



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



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SO WHAT...HARVESTING THE SEASON OF CREATION  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022 AT 10:30 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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## Welcome

## Land Acknowledgement

**Hymn:** “The Blue Green Hills of Earth”

*Please rise as you are able & sing*

Verses 1 & 3



For the earth, for - ev - er turn - ing, For the skies, for ev - 'ry sea,



To our Lord we sing re - turn - ing home to our blue green hills of earth.

Verse 2

For the sun, for rain and thunder,  
For the land that makes us free,  
For the stars, for all the heavens,  
sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

### The Greeting

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Lord God,  
Creator and sustainer of all life,  
you call us to care for all you have brought into being.  
Help us to respond to your call to be keepers and healers of the Earth,  
that through sacrifice, we may mend our relationship with creation,  
and renew our relationship with you.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Book of Esdras

The Lord knows everything that people do;  
God knows their imaginations and their thoughts and their hearts.  
The Lord said, "Let the earth be made," and it was made,  
and "Let the heaven be made," and it was made.

At God's word the stars were fixed in their places,  
and God even knows how many there are.  
The Lord searches the abyss and its treasures,  
and has measured the sea and its contents,  
confining the sea in the midst of the waters.  
By God's word the earth is suspended over the water,  
and the heaven is spread out like a dome and made secure upon the waters;  
God has put springs of water in the desert, and pools on the tops of the mountains,  
so as to send rivers from the heights to water the earth.

God formed human beings and put a heart in each body,  
and gave each person breath and life and understanding  
and the spirit of Almighty God,

who surely made all things  
and searches out hidden things in hidden places.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

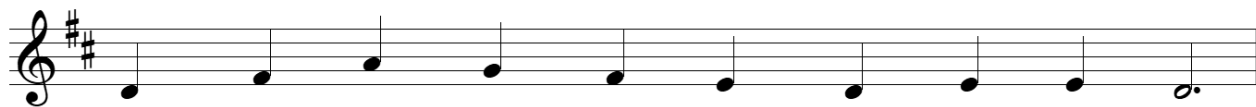
2 Esdras 16.54-62

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

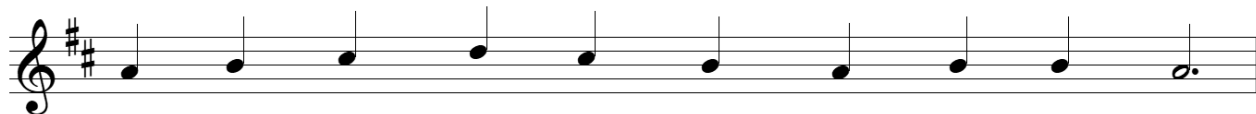
*A moment of silence is observed*

**Psalm 139 (Paraphrase): #119 (Sing a New Creation)**

*All Sing*



1. You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,  
2. Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go,  
3. If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,  
4. If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,  
5. Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;  
and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,  
and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"  
try me, O God, my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,  
If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,  
your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,  
sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:  
keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.  
and still are with me if in hell I lie.  
and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.  
the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.  
and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

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## Second Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from “Embers”, by Richard Wagamese

On a windy day in summer many summers ago, a hawk hurtled straight down at me. Ten feet above my head, she spread her wings and stopped in mid dive. I heard the whoosh of her wings against the sound of the wind and the exhalation of my own breath. Three things collided in an instant: wind, hawk, breath. There was no separation.

We were connected. Joined by air. In the flash of that sacred moment, I understood what it is to be alive: to be connected, to be aware of that connection, to be grateful for it. To breathe is to take in the wind of all breath. To exhale slowly is to open myself and glide over everything I feel.

*A moment of silence is observed*

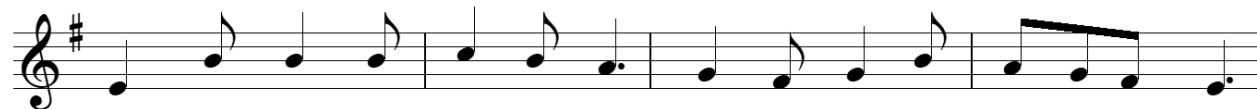
## Sequence Hymn: #144 (Sing a New Creation) “Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

*Please rise as you are able and sing*



Lo-e de Í - sá ust - dz hál da zra tá go - ri.

