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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 22, 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.

If you would like to stay up to date with our news and events, please feel free to subscribe to our eNewsletter by going to <u>theredeemer.ca/newsletters</u>.

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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: #505 (Common Praise) "Be Thou My Vision"

Please rise, as you are able

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

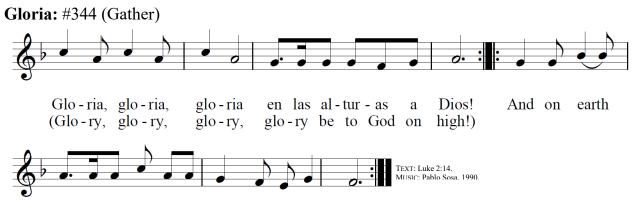
Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

★ 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: Holy One, you breathe the word of love and the promise of new creation into the secret places of our lives. Teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace; through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us. Amen.

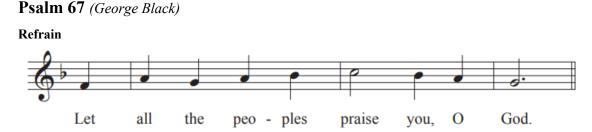
First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us

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

Acts 16.9-15 A moment of silence is observed



God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **Refrain** Please be seated

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **Refrain**

The earth has brought forth its increase; O God, our own God, give us your blessing. God give us your blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you. **Refrain**

Second Reading

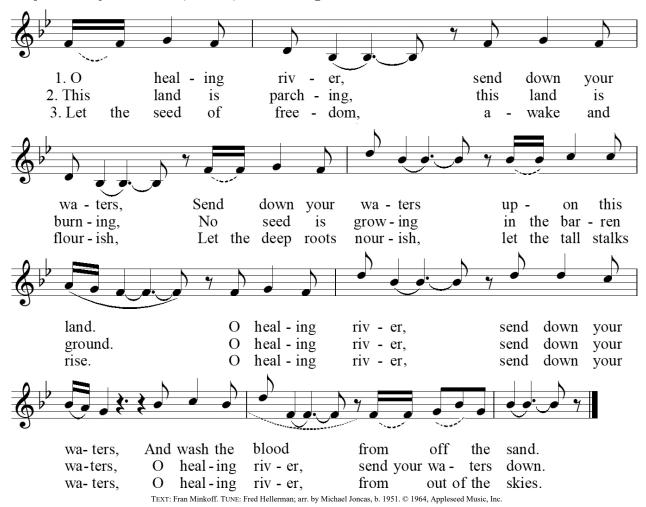
Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5 *A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #584 (Gather) "O Healing River"



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.

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

John 14.23-29

Homily: Nate Wall

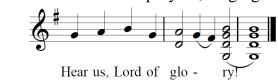
All:

A moment of silence is observed

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Leader: We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Let us offer our prayers, singing:



Leader: Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.

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

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

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

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

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

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

- All: Hear us, Lord of glory!
- *Leader:* Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

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

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

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

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

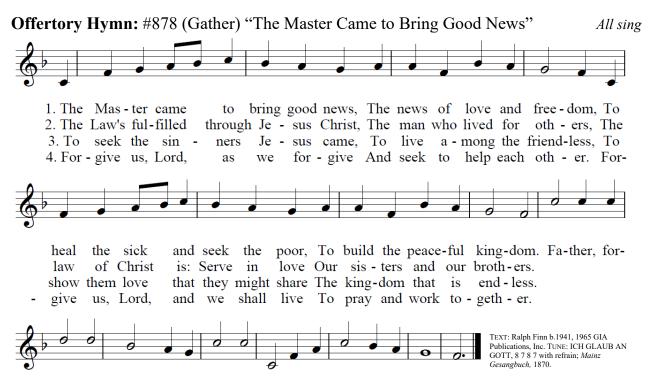
All: Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.

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.



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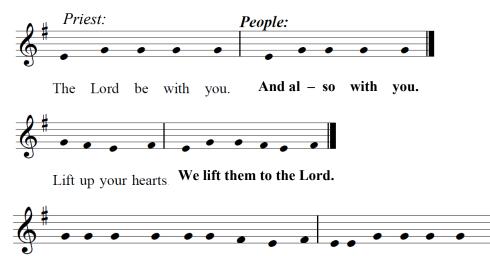
✤ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

People: Amen.

