



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 8, 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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OFFERTORY — If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to place your gift in the offering plate or visit <u>theredeemer.ca/donate</u> via the QR code above. Thank you for joining us today.

MASKING — During worship we continue to wear masks at all times while in the building. Masks need to cover the nose, mouth, and chin. If you need a mask, we have them available at the entrance to the church.

Those who are leading worship may, while speaking, remove their mask if they are properly distanced from others. During communion, after receiving the bread you may remove your mask when you have stepped away from the station.

We do this both to continue to care for one another and in compliance with the guidelines and policies of the Diocese of Toronto and the Bishop's Office.

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #435 (Gather) "Sing to the Mountains"

Please rise, as you are able

Refrain



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.



This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

Verses



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea.



You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.



2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,

heav - en and earth are full of your





3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.



He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

TEXT: Psalm 118; Bob Dufford, SJ (1943 -). TUNE: Bob Dufford, SJ (1943 -); acc. By Sir Theophane Hytrek, OSF (1915-1992), alt. © 1975, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and New Dawn Music.

▼ 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: #344 (Gather)



peace to the peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: O God, whose Son is the good shepherd,

send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,

to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion;

through Jesus, who calls each by name. Amen.

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.'

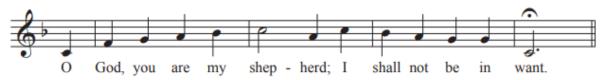
Reader: The word of the Lord. Acts 9.36-43

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 23 (George Black)

Refrain



O God, you are my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters. **Refrain**

You revive my soul

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Refrain**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, O God, for ever. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within

his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.".

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 7.9-17

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #443 (Gather) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Refrain



Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-



lu-ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses



- 1. Je sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre a tion.
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je-sus has died and has ris en.
 - 3. We have been cru ci fied with Christ. Now we shall live for ev er.
- 4. God has pro-claimed his gra-cious gift: Life e ter nal for all who be-lieve.
- 5. Come, let us praise the liv-ing God, Joy-ful-ly sing to our Sav iour.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in

my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.22-30

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Jim Boyles Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings, silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Repeating the words of the psalmist who wrote,

'the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want', our response is,

'your goodness and mercy overflow'.

We pray for the church, that it continues to hear your voice and that it be known for saying 'yes' to your commands.

We thank you for the strong grip of your love, and that you, the Good Shepherd, lose no one regardless of how precarious our life circumstances are.

We give thanks for your servant Ali McIntosh, whose ordination we celebrate, and we pray for your servant Angie Hocking in her new ministry.

Thinking of the church we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We pray for the world, the world you so dearly love, deeply troubled as it is. Thinking of those living in the shadow of death, in Ukraine and elsewhere,

we pray that the light and hope of the resurrection shines brightly in their midst.

Champion their cause through the United Nations,

and through communities of faith. Bring healing, bring peace. Thinking of the world we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We pray for the pastures which, through our neglect and abuse, are no longer green, and for the waters which we have polluted and misused.

Forgive us and teach us how to be good stewards

of this wonderful world you have made. Thinking of your creation we confess:

Thinking of your election we contest.

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We pray for the neighbourhoods we live in. Help us to feed those without food and open our arms to welcome those with no home.

Bless the ministry of the Common Table and other agencies of care.

Thinking of them we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill. We remember them by name.

We pray that you restore their souls, that you comfort and heal them, and that you strengthen all those who love and care for them.

Give them the stillness and joy through which your presence becomes known.

Thinking of them we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: On this Mother's Day we are thankful for the mothers and caregivers among us, those who care for young children and those who care for those who cannot care for themselves.

We honour those who have had a mothering role in our lives, who cared for us when we felt unloved.

We also acknowledge and pray for those situations where the maternal bonds are frayed or broken, and ask that you give us grace and wisdom

to know how to live with our imperfections and the imperfections of others.

Honouring them we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We give thanks for the life and witness of dear family and friends who have died, thankful they are in your care.

Remembering them we confess:

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

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,

All: Your goodness and mercy overflow.

Leader: We gratefully pray to you our Good and Mothering Shepherd

to whom belongs:

All: Blessing and glory

Wisdom and thanksgiving

Honour and power Forever and ever,

Amen.

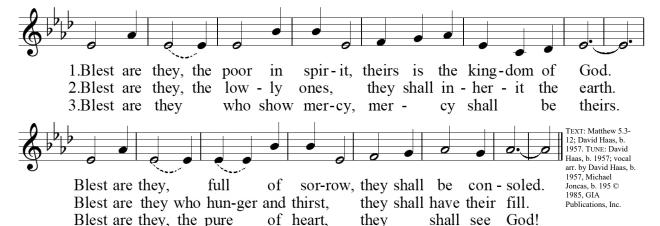
The Peace

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.