Je-sus knows the in-most heart, no-thing can be hid-den.



1. This our sin - ful hearts re - quire: flame of God's re - fin - ing fire
2. Je - sus knows our deep - est fears, know the pain of hid - den tears.
3. When our lives are in his hand no - thing can his work with - stand;
4. So our faith will be re - stored by the word of Christ our Lord;



work - ing in us day by day till the dross is burned a - way.

By his words of love and peace ev - ery heart can find re - lease.

his for - give - ness sets us free, saves us for e - ter - ni - ty.

for the warmth his love im - parts melts the ver - y hard - est hearts.

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## The Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

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

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

(Jesus said:) ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 5.13-16

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

**Homily:** Jim Boyles

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* Precious are these quiet moments.

We are grateful for the fruits of the harvest, for the joy we experience when justice prevails and for your word which brings life to all things.

This is your doing Lord, too wonderful for words.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.**

*Leader:* Your creation is being battered by hurricanes and drought, made worse by our misuse of resources.

Forgive us Lord.

Strengthen those who are rebuilding from the devastation of hurricane Fiona.

Bring rain to the farmers experiencing drought in British Columbia and California.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.**

*Leader:* We pray for the courageous women in Iran whose lives are being threatened in their quest for freedom and equal rights. May the bravery of people like Masha Amini inspire lovers of freedom throughout the world: in China, in North Korea, in Afghanistan and wherever freedom is restricted or denied.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.**

*Leader:* We pray for the coming municipal elections, that people who truly care for people would be elected and would serve their constituents well. We pray for the implementation of good public policy to relieve those who are homeless and poor.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.**

*Leader:* We pray for peace within our families, our churches and neighbourhoods. Bring unity to the places where misunderstanding and anger have us divided.

We pray for peace in countries ravaged by war - in Ukraine, in Ethiopia, in Yemen and wherever violence has taken hold.

We pray for the countries experiencing deep distress especially Haiti and the Philippines.

We pray for the world's Indigenous peoples, that their cries for justice would be answered.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who are ill...that they recover.

We pray for those who are alone...that they find community.

We pray for those who recently have lost loved ones...that your comfort would come.

We pray for these, acknowledging that you care for all people everywhere. Not as someone far away, but here among us, as close as the air we breathe.

This is your doing Lord, too wonderful for words.

*All:* **Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care. Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Priest:* We have wounded your love.

*All:* **O God, heal us.**

*Priest:* We stumble in the darkness.

*All:* **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

*Priest:* We forget that we are your home.

*All:* **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* O God of mercy,  
you forgive our past sin,  
you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life,  
you shape us for glory.  
O God of mercy, we thank you. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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Your support allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor and Avenue Road - now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.



# Offertory Hymn: "My God Made a World that Changes"

*All sing*



1. My God made a world that chan - ges, that  
2. My God made a world of for - ests, of  
3. My God made a world of won - ders, and  
4. One day God's world may change to blight, plants and



shifts and tilts and lifts; my God made a world of  
des - erts and swamps and fields; my God made tun - dra and  
God made the hu - man race; God set us down in the  
crea - tures cease to grow; a warm - ing world may de-



moun - tain ran - ges, seas and con - ti - nen - tal drifts; my  
buttes and is - lands, streams and hard Ca - na - dian shield; my  
midst of cre - a - tion, where we can take or re - fuse our place; my  
scend in - to night, de - stroy - ing all that God loves so; then a



God made the void and com - ets, and deep black - holes in space; my  
God made a world of crea - tures, of ea - gles and snakes and shrews; of  
God gave us minds to think with; God gave us hearts to love; God  
griev - ing God will start a - new, to make a chang - ing world; my



God made suns and moons and pla - nets and God said "It is good!"  
beet - les and cows and fish and dol - phins, and God said "It is good!"  
gave us the right to choose or lose, and God said, "It is good!"  
God will cre - ate and re - new and re - make, and God will say "It is good!"

