

PEACE
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PRAYING FOR PEACE
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 AT 7:00 P.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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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

This evening we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell before the service begins.

We acknowledge with respect
that we gather today to celebrate
on many traditional lands
of peoples displaced, of freedoms compromised.
We give thanks for those peoples
whose lands are home to Redeemer
the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations,
including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
God of all,
when your people were driven from their homes
you showed them that they could not be driven away from you
and you taught them that you would be with them, always.
Be with all who seek a place to call home
and lead them to their promised land
Be with us, and help us to welcome the stranger
with compassion and generosity.
This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Redeemer. Amen.

The Gathering of the Community

Please rise, as you are able

The service begins as the Candles for Peace are lit.

Leader: In your resurrection, O Christ.

***People:* May the peoples of the earth know peace.**

Opening Song: “Peace for the Children”



1. Peace for the chil - dren, peace peace. Peace for the chil - dren we pray.
2. Peace in the fam - il - ies, peace peace. Peace in the fam - ilies we pray.
3. Peace for the na - tions, peace peace. Peace for the na - tions we pray.
4. Peace for the cre - a - tures, peace peace. Peace for the crea - tures we pray.
5. Peace for our pla - net, peace peace. Peace for our pla - net we pray.
6. Peace in the un - i - verse, peace peace. Peace in our uni - verse we pray.
7. Peace in the soul, peace peace. Peace in the soul we pray.



Fol - low - ing the path of One of peace, we work for heal - ing, we
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WORDS AND MUSIC: Doreen Lankshear-Smith, 1993;
arr. David Abramsky, 1998.

work for peace; peace for the chil - dren to - day.
work for peace; peace in the fam - ilies to - day.
work for peace; peace for the na - tions to - day.
work for peace; peace for the crea - tures to - day.
work for peace; peace for our pla - net to - day.
work for peace; peace in our uni - verse to - day.
work for peace; peace in the soul to - day.

The Word Heard

Scripture Reading

Please be seated

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.

Acts 16.9-15

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 67 (*George Black*)

Refrain



Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

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**

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**

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 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 14.23-29

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

A minute of silence is observed for reflection.

Hymn: #663 (Gather) “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a bright and warm-ing flame, So the
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are pil - grims on the way. We are
3. As a green bud in the spring-time Is a sign of life re - newed, So may



church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to
seek - ers; we are giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our
we be signs of one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued. As a



preach our creeds or cust - oms, But to build a bridge of care, We join
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would show that Christ is light. In a
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a storm is past and gone, May our



hands a - cross the na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bours ev - 'ry - where.
hum - ble, lis - t'ning Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992
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BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D;
The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm.
By Marty Haugen, b.1950,
1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reflection: Ann Cope

Invitation to Silence

Leader: Eternal God,

in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn, but the sword of righteousness,
and no strength known, but the strength of love:

we ask You so mightily, to shed and spread abroad Your Spirit,
that all peoples and ranks may be gathered
under the one banner of the Prince of Peace:
as children of one God and Father of all:
to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever, **Amen.**

Leader: Let us ask for God's guidance and protection in our meditation,
our prayers and our whole lives.

Silence

We observe five minutes of silence

Embodied Prayer

Leader: Dear friends,
St. Paul speaks to us the words of truth saying,
“do not let the sun go down on your anger.”
In the cares of each day,
in the anxieties we face,
in the fears that come in the night
we come before God seeking that peace
which the world does not know and cannot give.
I invite you, in the name of the Lord, to come forward and light a candle,
As a symbol that peace may dispel the darkness of all conflict and aggression.

*All approach the bowls in the centre of the room, take a taper,
light it from the candle and place it in the sand with the words:*

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace”

For those at home participating on Zoom, you are invited to light a candle and say the same words.

Song: “O Lord Hear My Prayer”



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an-swer me. O



Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

Prayers for Peace

Please rise, as you are able

*As we pray for peace this evening, the leader will offer intercessions.
In the spaces of silence, feel free to add your own petitions silently, aloud, or in the chat box.*

Each intercession will close with the following:

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Concluding Prayer

Leader: Merciful God,

you give to the faithful the peace we find in you.
Grant to us who call upon your name your reconciling love,
that it might rule our hearts, bend our wills, and transform our lives.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,
who with you and the Holy Spirit dwell in perfect unity,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leader: Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray,

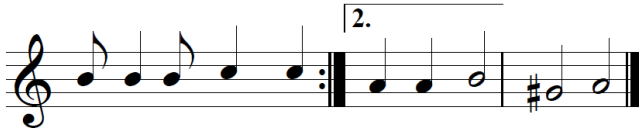
All:

**God, who cares for us,
the wonder of whose presence fills us with awe,
let justice, kindness and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory, and power,
while worlds come and go. Amen.**

Departing Song: “Nada Te Turbe”



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall



na-da le fal - ta. So-lo Dios bas-ta.
nev-er go want-ing. God a-lone fill us.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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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 (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

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 (<https://conta.cc/3NiP7Fz>). A Zoom livestream will also be available, and you can access that on the church website (theredeemer.ca).

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>).

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.

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.

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