



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE

SEASON OF CREATION ROCK EUCHARIST
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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

We acknowledge with respect that we gather today to celebrate on many traditional lands. 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.

Holy One in Three, you have revealed yourself as perfect unity in diversity and perfect diversity in unity. Help us to reflect the bonds of affection, sharing and wholeness in our relationship with the Indigenous community, that you share in your triune life.

This we pray in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen

Opening Song: “Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)” *(Marvin Gaye)*

Led by the Band

Mercy, mercy me

Things ain't what they used to be, no no

Where did all the blue skies go?

Poison is the wind that blows from the north and south and east

Mercy, mercy me

Things ain't what they used to be, no no

Oil wasted on the ocean and upon our seas

Fish full of mercury

Mercy, mercy me
Things ain't what they used to be, no no
Radiation underground and in the sky
Animals and birds who live nearby are dying

Mercy, mercy me
Things ain't what they used to be
What about this overcrowded land
How much more abuse from man can she stand?

The Gathering of the Community

Please rise, as you are able

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.**

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

2 Esdras 16.54-62

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "Under African Skies" (*Paul Simon*)

Led by the Band

Joseph's face was black as night
The pale yellow moon shone in his eyes
His path was marked
By the stars in the Southern Hemisphere
And he walked his days
Under African skies

This is the story of how we begin to remember
This is the powerful pulsing of love in the vein
After the dream of falling and calling your name out
These are the roots of rhythm
And the roots of rhythm remain

In early memory
Mission music
Was ringing 'round my nursery door
I said take this child, Lord
From Tucson Arizona
Give her the wings to fly through harmony
And she won't bother you no more

This is the story of how we begin to remember
This is the powerful pulsing of love in the vein
After the dream of falling and calling your name out

These are the roots of rhythm
And the roots of rhythm remain

Joseph's face was as black as the night
And the pale yellow moon shone in his eyes
His path was marked
By the stars in the Southern Hemisphere
And he walked the length of his days
Under African skies

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.**

Reflection: Susan Haig

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: Let us pray to God, who calms all of our fears. We pray for the church. Holy One, help us to act with courage, to speak the truth with love. Empty our lives of all that separates us from you and one another. God of abundant compassion:

All: **Sow the seeds of love in us.**

Leader: We pray for the world. Sovereign One, we pray for all nations overshadowed by conflict, war, want, and injustice. Reconcile us to your creation and plant in our hearts the desire to cultivate peace in the world and in our lives. God of abundant compassion:

All: **Sow the seeds of love in us.**

Leader: We pray for our planet and all its Beings, Creating One, that we may know we belong to one another and to the universe. May we work together with you to transform all that is decayed or ailing into your Kingdom come on Earth. God of abundant compassion:

All: **Sow the seeds of love in us.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the lost. Healing One, we pray for all who are facing a time of trial. Mend all that is broken in our fragile lives and restore us to wholeness. God of abundant compassion:

All: **Sow the seeds of love in us.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died. Risen One, receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Let your embrace enfold those who mourn and assure them of your promise of eternal life with you. God of abundant compassion:

All: **Sow the seeds of love in us.**

Leader: Gracious God, in the depths of your compassion for us, you have given us the gift of your Son. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Thank you for joining us today.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

*The table is set with bread and wine making the Eucharistic meal for the gathered community.
Please join in with the musicians as this activity takes place.*

Offertory Song: "Eyes Wide Open" (Gotye)

Led by the Band

With our eyes wide open, we—

With our eyes wide open, we—

So this is the end of the story

Everything we had, everything we did

Is buried in dust, and this dust is all that's left of us

And only a few ever worried

While the signs were clear, they had no idea

You just get use to livin' in fear

Or give up, when you can't even picture your future

We walk the plank with our eyes wide open

We walk the plank with our eyes wide open, we—

(Walk the plank, with our eyes wide open, we—)

Yeah, we walk the plank with our eyes wide open, we—

(Walk the plank, with our eyes wide open, we—)

And some people offered up answers

We made out we like we heard they were only words

They didn't add up, to a change in the way we were living

And the saddest thing, is all of it could've been avoided

But it was like to stop consuming, to stop being human

And why'd I make a change if you won't

We're all in the same, boat, stayin' afloat for the moment

We walk the plank with our eyes wide open, we—...

And that is the end of the story

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: Eucharistic Prayer – Joint Assembly

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Truly it is right to praise you, Holy God wonderful and beyond all knowing.
You are glorious in splendour and light. In your goodness and loving-kindness,
you breathed your word of love and all creation sprang forth.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: Giver of life, and lover of all things,
you formed us in your own image, placing us
in the garden of your delight, and giving the whole world into our care.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: When we turned from you in folly and in pride, you would not leave us. In every
generation your wisdom entered into holy men and women, making them your
friends, prophets and witnesses to your love, heralds of your reign of justice and
mercy.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: And so with all the angels and saints of every time and place, we join our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Holy One, in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in the womb of his mother Mary.
Dwelling among us as a servant, he revealed your glory.

