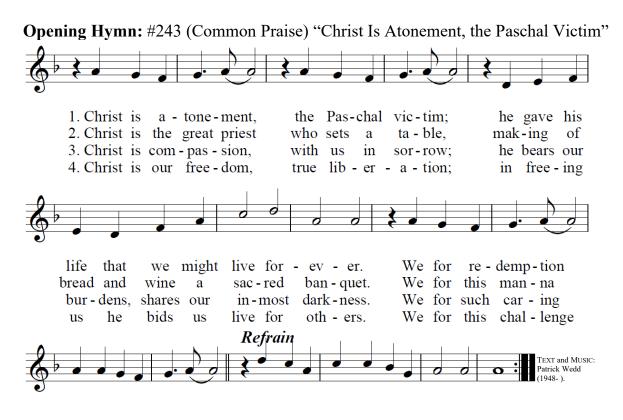
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Land Acknowledgement



sing in ex-al - ta-tion.

"Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God on high."

★ 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.

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with Scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared, and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. Amen.

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

Acts 9.1-6 A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 30 (George Black)

Refrain



I will exalt you, O God, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O God from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **Refrain**

Sing to the Most High, all you servants; give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness. For wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, but favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **Refrain** While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, God, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **Refrain** Refrain



I cried to you, O God; I pleaded with you and said, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? **Refrain**

Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me; O God, be my helper." You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O God, I will give you thanks for ever. **Refrain**

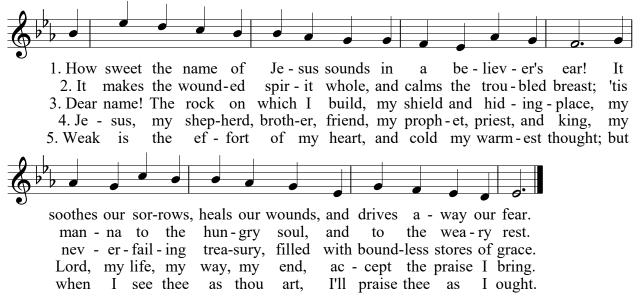
Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

Revelation 5.11-14 A moment of silence is observed Sequence Hymn: #620 (Common Praise) "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



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The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In this holy season of resurrection,

our Psalm today reminds us that in the night of anxiety and grief,we can trust that joy and new life come with the morning.Therefore let us come to prayer with courage and expectation.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, today, as every day, we are grateful. Although wounded by human carelessness, the Earth, in her self-giving love, still provides all we need to sustain our life.

John 21.1-19

Please be seated

Leader: As we consider this sacred gift, our life challenges and blessings, and the relationships that hold us and teach us, each of us has many reasons this morning to be thankful.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Redeeming God, we believe you have a mission in this world and you are always calling the Church to be your witnesses and so we pray for the Church in the world. We pray in humility that communities of faithful disciples, wherever they are in the world, having glimpsed the truth and wonder of resurrection, will transform their neighbourhoods, one at a time, through justice-seeking and sacrificial love.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator God,

we celebrate with love our fragile Earth, the Mother from whom we come, and the sustainer of the web of life to which we belong. May we finally learn the obvious truth that whatever we do to the Earth, we do to ourselves.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of peace, there seems always to be war among your human creatures, and right now, the horror of war in Ukraine is always before us, even as we are aware that there are wars raging in other parts of the world as well. Our hearts ache for the millions suffering, and devastation to the land. We plead for the violence to stop, and for wisdom and courage for the political leaders, diplomats, and ordinary citizens who are called to be peacemakers in these crucial days.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of compassion, we pray especially for the Common Table, as this wonderful ministry enters a time of major transition.We pray your blessing on Angie as she begins her work in a new place.We pray for the staff and volunteers that are carrying on, and we pray especially for the friends and guests of the Common Table, that they will continue to be held and supported through this time of change.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

- All: Hear our prayer.
- Leader: Loving God, there are those among us who are suffering illness, sorrow and fear, addiction, poverty and homelessness. As your beloved community, we ask you to join us as we come alongside those who suffer, and we bring before you now those who are on our hearts today. We pray for those who have died, and ask your strengthening and comforting presence for those who mourn.

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

Leader: God of mercy and resurrection,

All: Hear our prayer.

- *Leader:* Lord, in this season of resurrection, as the warmth of spring finally comes upon us, we rejoice with you in the constant possibilities of new life in our hearts and in the world. We bring these prayers to you in faith, in the name of Jesus Christ, your dear Son, and our Redeemer.
- All: Amen.

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. Offertory Hymn: "Christ ist erstanden"



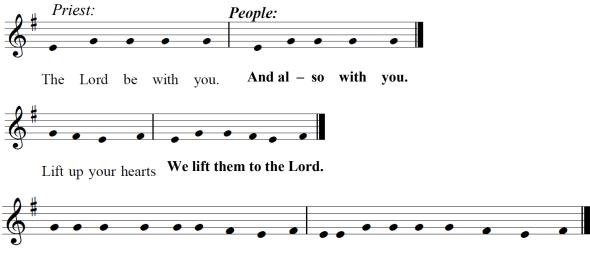
Al-le-lu-ia!

