



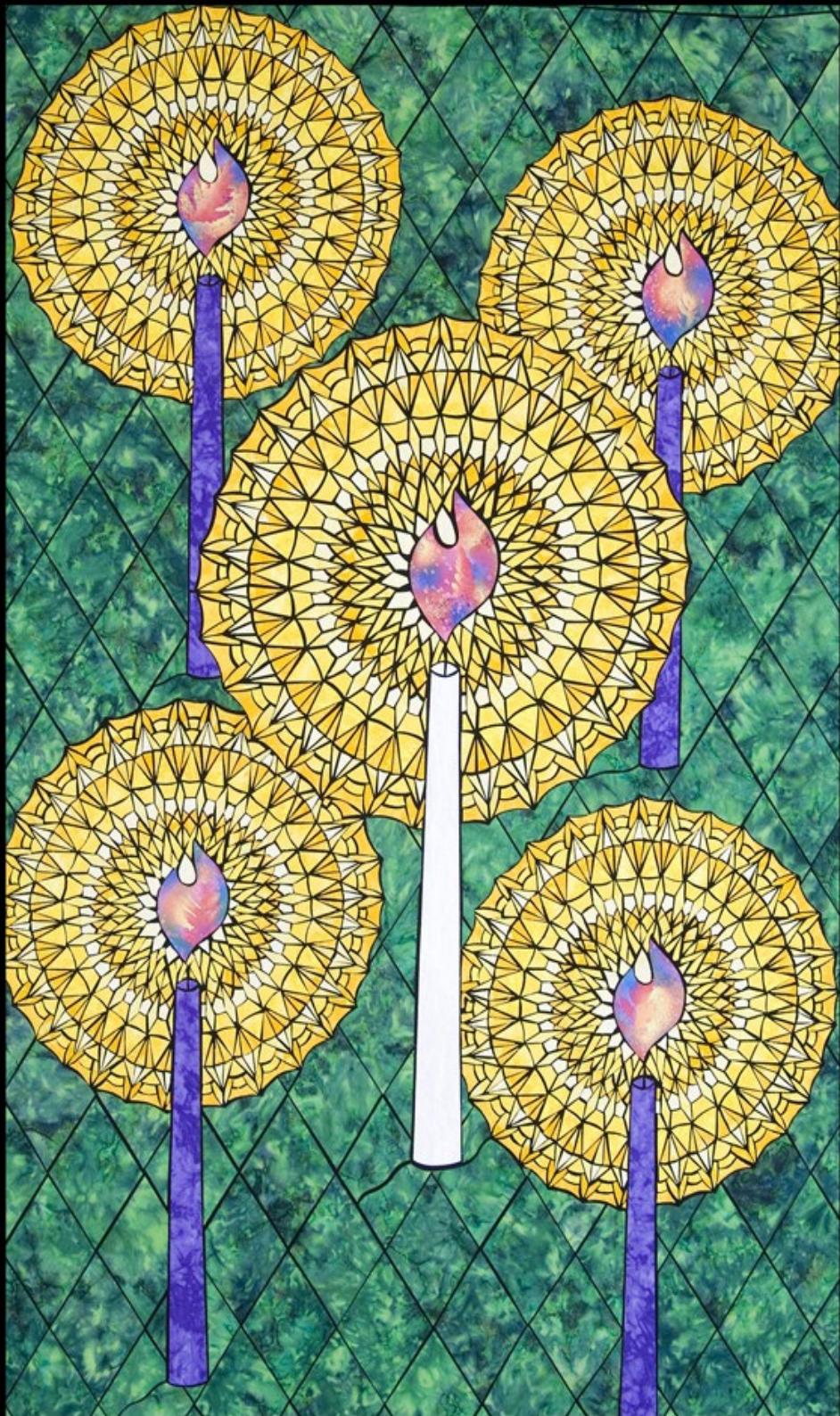
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# WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

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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Thank you for joining us today.

**Introductory Remarks**

*Zoom Moderator*

**Welcome**

*Steven Mackison*

**Prayer for the Blessing of Light** (*Malcolm Archer*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, eternal creator of day and night.