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving



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



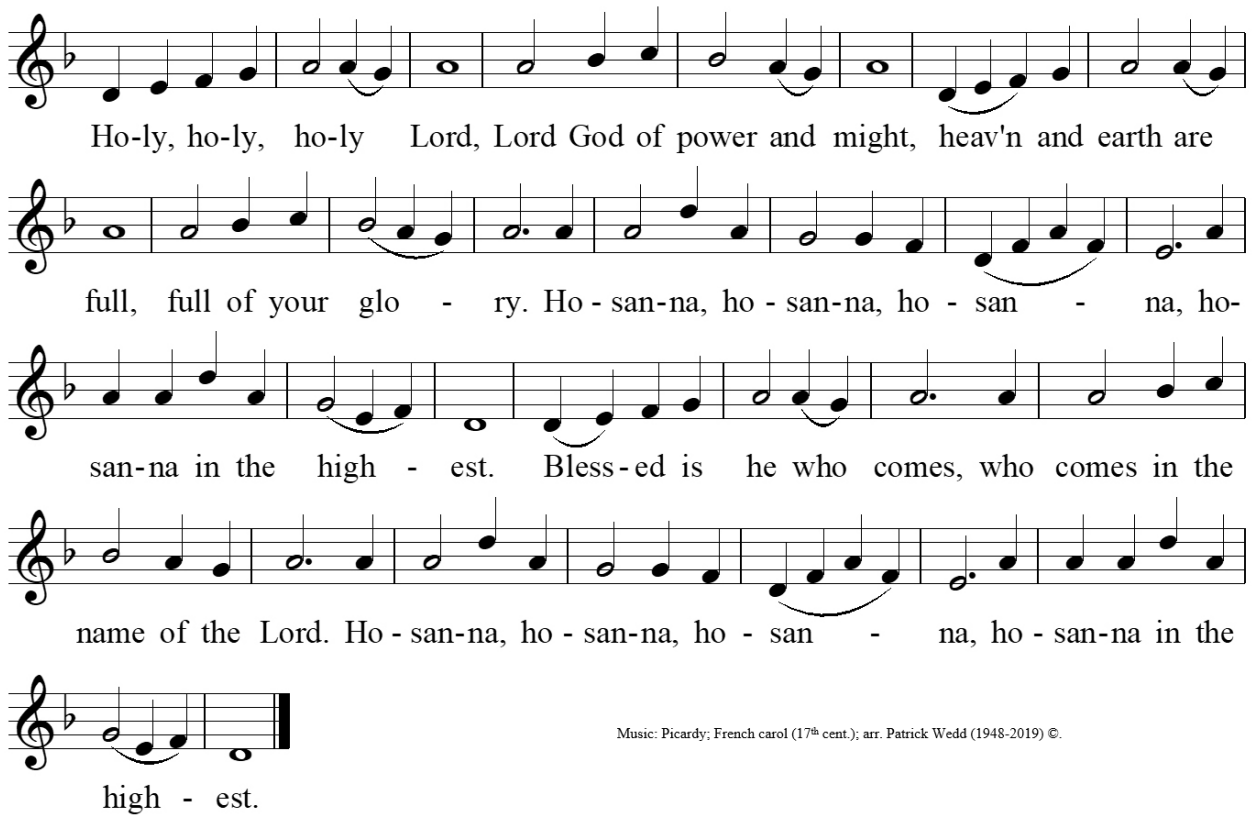
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



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

*Priest:* Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.  
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.  
In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.  
Your Spirit frees us to live as children in our Father's house.  
We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven  
singing words of your unending glory:

**Sanctus: #722 (Common Praise)**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho-  
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the  
high - est.

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*Priest:* Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the children of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."  
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

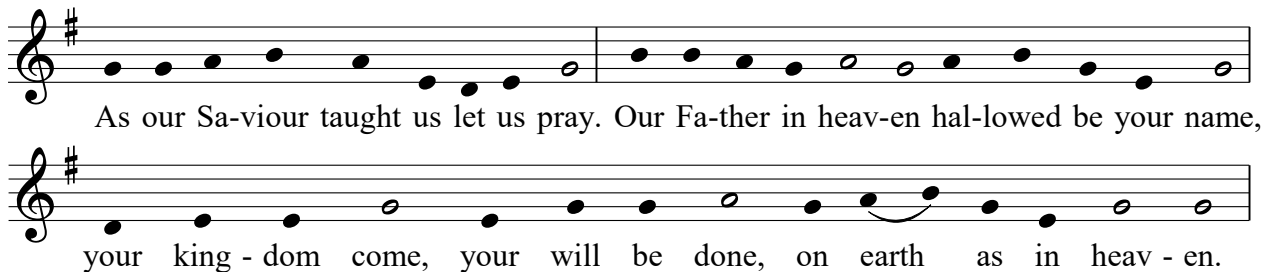
Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine, that,  
overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ’s Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage in the company of the saints, apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our kindred living and departed.