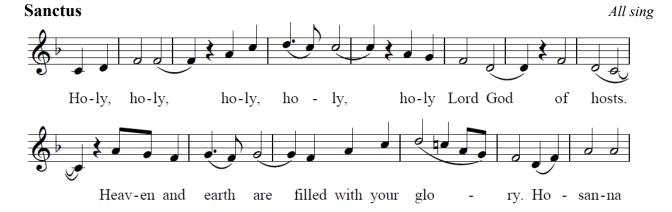
The Great Thanksgiving

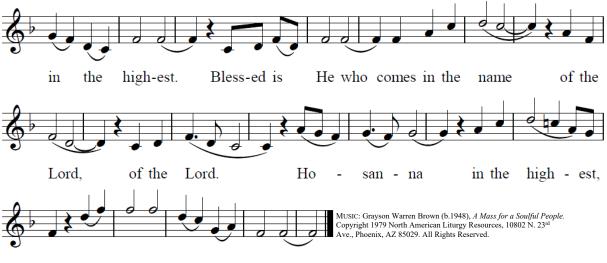


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: Holy God, Lover of creation,

we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:





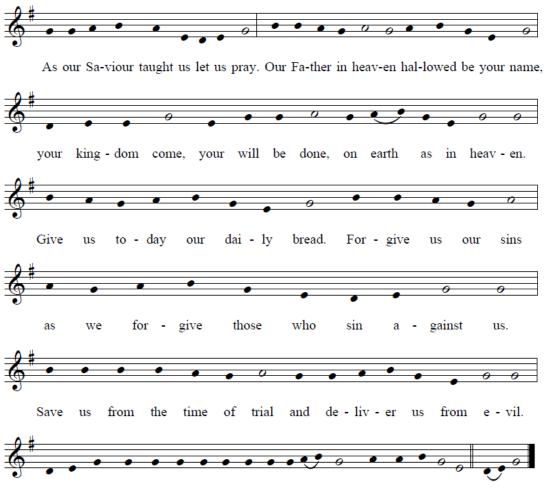
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Priest: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

- Priest: Breathe your Holy Spirit the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.
- All: 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.

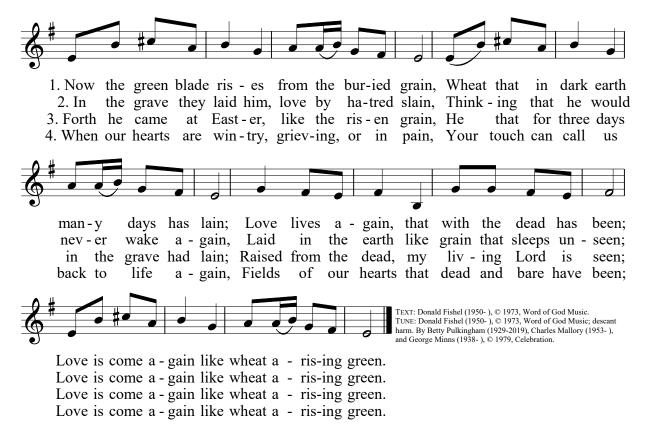
The Breaking of the Bread

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

All: 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: #444 (Gather) "Now the Green Blade Rises"



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



Refrain

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.

All sing

shall be

Communion Hymn: #697 (Gather) "Unless a Grain of Wheat"

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and die, it re - mains TEXT: John 12:24; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957. TUNE: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957 sin-gle grain with no but a life. Verses 1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him; if we hold 2. If an-y - one serves then they must fol-low me; where - ev - er me 3. Make your home make mine in me as Ι you; those who rein 4. If you re - main and my word lives in in me you, then you will

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Prayer after Communion

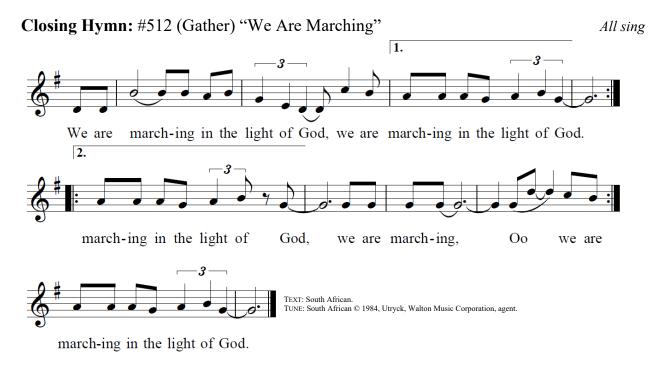
Priest: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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



Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, May 29 – 4:00 PM Ordination of Angie Hocking to the Sacred Order of Deacons (No 7:00 PM service)

Sunday, June 5 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still

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 <u>website</u> (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).

Be Still

Continued uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and the spectre of war unabated in the world has added to the frenzied and hectic rhythm of our daily lives. It is time to Be Still.

Beginning June 5, our usual Sunday evening program will be replaced by a time of quiet reflection in the church. We will open the doors from 5:00-8:00 PM and offer those who enter an opportunity to be still, to pray, and to give over their cares to God. Candle lighting and quiet background music will provide the ambience to make this a time of spiritual rest and refreshment. Please join us in this intimate, silent, sharing of the cares that weigh on all our hearts.

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

The Ordination of Angie Hocking

On Sunday, May 29 at 4:00 PM at Redeemer, long-time member of our community, Angie Hocking, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by our area bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson. To attend in-person, please register ahead of time (<u>https://conta.cc/3NiP7Fz</u>). A Zoom livestream will also be available, and you can access that on the church website (<u>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 — award-winning 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).

Office Closure on Monday

With this Monday being Victoria Day, the church office and Common Table services will be closed. Activity will resume on Tuesday, May 24.

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

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