Now, as darkness is falling, hear the prayer of your faithful people.

Wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire, and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we live in watchfulness as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who shall judge the world and all its works.

Rouse us then from the sleep of sin and make us ready to enter your kingdom where songs of praise for ever sound.

For you are the true light, who lightens every one, and the new heavens and the new earth join to sing your praise now and for evermore. Amen.

## Litany

Abigail Young

*Leader:* Alert and full of joy, let us pray to the Lord saying:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* O God, in your measureless love you have fashioned humanity, making it glorious by the image of your glory; hear us, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Through Abraham you promised happiness to all who love you, and by the manifestation of Christ you have made yourself known to your Church; hear us, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* When we wander in darkness, you do not leave us, but restore us to the light of your forgiveness; hear us, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Sanctify in love the whole body of your people, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Lord, you govern all the world in your love; hear us, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Give us the victory, Lord Jesus Christ, when you come; set peace in your Church, and hear us, we pray:

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*We pause to offer our prayers and thanksgivings silently, aloud, or in the chat*

## Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
so that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Refrain:**



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God."

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of God."  
Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself.  
To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of God,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise God's holy Name. **Refrain**

For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you. **Refrain**

Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.  
For my kindred and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of our God,  
I will seek to do you good." **Refrain**

**Reading 1:** "Advent Credo" (*Allan Boesak*)

*Abigail Young*

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—  
This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;  
It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,  
death and destruction—

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counsellor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

## Response 1: #3 (Sing a New Creation) “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

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1. Come and find the qui - et cen - tre in the crowd-ed life we lead, find the  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace; God it  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, op - en to each oth - er's pain, let our



room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the  
is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, face to face, mak - ing  
loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain: there's a



cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the  
space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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*A moment of silence is observed*

## Reading 2: Isaiah 2.1-5

Catherine Emerson

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat

their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Response 2:** “Zion hört die Wächter singen” (*J.S. Bach*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

Zion hört die Wächter singen,  
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,  
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.  
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,  
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,  
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.  
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,  
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosianna!  
Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal  
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,  
her heart leaps for joy,  
she awakes and gets up in haste.  
Her friend comes from heaven in his  
splendour,  
strong in mercy, mighty in truth.  
Her light becomes bright, her star rises.  
Now come, you worthy crown,  
Lord Jesus, God's son! Hosanna!  
We all follow to the hall of joy  
and share in the Lord's supper.*

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Reading 3:** “Poem for Advent” (*Sarah Klassen*)

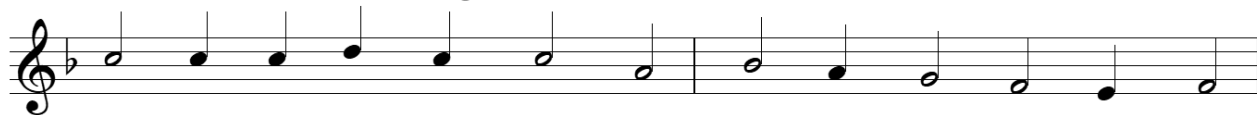
*Catherine Emerson*

He comes at last, the long-expected painter  
in working clothes, carrying ladders, paint-  
splattered dropsheets. He'll cover everything  
and scan each wall for cracks  
caused by the building shifting,  
plaster and scrape, making rough places plain.  
If he's inclined he'll hum  
*Lo, how a rose ere blooming*  
while I remove from every room all hindrances:  
the vining ivy, ornaments, those matched lamps  
that might get in the way of things. Myself.

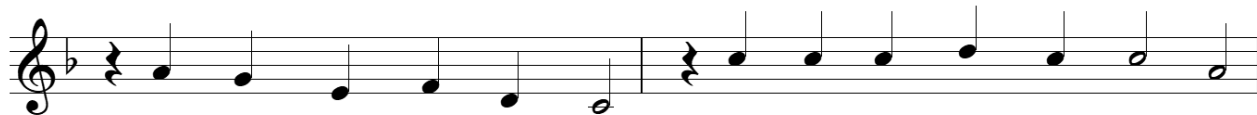
When everything is ready, he'll begin.