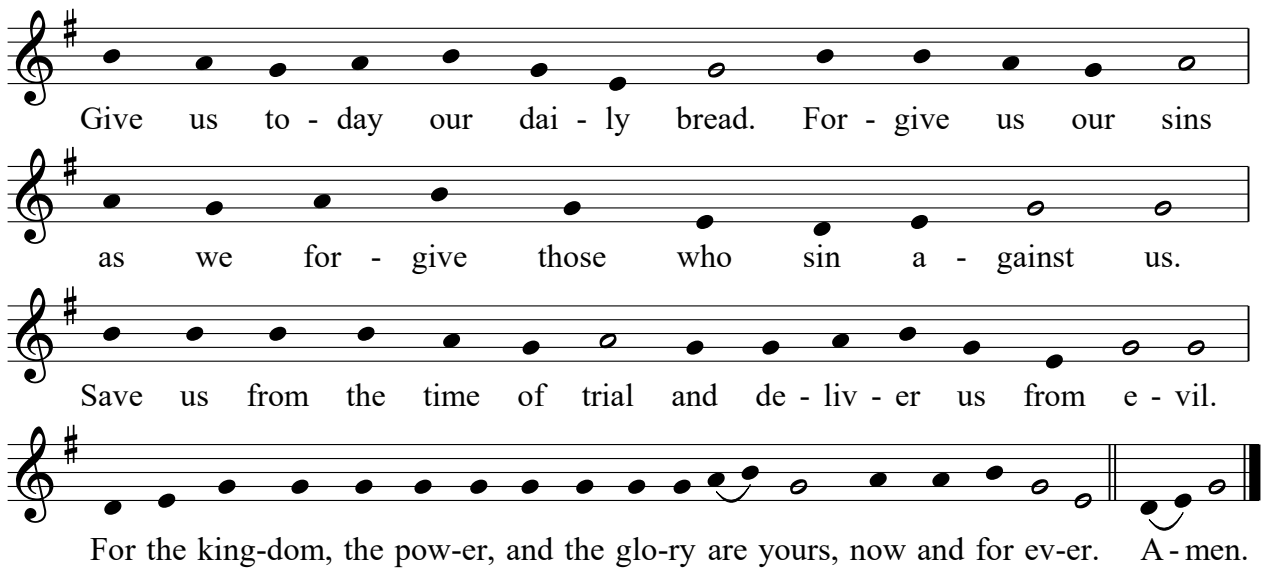
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

*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.

*People:* **Give us this bread for ever.**

*Priest:* “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

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

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Creation Song:** “Secrets of the Stars” (*Pattengale Kenneth / Ryan Joseph Edward / Joarosz Sarah*)

The only time I ever heard the voice of God  
Was in the silence of the night  
In the arms of the one I love  
Staring at the ceiling up above  
Like it contained the secrets of the stars

Anytime I ever woke up in a dream  
I saw my shadow there, staring back at me  
Moving through the walls and wondering  
As all the world rose up inside of me

And I long to hear the melody  
That one time played inside my mind

And to love another helplessly  
So breathing feels like putting out a fire

Anytime my life flashes in front of me  
I see a child there, as if on a screen  
Standing in the shadows, flickering  
For a moment I know what it means

All this time I lived inside a memory  
Daylight creeping in through a crack in the weathered seam  
Severing the ties and trembling  
Losing our voices in the wind

And I long to hear the melody  
That one time played inside my mind  
And to love another helplessly  
So breathing feels like putting out a fire

## The Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a gluten-free 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 priest will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn: #463 (Gather) “Veni Sancte Spiritus”

*All sing*

Melody

Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri - tus.

Harmony

Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri - tus.

The image shows musical notation for the hymn 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'. It consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and the middle staff is labeled 'Harmony'. Both the melody and harmony staves show the first two measures of the hymn, with the lyrics 'Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri - tus.' written below the notes. The bottom staff shows the bass line for the first two measures. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

TEXT: *Com Holy Spirit*; Verse drawn from the Pentecost Sequence;  
Taize Community, 1978. TUNE: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.