Verses 1-3



Refrain

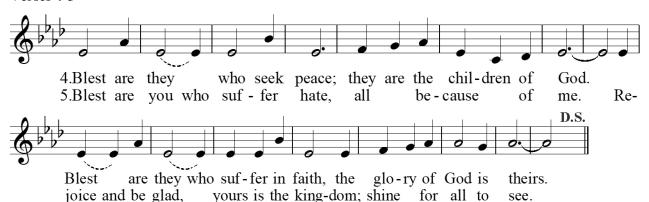


Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you! Re - joice and be



Yours is the king-dom of glad! God!

Verses 4-5



yours is the king-dom; shine for all to

see.

▼ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of loving care,

you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our shepherd.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

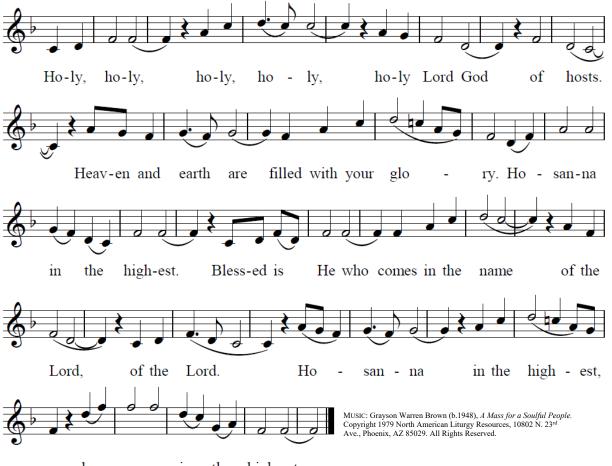
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus All sing



ho - san-na in the high-est.

Priest: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Made one in Christ's, we now proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

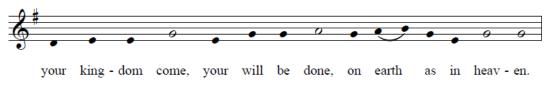
Priest: Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

People: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



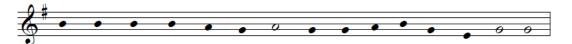
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,





Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins





Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil.



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: #809 (Gather) "There Is One Lord"



There is one Lord, one faith, one bap-tis-m, There is one God who is Fa-ther of all.

Text: Ephesians 4. Taize Community, 1984. Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1984, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc.,

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

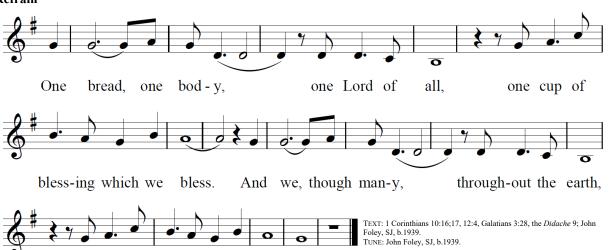


All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a glutenfree wafer, please indicate when you arrive at the communion station. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left and the clergy will be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

Communion Hymn: #830 (Gather) "One Bread, One Body"

All sing

Refrain



we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

Verses



- 1. Gen-tile of Jew,
- ser-vant or free.
- wom-an or man no

- 2. Man y the gifts,
- man y the works,
- one in the
- Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields,

scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to

one for all.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise, as you are able

more.

Priest: God

God of steadfast love,

watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.

May we who share in these holy mysteries

come safely to your eternal kingdom,

where there is one flock and one shepherd.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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 Hymn: #677 (Gather) "Send Me, Jesus"

All sing



1. Send me, Je-sus, send me, Je-sus, send me Je-sus, send me, Lord.

2. Lead me, Je-sus, lead me, Je-sus, lead me Je-sus, lead me, Lord.

3. Fill me, Je-sus, fill me, Je-sus fill me, Je-sus, fill me, Lord.

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. 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 outside of the church, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun. Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather in the church 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 (theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

Prayers for Peace

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 (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 register (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 is available in the Thursday edition of eNews.

Voices for Peace 2022

Join people from around the world as we gather on May 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM, for our 2022 Voices for Peace conference – Blessed Are the Peacemakers. Our featured keynote — awardwinning author and the publisher of Orbis books, Robert Ellsberg, will talk about what it is to create a culture of peace that embraces the radical vision of the Beatitudes.

A panel of guests that include Boris Gudziak, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church; Willard Metzger, Executive Director, Citizens for Public Justice; Joanne Jefferson, Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle, Stolon Nation; opera singer and concert artist Measha Brueggergosman will respond to Robert Ellsberg's presentation from their unique perspectives.

Registration is free (https://www.livemeeting.ca/register/?meet=18719&rel=18825)

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.

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 www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- 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 (office@theredeemer.ca) 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.