**Response 3: #117 (Common Praise) “Lo, How a Rose...”***Redeemer Music Team*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,  
 2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind;  
 3. O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dour the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright a - mid the cold of win - ter,  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a Sav - iour,  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and death now save us,



when half spent was the night.  
 when half spent was the night.  
 and share our ev - ery load.

Text: St. 1-2, German (15<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925). Music: Melody Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchen gesang, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Reading 4: Matthew 24.36-44***Susan Haig*

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



## Response 4: Canticle: Song of Zechariah (Paraphrase)



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and rais - es
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call: the oath once
3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare the way, to tell God's



up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree. So have the proph-ets  
sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all; that we might wor-ship  
peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then shall God's mer - cy



long de-clared that with a might - y arm God would turn back our en - e -  
with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in hol - i - ness and right-eous-  
from on high shine forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the gloom of



mies and all who wish us harm.  
ness be - fore God all our days.  
death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: *Song of Zechariah* (Luke 1.68-79); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- ). Para. ©  
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## Homily

*Bill Ryan*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Commissioning and Blessing of the Director of the Common Table

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Dear Friends in Christ, Bill Ryan has been appointed Director of the Common Table, a position of leadership and service, of discerning the needs and feeding the bodies and souls of those come through our doors seeking God's help. Bill's ministry continues the compassionate work done through the years in this community, and is part of the work and witness of the whole Church.

*The Priest addresses the Director saying,*

*Priest:* Bill, will you, in the presence of this congregation to which you have been called to serve as Director, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Bill:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* People of the Church of the Redeemer, will you, having accepted Bill as Director of the Common Table, commit yourselves to support him in this ministry?

*People:* **We will, with God's help.**

*The Director faces the congregation*

*Bill:* I, Bill Ryan, commit myself to you, the people of the Church of the Redeemer, bringing my strengths and weaknesses, my hopes and concerns, my gifts and talents bestowed on me by God's grace, and will endeavour, with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of the Common Table, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* We, the people of the Church of the Redeemer commit ourselves to you as our Director, bringing our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents bestowed on us by God's grace, and will endeavour with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of the Common Table, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*Members of the community offer a blessing.*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear our prayer which we offer for Bill this day; that in his vocation and ministry he may serve you with compassion and faithfulness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest presents the Director to the Community*

**The Peace**

*Steven Mackison*

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

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

## Offertory Hymn: “Come, Thou Redeemer”

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Come, thou Re-deem-er of the earth, And ma - ni - fest thy vir-gin-birth: Let
2. Be - got-ten of no hu-man will, But of the Spi - rit, thou art still The
3. Forth from his cham-ber go-eth he, That ro - yal home of pur - i - ty, A
4. From God the Fa - ther he pro-ceeds, To God the Fa - ther back he speeds; His
5. Thy cra - dle here shall glit-ter bright, And dark-ness breathe a new-er light, Where
6. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo-ple free, Whom



ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall; Such birth be - fits the God of all.  
Word of God in flesh ar - rayed, The pro-mised fruit to us dis-played.  
giant in two - fold sub-stance one, Re - joi - cing now his course to run.  
course he runs to death and hell, Re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.  
end - less faith shall shine se - rene, And twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.  
with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

Text: St. Ambrose (340?-397); tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR. Melody Trier MS (15<sup>th</sup> cent.); adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

## The Lord's Prayer

*Steven Mackison*

*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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

*Steven Mackison*

*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 Doxology**

*Steven Mackison*

*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**

*Steven Mackison*

## Closing Hymn: #599 (Common Praise) "Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night"

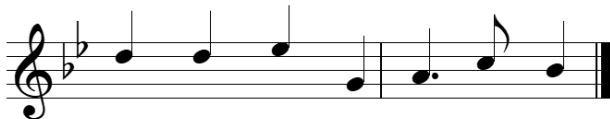
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1. A - wake! A - wake! Fling off the night, for God has sent a
2. A - wake and sing, with prais - es strong, in psalm and hymn and
3. Let in the light; all sin ex - pose to Christ, whose life no
4. Then rise as chil - dren of the light. Be nei - ther proud, nor
5. Through Christ give thanks to God, and say to oth - er sleep - ers



glo - rious light, and we who live in Christ's new day must  
spir - it - song. Let love our words and works re - new with  
dark - ness knows. Be - fore the cross ex - pec - tant kneel, that  
hide from sight. Be care - ful how you live, and wise to  
on the way: "A - wake, and rise up from the dead that



works of dark-ness put a - way.  
all that's good and right and true.  
Christ may judge, and judg-ing, heal.  
sift the truth from cun-ning lies.  
Christ may shine on you in-stead!"