**Motet:** “Earth Song” (*Frank Ticheli*)

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour,  
The wind, it stirs.  
The scorched earth  
Cries out in vain:

O war and power,  
You blind and blue.  
The torn heart  
Cries out in pain.

But music and singing  
Have been my refuge,  
And music and singing  
Shall be my light.

A light of song  
Shining strong: Allelulia!  
Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll  
Sing, Be, Live, See...

*Peace.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* God of our hope,  
in this eucharist  
we find the source of all your blessings.  
Nourished in these holy mysteries  
may we, with our lives,  
be a blessing to all you have created.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

*Please be seated*

## Departing Hymn: “Adore te devote”

*Please rise as you are able*

### *Brother Sun, Sister Moon ...*



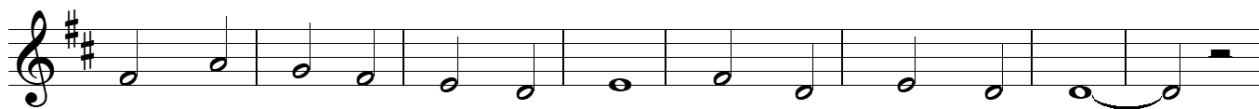
For the beau - ty of the Earth, sing oh sing to - day.



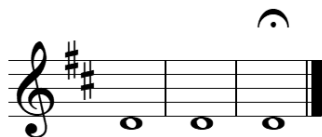
Of the sky and of our birth, sing oh sing al - ways.



Na - ture, hu - man and di - vine, all a - round us lies.



Source of all, to thee we raise grate - ful hymns of praise.



Bro -ther Sun.

Tune: Adore te devote (13th C. Plainsong) / Text: F.S. Pierpont

## The Dismissal Preamble

*Leader:* What is it you wish to know, oh mortal one?  
Do you think you must ascend to the highest heaven  
or descend to the deepest pit?  
Do you not know that Wisdom has pitched a tent in your midst?  
Ask the four-legged, and they will mentor you,  
or the winged-of-air, and they will school you;  
Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish of the sea inform you.  
Who does not know that the Gracious Host has done this?  
In the Blessed One's reach is the heart of every creature,  
the breath of every living thing.



Brother Sun declares the Beloved's glory.  
His voice goes out o'er all the earth,  
his words to every inhabited place.  
Sister Moon and stars pour forth speech  
to brighten the night in splendour and counsel.  
Now hear the blessed promise of old, made new in your hearing:

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest:* May you go out in joy and be led back in peace, the hills bursting in song, the trees in applause! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## **Ministry Updates 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 are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is [on our website](#) (theredeemer.ca).

#### **Tuesday Meditation**

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin gathers for 30 minutes in the chancel at **12:15 PM** for a peaceful mid-week reflection. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian ([lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com)).

#### **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).

#### **Garden Eucharists this Autumn**

Our Garden Eucharists at the home of Karen and Michael Visser will continue throughout the autumn, weather permitting. Please join us on these Saturday afternoons:

Saturday November 26, at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday December 31, at 1:00 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming as the Garden Eucharist Saturday approaches, but we wanted you to mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig ([shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca)) or Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **On Sunday**

### **All Souls Requiem Eucharist**

As part of the All Souls Requiem Eucharist on **Sunday, October 30**, we continue the tradition of reading aloud the names of those faithful departed whom we loved and no longer see. If you would like to add names to the list of those to be remembered, please send an [email to Ann \(liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca\)](mailto:liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca) or add the names to the list that is available in the church at the welcome centre (west wall below the screen).

### **Floral Dedications**

Floral dedications provide a wonderful way to express our personal thanksgiving and remembrances. If you would like to provide chancel flowers, please email the necessary information to the church office ([office@theredeemer.ca](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca)).

Prices range from \$200 for chancel flowers if there is only one dedication on a Sunday, or \$100 if there are multiple dedications.

### **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 included but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a [prayer request form](#) on the website ([theredeemer.ca](http://theredeemer.ca)). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

## **In the Community**

### **Zoom Coffee and Conversation**

After the services, the connection on Zoom will be kept open for a post-service coffee time. We will pause for about five minutes to allow time to grab a cup of coffee, tea or a cool beverage and return for a time of conversation.