The Celebration of the Eucharist X

Prayer over the Gifts

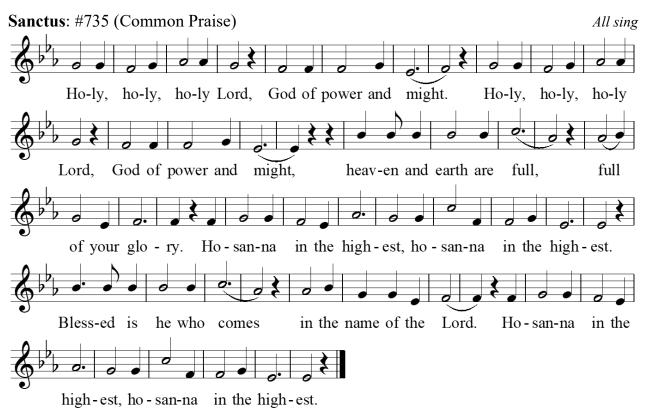
Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, Priest: you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory;



MUSIC: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010). Arr. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc.

Priest: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your children. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples 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." 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.

Priest: 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 baptised 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. 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.

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.

Fraction Hymn: #746 (Common Praise)



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.



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:

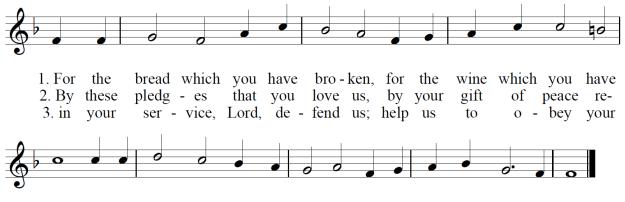
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

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 Hymn: #74 (Common Praise) "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



poured, for the words which you have spo-ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. stored, by your call to realms a - bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord: word; in the world to which you send us, let your king-dom come, O Lord! TEXT: Louis Fitzgerald Benson (1855-1930), alt. MUSIC: Melody *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, Nurnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

Motet: "Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One" (Healey Willan)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise my love, my fair one, and come away. *-Song of Solomon*

Prayer after Communion

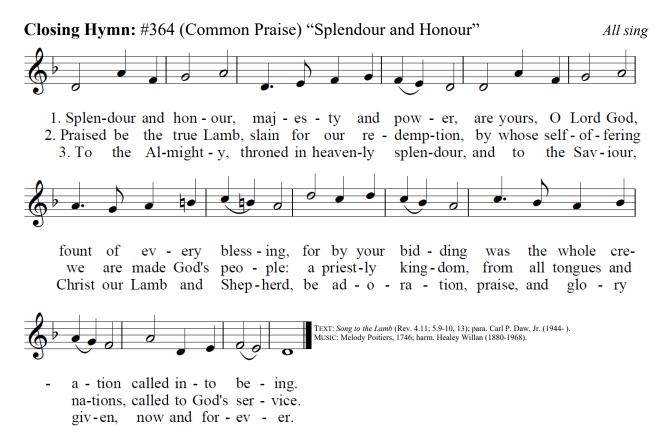
- Priest: Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world.We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All: Amen.

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



Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Floral Dedication

The Chancel Flowers are placed in the memory of Sylvia Rodgers, a kind and loyal friend. Offered by Maggie McLean.

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).

On Sunday

Something to Mourn – A Service of Lament After Archbishop MacDonald's Resignation On April 20, the Anglican Church of Canada <u>announced</u> the resignation of Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald after allegations of sexual misconduct. Redeemer will offer a service of lament that will take place this Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 PM in the church and online on Zoom. You can find the link on the website or in the Friday edition of eNews.

This service will create space for lament, to pray for healing, and recommit ourselves to the work of justice and the life we are called to. We will pray for the complainant, the MacDonald family, our Indigenous siblings, and our church as a whole as we journey through this difficult time.

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

Communications Consultation

How do we ...share the good news? ...share Church of the Redeemer news? ...invite and welcome others to participate in our services and activities? How can we do this more effectively? If you would like to contribute to re-imagining all the ways we make known who we are and what we offer, please <u>register</u> (conta.cc/3rLdqDR) to attend this consultation on Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30-8:30 PM. This will be held in the church and via Zoom. This will be the first step in the strategic renewal of all our communications. The Zoom link to the meeting will be available in the Thursday edition of eNews on May 5.

The Common Table – Donations Needed!

At our drop-in program, The Common Table, we are preparing for the summer season and giving our community the necessities to live. We are in high need of: toothpaste, men's pants (sizes 30-34), track pants, t-shirts, windbreakers and light jackets, baseball caps, and sunscreen. Please call the Church office (416-922-4948) or email Krista Fry (dropin1@theredeemer.ca) to arrange a donation.

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee Invites You

Please join us for our first local pilgrimage on the afternoon of Saturday, May 7. Led by Henry Krol and Susan Haig, we will begin to learn how to pray with our feet. The walk will be just under seven kilometers (about 90 minutes of walking time) along the Wilket Creek path south from Edwards Gardens. Halfway we will stop for a bio-break and pastry at Charmaine Sweets. Meet us in the parking lot of Edwards Gardens, just outside the George and Kathy Dembroski Centre for Horticulture at 1:15 p.m. We will walk rain or shine - because that's what pilgrims do!

Gift for Angie Hocking

As you know, last Sunday we said adieu to Angie and presented her with the gift of a "purse." If you would like to contribute to this gift, please write a cheque to the Church of the Redeemer marked "Angie Hocking Gift" or eTransfer your contribution to <u>treasurer@theredeemer.ca</u> with the same notation. Thank you for your generosity.

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 www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- 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

FLORAL DEDICATIONS provide a wonderful way to express our personal thanksgiving and remembrances. Just call (416-922-4948) or email the Church office (<u>office@theredeemer.ca</u>) with your dedication information. The cost is \$150+tax for chancel flowers if there is only one dedication on a Sunday, or \$75+tax if there are multiple dedications.