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## The Dismissal

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Go forth in hope to serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

*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.*

### Online Donation

# Ministry Updates

## Mask-wearing

The diocese is strongly recommending as much as possible that we all wear a mask when in indoor settings, including our church building.

## Staying Connected

The next meeting is **today at 2 PM** on Zoom. Bill Ryan, our new director at the Common Table will be part of the meeting. Come and get to know more about him. The Zoom link is in eNews.

## 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 have continued throughout the autumn. Please join us on this last Saturday afternoon of the year, weather permitting:

Saturday December 31, at 1:00 PM

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)).

#### Blue Christmas Service

For those who have lost loved ones near the Christmas season, this time can be difficult as remembrances of close friends and family no longer with us. This special service will take place on **Tuesday, December 13** at **6 PM** in the church and on Zoom.

#### On Sunday

#### Rock Eucharist and Bach Vespers

Mark your calendars! Join us at 7 PM on **Sunday, December 4** for a Rock Eucharist featuring music of the Beatles with Redeemer singers and band. This service will be in-person and live streamed on YouTube.

Bach Vespers will also be in-person and live streamed on YouTube at 7 PM on **Sunday, December 18**. It will feature Part III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio with the Redeemer choir and orchestra.

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers and decorations for Christmas, please mark your donation “Christmas Flowers” and include any memorial information you would like mentioned in the Christmas bulletins. The deadline for these dedications is **Friday, December 16**. Any late submissions unfortunately will not be able to be published until after Epiphany as the church is closed over the holidays and all bulletins including Epiphany will be prepared before Christmas.

## 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.

### Sunday Driver Needed

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for someone to drive one of our parishioners to Redeemer on Sunday mornings from time to time. They live near St. Clair and Birchmount. If you are able to assist, please speak to Susan Haig or email her at [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca).

### Redeemer Gifts – Invitation for Delivery Friends

Amid the hustle and bustle, Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for people who have experienced a loss or illness, or who feel isolated and sad during these continuing challenging times. The Pastoral Care Team, with the help of many members of our community, responds by delivering gift bags and cards to these folks to remind them that we are holding them in our hearts, and to bring a touch of cheer!

Redeemer Gifts will be delivered on **Saturday, December 17**. We are seeking Delivery Friends (on foot, bicycle, or by car) to deliver the gift bags. Please contact Mary-Jane Wilson at [mjwdhp@icloud.com](mailto:mjwdhp@icloud.com) or 647-227-0952 if you are able to help. Thank you!

### Sunday Brunch for the 20s/30s Group

Sundays are good days for low-key brunch after church. If you're in your 20s or 30s and you'd like to join a group of us from Redeemer who meet up around the corner at Hemingway's, then put these dates on your calendar: **December 4, and December 18**. On those days we'll meet at the stone baptismal font near the church entrance after the service before heading out. Reach out to [Nate Wall \(nwall@theredeemer.ca\)](mailto:nwall@theredeemer.ca) if you have any questions.

### Open Doors

Would you like to join the Open Doors Docent team? Each Wednesday from 12-2 and each Friday from 11-2 we open our doors and in pairs we welcome any who wish to enter to rest or look around. If you would like to be introduced to this ministry or be added to the rota [let us know \(office@theredeemer.ca\)](#).

## The Spirit Garden

The parishes of the Diocese of Toronto are responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action #82. It calls for the installation of Residential School Monuments in each provincial capital. The **Spirit Garden** at Toronto City Hall will be a place for teaching, learning, sharing and healing, especially for school groups. Please watch Bishop Asbil's call at <https://fb.watch/cCKff5EAbP/> and a 'fly-through' of the project at <https://www.councilfire.ca/spirit-garden.html>.