### **Coffee Time at the Church**

All who attend worship services in the church building are invited to linger for a time of conversation and coffee in the narthex – the space at the back of the church – immediately following the service.

### **Staying Connected**

The next Staying Connected meeting will be on **Sunday, October 30 at 2 PM** through Zoom.

### **Dr Mike Daley Presents: The Simon and Garfunkel Story**

Renowned public speaker and musician Dr Mike Daley presents The Simon and Garfunkel Story with Jill Daley (violin/piano) and Will Reid (vocals) on **Sunday, November 13 at 7:30 PM** at Redeemer. Mike is known across the GTA for his highly entertaining and informative talks on popular music history, richly illustrated with images and lyrics. You'll learn about how Simon and Garfunkel got together, the key to their unique harmony blend, their fascinating recording history and their musical legacy today. [Tickets are available on Eventbrite.](#)

## Season of Creation 2022

### The All Beings Confluence

Season of Creation 2022 sees the return of silk panels from the *All Beings Confluence* that we first experienced in 2019. As Grant Jahnke noted in an article he wrote from the Gathering that year, “*All Beings Confluence* is a community-based, interactive arts project that was directly inspired by Carolyn McDade, a composer, social activist and environmentalist whose music has sustained and nourished many over the decades. *All Beings Confluence* is an ever-expanding installation created by many individuals. It consists of a series of long, narrow sheer panels, each representing a single living Being – perhaps a grasshopper, a bird, a tree, or blue-green algae that first provided our planet with oxygen. The completed panels are installed to fill a whole area and a single panel is never seen by itself. It is always “in community” with other Beings. Everyone is invited to walk amongst them – they move gently with the air currents, merging into different patterns & combinations of colour and light. For a brief moment we can feel ourselves as part of the vast, complex and interconnected community of creation.” (From the Summer 2019 Gathering. Source: <https://allbeingsconfluence.wordpress.com/>. Used with permission.)

Earlier this year the Church of the Redeemer was gifted with 24 of "the Beings." Some of these are present in the sanctuary throughout our Season of Creation.

### Start Here

Wednesday evenings at 7 PM a new series where we discover how Christianity is a house accessible by more than one door.

**October 12, 19 and 26** (Registration open on the website – [www.theredeemer.ca](http://www.theredeemer.ca))

Beliefs:

Word | Water | Table

### Marginalia

Marginalia – church school for grown-ups and the place where we at Redeemer meet to learn, ponder, and debate the puzzles of the Bible and the Mysteries of Faith – returns!

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM in the church:

**November 27 and December 11:** Kingdom Come: Praying the Future with Jesus

Registration is open at [www.theredeemer.ca](http://www.theredeemer.ca). Contact Nate Wall ([nwall@theredeemer.ca](mailto:nwall@theredeemer.ca)) for more information.

### Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

On **Saturday, November 12, 1 to 4:30 PM**, ISWG is offering an in-person event with the PWRDF program **Mapping the Ground We Stand On**. Here's a description:

"This *reconciliation for education resource* invites participants to walk on to the northern part of Turtle Island (Canada) and discover the Indigenous Peoples who have been here for thousands of years".

More information including the link to register to come.

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY**

**"Supporting people experiencing homelessness,  
poverty and systemic oppression"**

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Volunteer Opportunities 8:00 - 12:00 Monday - Friday:

- ✦ Meal Preparation/Kitchen
- ✦ Serving meals
- ✦ Outreach/Relating with individuals/Welcoming guests

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**"Making a difference in your neighbourhood"**

The Common Table/Church of the Redeemer  
Northeast corner of Avenue Rd. and Bloor St. West

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For further information on how to apply, email:  
[commontable@theredeemer.ca](mailto:commontable@theredeemer.ca)

**THE COMMON TABLE**  
Redeemer's Drop-in Community

## **An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee**

Refugee sponsorship is full of uncertainties. When will they arrive? Uncertain. Where will they live? Uncertain. Exactly what will they need? Uncertain. What is certain is that Abdikadir, Asho, and their six sons will need housing, furniture, household supplies, and clothing when they do arrive in Canada.

All signs point to their coming in the near future, and we are reaching out to you, the Redeemer community, to assist in this ministry. If you are aware of any possible **housing for this family of eight**, please contact committee co-chairs [Alison Colvin \(acolvin@sympatico.ca\)](mailto:acolvin@sympatico.ca) or [Henry Krol \(henrykrol@yahoo.com\)](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com).