He fasted to learn your will, and feasted with sinners.
Holding out his hands of mercy to all in need,
he called all the fallen to join in your great feast.
On the night before he gave his life for us Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Priest: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He gave it to his friends, saying,
“Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for
you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: Therefore, we proclaim the death he died when lifted on the cross, we celebrate
his bursting from the tomb, and look for him to come again in glory, offering to
you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: Send forth your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and
blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we share this holy sacrament, so renew us
by your Spirit that we may live as Christ’s Body for the love of the world. Bless
what is broken, bring healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed. Make us
swift and faithful to serve you.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

Priest: Gather your people from the ends of the earth together with the ever-blessed
Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles, martyrs and all your saints to feast at the
table of your kingdom. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour, glory, and praise are yours, now and forever.

All: **Sowing the seeds of love, the seeds of love, sowing the seeds**

The Lord’s Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: **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.**

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 Song: “(Nothing But) Flowers” (*Talking Heads*)

Led by the Band

Here we stand
Like an Adam and an Eve
Waterfalls
The Garden of Eden
Two fools in love
So beautiful and strong
The birds in the trees
Are smiling upon them
From the age of the dinosaurs
Cars have run on gasoline
Where, where have they gone?
Now, it's nothing but flowers

There was a factory
Now there are mountains and rivers
You got it, you got it
We caught a rattlesnake

Now we got something for dinner
We got it, we got it
There was a shopping mall
Now it's all covered with flowers
You've got it, you've got it
If this is paradise
I wish I had a lawnmower
You've got it, you've got it

Years ago
I was an angry young man
And I'd pretend
That I was a billboard
Standing tall
By the side of the road
I fell in love
With a beautiful highway
This used to be real estate
Now it's only fields and trees
Where, where is the town
Now, it's nothing but flowers
The highways and cars
Were sacrificed for agriculture
I thought that we'd start over
But I guess I was wrong

Once there were parking lots
Now it's a peaceful oasis
You've got it, you've got it
This was a Pizza Hut
Now it's all covered with daisies
You got it, you got it
I miss the honky tonks,
Dairy Queens, and 7-Elevens
You got it, you got it
And as things fell apart
Nobody paid much attention
You got it, you got it
I dream of cherry pies,
Candy bars, and chocolate chip cookies

You got it, you got it
We used to microwave
Now we just eat nuts and berries
You got it, you got it
This was a discount store,
Now it's turned into a cornfield
You've got it, you've got it
Don't leave me stranded here
I can't get used to this lifestyle

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.**

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**

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

All: **Thank be to God. Alleluia!**

Closing Song: "Sowing The Seeds of Love" (*Tears For Fears*)

Led by the Band

High time we made a stand and shook up the views of the common man
And the lovetrain rides from coast to coast
D.J.'s the man we love the most
Could you be, could you be squeaky clean
And smash any hope of democracy?
As the headline says you're free to choose

There's egg on your face and mud on your shoes
One of these days they're gonna call it the blues yeah

Sowing the seeds of love (Anything is possible)
Seeds of love (When you're sowing the seeds of love)
Sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds of love (Anything is possible)
Seeds of love (When you're sowing the seeds of love)
Sowing the seeds

I spy tears in their eyes
They look to the skies for some kind of divine intervention
Food goes to waste
So nice to eat, so nice to taste
Politician granny with your high ideals
Have you no idea how the majority feels?
So without love and a promise land
We're fools to the rules of a government plan
Kick out the style!
Bring back the jam!

Sowing the seeds of love (Anything is possible)
Seeds of love (When you're sowing the seeds of love)
Sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds of love (Anything is possible)
Seeds of love (When you're sowing the seeds of love)
Sowing the seeds
The birds and the bees
My girlfriend and me
In love

Feel the pain
Talk about it
If you're a worried man, then shout about it
Open hearts, feel about it
Open minds, think about it
Everyone, read about it
Everyone, scream about it!
Everyone (Everyone yeah, yeah)
Everyone (Everyone), read about it, read about it

Read in the books in the crannies
And the nooks there are books to read for us!

Sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds of love
We're sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds of love
Sowing the seeds
Sowing the seeds of love
Sowing the seeds of love

Time to eat all your words
Swallow your pride
Open your eyes
Time to eat all your words
Swallow your pride
Open your eyes
High time we made a stand (Time to eat all your words)
And shook up the views of the common man (Swallow your pride)
And the lovetrain rides from coast to coast (Open your eyes)
Every minute of every hour
"I love a sunflower " (Open your eyes)
And I believe in love power (Open your eyes)
Love power
Love power (Open your eyes)
Sowing the seeds of love...

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We are grateful for our musicians this evening:

Mike Barrington, drums
Peter Murray, bass
Mariea Extavour, vocals
Will Reid, vocals
Dan Norman, vocals and piano
Mike Daley, guitar and vocals