You can donate here: [toronto.anglican.ca](http://toronto.anglican.ca) & clicking "Spirit Garden". Thank you from your ISWG.

## 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 – has returned!

Sundays, ~~November 20~~, **December 4 & 11** at 9:30 AM in the church: Kingdom Come: Praying the Future with Jesus

Predictive models and pundits try to get us ahead of the future. If the recent past has taught us anything, though, it's that the future will always be uncertain and unknown. What is a follower of Jesus in the winter of 2022—war ongoing, viruses ganging up, inflation rising—supposed to *hope for*? In this year's final Marginalia series we pose that question to the one prayer Jesus taught his disciples, the "Lord's Prayer." How can Jesus' prayer help us face the future?

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

## I Wonder as I Wander: Walking Together Monday Evenings in Advent

Redeemer Explorers invites you to join fellow travellers each **Monday in Advent beginning on November 28** for a guided evening candlelit walk of 30 to 40 minutes. The walks will begin at 5:30 PM, setting out from and returning to Redeemer. There's the option of heading off together for dinner at a nearby pub afterwards.

Further details and registration links for any or all of the walks are on the website under the "What's Happening/Redeemer Explorers" tab.

## Common Table Ongoing In-House Volunteer Training

We are excited to announce that the first date for in-house volunteer training for The Common Table will be: **Wednesday, November 30** from 4 - 5 PM. Bill Ryan will lead the discussion on *Poverty in Toronto*. The session will be held in the lower level board room as well as on Zoom. For those who cannot attend, each session will be recorded and made available.

Future dates and speakers will be confirmed for this series which will take place on the last Wednesday of each month

Upcoming topics will include:

- Homelessness in Toronto
- Keeping Healthy in a Busy World
- Two Sides of the Same Coin: Compassion and Social Justice
- Mental Health and Street Life
- Understanding Addictions from a street-level Point of View
- Social Services – Allies and Partners

For further information please email Bill Ryan ([commontable@theredeemer.ca](mailto:commontable@theredeemer.ca)).

## Children's Messiah

Join in a 60-minute, family-friendly casual concert in support of The Common Table on **Saturday, December 3 at 4 PM**. Children's Messiah introduces young audience members to a great choral masterwork and the joys of the



collective live musical experience. Children are encouraged to sit up front to experience the intensity of orchestra and choir, while soloists, including our own Catharin Carew, engage with them directly.

In addition to excerpts from Handel's Messiah, there will be carols for all to sing. Admission is pay-what-you-can at the door. No reservations are necessary. Bring the youngest members of your family or the special child in your life and enjoy this glorious choral experience while supporting our Common Table.

### **The Carol King Story**

Renowned public speaker and musician - and our assistant director of music - Dr. Mike Daley tells the story of singer-songwriter Carole King and performs her classic songs with Jill Daley and Laurel Tubman on **Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 PM** at Redeemer. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#).

### **Christmas in the City**

The annual benefit concert in support of The Common Table will be on **Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM**.

The Common Table, Church of the Redeemer's drop-in community provides a safe space for some of our neighbourhood's vulnerable members to enjoy a hot meal, good company and have some of their basic needs met. Join Kevin Breit, Wendell Ferguson, Michelle Rumball, Danny Marks, Fraser/Daley, Greg Wyard, Karen Weigold, Clela Errington, Michael-Robert Broder, The Redeemers and more in this afternoon of music-making to help provide support and care for our community. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#).

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

As we approach Advent, the season of hopeful expectation, we too are filled with hopeful expectation that Abdikadir and Asho's arrival with their six sons will soon be announced.

Back in 2016, in the midst of the surge of Syrian refugees, Mary Jo Leddy gave this advice: "Pay attention; don't wait until you are ready; do what you can". An MPP in the audience spoke up and said, "I've been waiting to do something, because I didn't think I was ready, and I didn't know what to do. Now I do, so if you're interested in joining me, call my office tomorrow".