Several of you have offered **furniture and other supplies**, for which we are grateful. We are not able to provide storage space at this time but will pick up your donations once we have found housing. [Here is a preliminary list of needs](#). Please [contact Susanna Jacob \(andorrajosej@gmail.com\)](mailto:andorrajosej@gmail.com) if you have items that might be suitable.

One urgent and clear need is for **cozy winter jackets and warm casual, easy-care clothing**. Mary Horan is collecting clothing for the family. Please contact her if you can offer jackets in these sizes: Women's XL or XXL, for boys 7-8 and 4-5 years, and warm baby clothing for 7-24 months. Donations in kind, for instance, new socks, are also needed.

Other urgent needs are for a **baby car seat** for Ayub (6 months) and a booster or car seat for Abdirizak (4 years). Please [contact Mary Horan \(horangang@gmail.com\)](mailto:horangang@gmail.com) if you can provide either of these important items, needed when the family arrives at the airport and for the future.

Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya is prone to flooding, as well as dust storms and the drought that is devastating eastern Africa. Arriving in their new home at the beginning of a Canadian winter will subject Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons to new weather challenges. Let's make their arrival as welcoming as possible. Thank you for whatever you can do to support these newcomers.

## **Children, Youth and Families**

We have resources available in church for children, and all families are invited to participate in worship together. Please find these resources in the back pew on the west side of the church!

Our regular Church School and Youth Group gatherings have returned. Children and youth programs start at 9:30 AM and families are encouraged to join the 10:30 service. If you have children or youth who are school aged, feel free to contact Andrew Kuhl to get on our contact list!

Pyjama Prayers is coming back in the upcoming weeks (!) with a few changes as we enter this new program year. If you are a family with young children interested in programming, please contact Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **Hilary Keachie**

Hilary has been our pastoral associate for children, youth and families for more than three years. For the past year, she has been on parental leave. She recently confirmed that she will not be returning to Redeemer at the end of her leave because she and her family have moved to Port Hope. She will be with us on **Sunday, October 30** so that we can offer thanks for her ministry amongst us.

## **How Are You Doing?**

Our clergy are available to meet with you to talk and for prayer as is helpful to you. You can contact them through the church office (416-922-4948) or by email (Steven Mackison – [smackison@theredeemer.ca](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca), Susan Haig – [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca), Andrew Kuhl [akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **Pastoral Care Calls**

Volunteers from the pastoral care team continue to call members of the Redeemer community to check in with them. Please contact Tony Crosbie ([tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca)) if you know someone who would benefit from a call from one of the pastoral care team.

## **Bulletin Announcements**

If you have an announcement you would like included in an upcoming bulletin, please send it to Marjorie Wrightson ([mwrightson@theredeemer.ca](mailto:mwrightson@theredeemer.ca)) by Tuesday at 5 PM. Thank you.

## **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. If you have not already done so this year, 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](http://www.theredeemer.ca/donate)
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website – [www.theredeemer.ca/donate](http://www.theredeemer.ca/donate)
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer ([treasurer@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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

## **Interim Administrator On-Site**

Susan Graham Walker, the Part-time Interim Administrator, is on-site most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 12 PM. Please don't hesitate to connect by email ([sgwalker@theredeemer.ca](mailto:sgwalker@theredeemer.ca)) or text (647-215-8814).

## **Beyond Our Walls**

### **Diocesan Outreach and Advocacy Conference**

The annual diocesan Outreach and Advocacy Conference will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 29 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM**. The theme is "Pointing our Feet Toward Right Relationship" with Bishop Riscylla Shaw as the keynote speaker. Registration will open after Labour Day. See the poster on the [conference web page](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca) (<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca>).

## **WORSHIP WITH US – SUNDAY SERVICES SEASON OF CREATION**

**Sunday, October 23**

**Harvesting the Season of Creation**

**9 AM - on Zoom**

**10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube**

**7 PM – Season of Creation Rock Eucharist and through YouTube**

## **ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday, October 30**

**9 AM - on Zoom**

**10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube**

## **ALL SOULS**

**Sunday, October 30**

**7 PM – Requiem Eucharist in the Church, on Zoom and through YouTube**