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YOU.



PRAYING FOR PEACE
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 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.

We pray that the isolation and uncertainty, we are experiencing,
may bring us to a deeper understanding,
of our indigenous neighbours,
those whom we have isolated
and whose lives we have made uncertain.
In all things may we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd,
calling us to act for justice and reconciliation
and leading us on the paths of righteousness.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Gathering of the Community

Please rise, as you are able

The service begins as the Candles for Peace are lit.

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Opening Hymn: #209 (Common Praise) "Walk Softly in Springtime"



1. Walk soft - ly in spring - time, to hear the grass sing its
2. Sing gent - ly in spring - time, and join with the birds, who
3. Praise glad - ly in spring - time when earth seems to glow with



whis-per-ing car-ols to Je - sus our king; to see the new flow-ers bright
war-ble their mu-sic, a song with - out words, that floats through the air and that
new life and col-our in all things that grow; for all na - ture's chil-dren are



col-ours dis-play; to tell all the chil-dren of glad Eas-ter day.
reach-es the sky, a mes-sage of love to the Fa-ther on high.
hap-py to say, "Re-joice, for the Sav-iour is ris - en to-day."

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Confession

Please be seated

Leader: We have wounded your love.

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Leader: Eternal Spirit,

All: **living God,**

in whom we live and move and have our being,

all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you.

In the very secret of our hearts

you know all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame, burn into us.

Cleansing wind, blow through us.

Fountain of water, well up within us;

that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Leader: May God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from our sins
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Word Heard

Scripture 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.

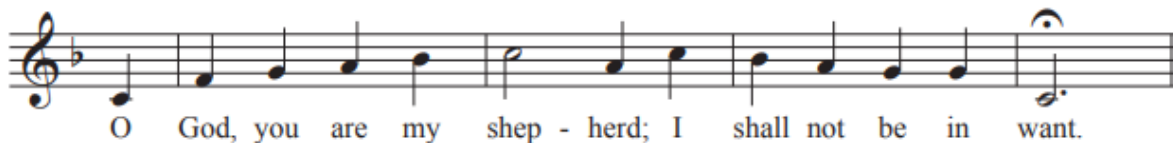
Acts 9.36-43

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**

Reading: “Certeza (Certainty)” (*Julia Esquivel*)

“Podrán cortar todas las flores
pero siempre volverá la Primavera”
Floreceerás Guatemala.

Cada gota de sangre,
cada lágrima,
cada sollozo apagado por las balas,
cada grito de horror,
cada pedazo de piel
arrancado pore el odio
de los anti-hombres,
floreceerán.

El sudor que brotaba
de nuestra angustia
huyendo de la policía,
y el suspiro Escondido
en lo más secreto de nuestro miedo
floreceerán.

Hemos vivido mil años de muerte
en una Patria
que será toda
“Una eterna Primavera”.

“They can cut all the flowers
but Spring will always return.”
Guatemala you will bloom.

Every drop of blood,
every tear,
every sob extinguished by bullets,
every cry of horror,
every shred of skin
torn away in hatred
by the anti-humans—
will bloom.

The sweat that broke out
of our anguish
fleeing from the police
And the sigh concealed
In the most secret of our fears—
Will bloom.

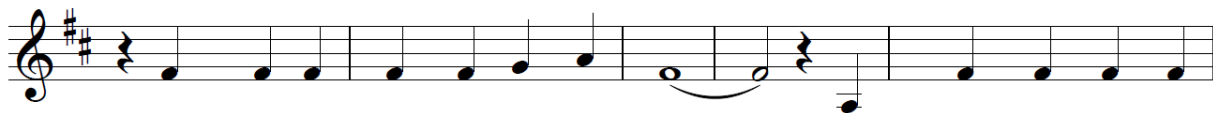
We have lived a thousand years of death
In a Homeland
That will be altogether
“An eternal Spring.”

From The Certainty of Spring: Poems by a Guatemalan in Exile by Julia Esquivel, translation by Anne Woehle.

A minute of silence is observed for reflection.

Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Verses 1 and 2



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in

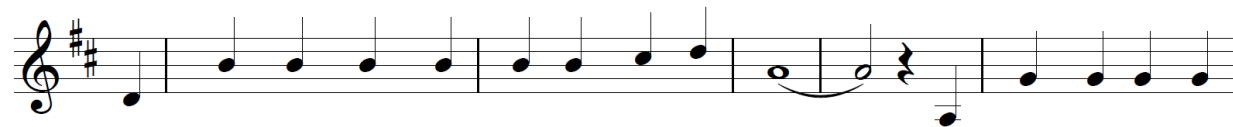


let me bring your love. Where there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord,
life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness, on-ly light,



And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
And where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



-soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand. To be



loved as to love with all my soul.

TEXT: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. By Sebastian Temple (1928-1997).
TUNE: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997); acc. By Robert J. Batastini,
(1942-). 1967, OCP. Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy.

Reflection: Andrew Kuhl

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.**

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: We pray to our wounded and risen Saviour singing,



God, bend your ear and hear our prayer.

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: “Confitemini Domino”



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al-le-lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu - ia!

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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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

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 — 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.

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.