Clearly, Redeemerites and their friends are ready and doing what they can to help prepare for the family's arrival. Thanks to your generosity, we have all the clothing, furniture, and supplies that are needed for now, and are putting a pause on requests for more items until the family arrives. A big thank you to all who have contributed.

We are still seeking housing for this large family, so if you hear of any housing possibilities, please contact [Alison Colvin](#) ([acolvin@sympatico.ca](mailto:acolvin@sympatico.ca)) or [Henry Krol](#) ([henrykrol@yahoo.com](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com)), committee co-chairs.

Settling such a large family in a new country requires funding. You can donate through [Canadahelps.org](#) and the **[Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada campaign](#)** page. Canadahelps.org will provide an immediate tax receipt. (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118863729RR0001-church-of-the-redeemer/p2p/welcomingAbdikadir/>)

May your Advent season be filled with hopeful expectation.

### **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. Youth group gathers at 9:30 AM and Church School happens during 10:30 service. Children are invited to go downstairs after the collect with our Church School Volunteers for a 30 minute lesson, returning at the Eucharist. If you have children or youth who are school aged, feel free to contact Andrew Kuhl to get on our contact list!

If you are a family with young children interested in programming for young families, please contact Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **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.

## **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).

## **Advent Resources**

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, some find it helpful to have a way of spending intentional time through the days of Advent to set aside time to pray, reflect and study. Below is the beginning of a list of resources that members of our community may find helpful. Whether you embrace one (or more!) of these on your own or whether you gather some friends and neighbours to journey with together, may your Advent be blessed.

### **Advent Course**

Join Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat for a Bible Remixed Advent Course "The Secret Life of Hope: Reading the Beatitudes" on Monday evenings beginning **November 28**, via Zoom.

Are the Beatitudes a fantasy vision of an impossible world, or a glimpse into the radical world of God's new community? All are welcome; pay what you can. More information is available at [Bible Remixed](https://www.bibleremixed.ca/) (<https://www.bibleremixed.ca/>).

### **PWRDF Advent Resource**

The Primates World Relief and Development Fund offers an Advent resource "The Birth of Hope", written by Sylvia Keesmaat, with daily scripture readings, reflections, prayers and PWRDF stories that arrive in your inbox, starting Sunday, November 27 or you can download the entire PDF (available November 9). For further information, [visit their website](https://pwrdf.org/advent2022/) (<https://pwrdf.org/advent2022/>).

### **Light One Candle**

Bishop Andrew Asbil is offering a series of four Advent reflections for use by parishes and people in the Diocese. "Light One Candle" explores the four themes of the season: hope, peace, joy and love. The videos are available on the diocese's [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135). (<https://www.youtube.com/tordio135>).

### **Advent Word**

AdventWord is an online Advent calendar that invites a global community to come and pray together. As they note on the [AdventWord website](https://adventword.org/en/home/) (<https://adventword.org/en/home/>):

There are many ways to participate in AdventWord! And all of them are correct!

- Read and pray over the daily emailed meditation during Advent
- Connect and discuss the day's word with other disciples on our social media pages
- Share your own personal meditation to inspire others—whether visual or written. Haikus and poems, paintings, photographs, personal reflections, and more are all encouraged.

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Sunday, December 4 (Advent 2)**

**9 AM** - on Zoom

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

**7 PM** – Rock Eucharist, featuring music of the Beatles – in the Church and through YouTube

### **Tuesday, December 13**

**6 PM** – Blue Christmas – in the Church and on Zoom

### **Sunday, December 11 (Advent 3)**

**9 AM** - on Zoom

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

### **Sunday, December 18 (Advent 4)**

**9 AM** - on Zoom

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

**7 PM** – Bach Vespers, featuring Part III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio – in the Church and through YouTube

### **Saturday, December 24 (Eve of the Nativity)**

**5 PM** – in the Church and through YouTube

**7:30 PM** – Rockin' Christmas Eve – in the Church and through YouTube

**10:30 PM** – in the Church, on Zoom and through YouTube

### **Sunday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)**

**9 AM** - on Zoom

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