



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 15, 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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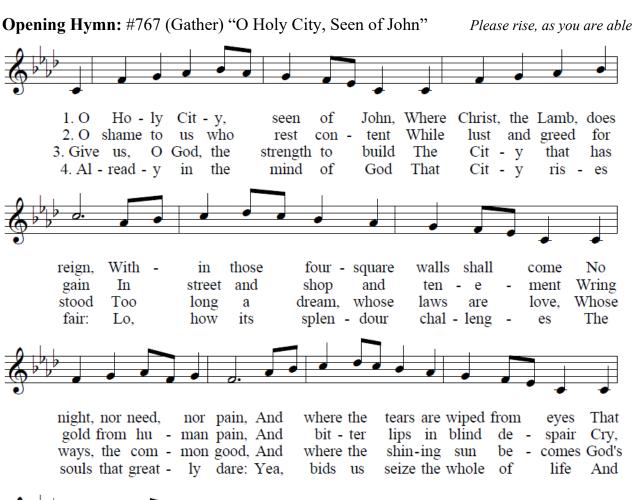
OFFERTORY — If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to place your gift in the offering plate or visit <u>theredeemer.ca/donate</u> via the QR code above. Thank you for joining us today.

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





TEXT: Revelation 21; W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, Harper and Row. TUNE: MORNING SONG, 8 6 8 6 8 6; Kentucky Harmony, 1816.

shall not weep a - gain.
"Christ has died in vain."
grace for hu - man good.
build its glo - ry there.

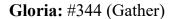
▼ The Easter Greeting

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.





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

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Risen Christ, your wounds declare God's love for the world and the wonder of your risen life gives us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 11.1-18

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 148 (George Black)

Refrain



Refrain

Praise God from the heavens; sing praise in the heights.
Sing praise, all angels, sing praise, all you heavenly host.

Sing praise, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. Sing praise, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Refrain

Let them praise your name, O God; for you commanded, and they were created.
You made them stand fast for ever and ever; you gave them a law which shall not pass away. Refrain

O praise God from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; Refrain

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all sovereigns of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together. Refrain

Refrain



Let them praise your name, O God, for your name only is exalted, your splendour is over earth and heaven. You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near you. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The word of the Lord. Revelation 21.1-6

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #630 (Gather) "Love One Another"

Refrain



Love one an - oth-er, for love is of God. Love one an - oth-er, for God is love.

Verses

- 1. God loved the world so much he sent us his only son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
- 2. Since God has given his love to us, therefore let us love one another. If we love one another, God will love us, and live in us in perfect love.
- 3. Ev'ryone who loves is begotten of God and knows him as the Father. But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.
- 4. Let not your hearts be troubled, for love has no room for fear. In love all fear is forgotten, for God is here with us.
- 5. God is love, and they who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them.

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.

When he (Judas) had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.31-35

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Gathered together in the name of our risen Lord,

through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers saying,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord,

All:



Leader: For this community of faith,

that we may grow in love for one another and for all people:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: For those who have been baptized,

that they may rejoice in their passage through death to new life:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: For all the leaders and peoples of the world,

that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: For the hungry in body or in spirit, that they may be fed:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the fullness of God's love:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace:

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

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

▼ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Gracious God,

you show us your way and give us your divine life.

May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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



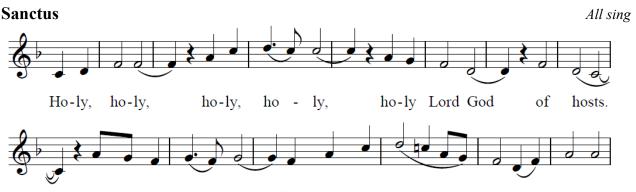
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



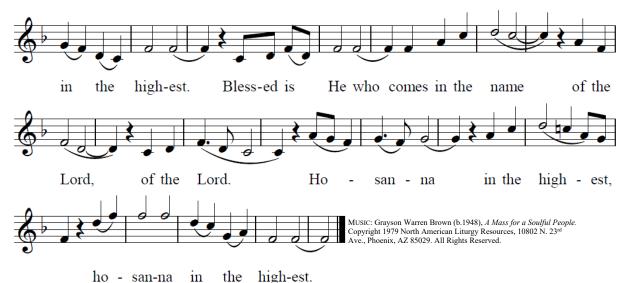
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:



Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na



no - san-na in the night-est.

Priest: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,

in order that the world might be saved through him.

He made you known by taking the form of a servant,

healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,

he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.

In his offering of himself,

he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world.

Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;

by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,

Jesus, at supper with his friends,

took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,

gave it to them, and said,

"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,

and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this all of you: this is my blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest: In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.

Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

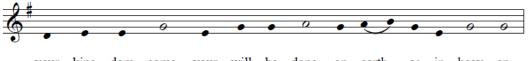
Priest: Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: 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,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en



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



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven,"

says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

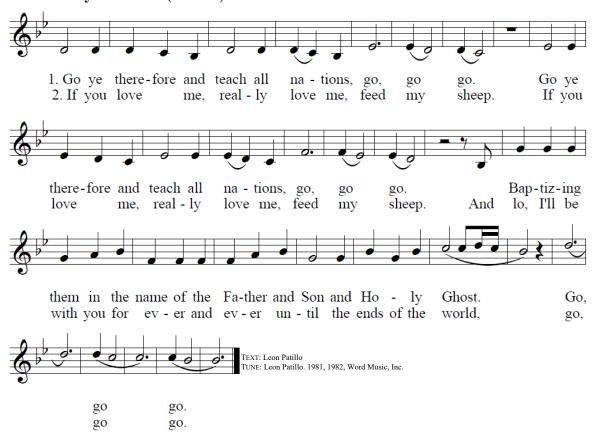
Priest: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fraction Hymn: #454 (Gather) "Go"



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: #629 (Gather) "God is Love"

All sing

Refrain



God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.

Verse 1



1. God is light, in God there is no dark-ness. Come live in the love of the Lord.

Verse 2



2. Come to the Lord, re - ceive the light, and live in the love of the Lord.

Verse 3



3. We are called to be God's own chil-dren, to live in the love of the Lord.

Verse 4



4. All of you are one, u - nit-ed in Je-sus, to live in the love of the Lord.

TEXT: 1 John 1:5, 3:2, 4:15, Psalm 33:6, Galatians 3:28; David Haas (1957-). TUNE: David Haas (1957-). © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise, as you are able

Priest: God of love,

in this eucharist we have heard your truth

and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way,

in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

The Blessing of the New Seating

Closing Hymn: #537 (Gather) "Sing a New Song"

All sing

Refrain



Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun-tains high.



Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing al-le - lu - ia.

Verses



- 1. Yah-weh's peo ple dance for joy. O come be fore the Lord. And play for
- 2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep; your Sav-iour now has come. He has
- 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo-ry of the Lord. The trum-pet



him on glad tam-bou-rines, and let your trum-pet sound. turned your sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song. sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Sav-iour lives.

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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 (<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 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

Creation Matters

Creation Matters, Redeemer's ecospirituality group, gathers each month for prayer, discussion, and support. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 18, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM, via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please contact Grant Jahnke at <u>creationmatters@theredeemer.ca</u>.

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 Bill Ryan (<u>commontable@theredeemer.ca</u>) 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.