

**THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
HOLY EUCHARIST**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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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

Opening Hymn: #755 (Gather) "Today I Awake"

Please rise as you are able & sing



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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. To - day I a-wake | and God is be - fore me. | At |
| 2. To - day I a - rise | and Christ is be - side me. | He |
| 3. To - day I af-firm | the Spir-it with - in me | At |
| 4. To - day I en-joy | the Trin-i - ty round me, | A - |



night, as I dreamt,	he sum-moned the day;	For
walked through the dark	to scat - ter new light.	Yes,
wor - ship and work,	in strug - gle and rest.	The
bove and be-neath,	be - fore and be - hind;	The



God nev - er sleeps	but pat - terns the morn - ing	With
Christ is a - live,	and beck - ons his peo - ple	To
Spir - it in-spires	all life which is chang - ing	From
Mak - er, the Son,	the Spir - it to - geth - er	They



slith - ers of gold	or glo - ry in gray.
hope and to heal,	re - sist and in - vite.
fear - ing to faith,	from bro - ken to blest.
called me to life	and call me their friend.

Text: John L. Bell (1949-). Tune: SLITHERS OF GOLD, John L. Bell (1949-) © 1989, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

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.

Gloria: #366 (Common Praise)



1. Glo - ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

Text: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©. Music: Melody Geneva, 1551; harm. based on Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); rev. Alain Mabit (1953-).
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Collect of the Day

Priest: God, who is faithful when all the foundations crumble: in the time of crisis, as holy places fall and nations stumble, give us the conviction to bear witness to your love, whatever the cost; through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom.
Amen.

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

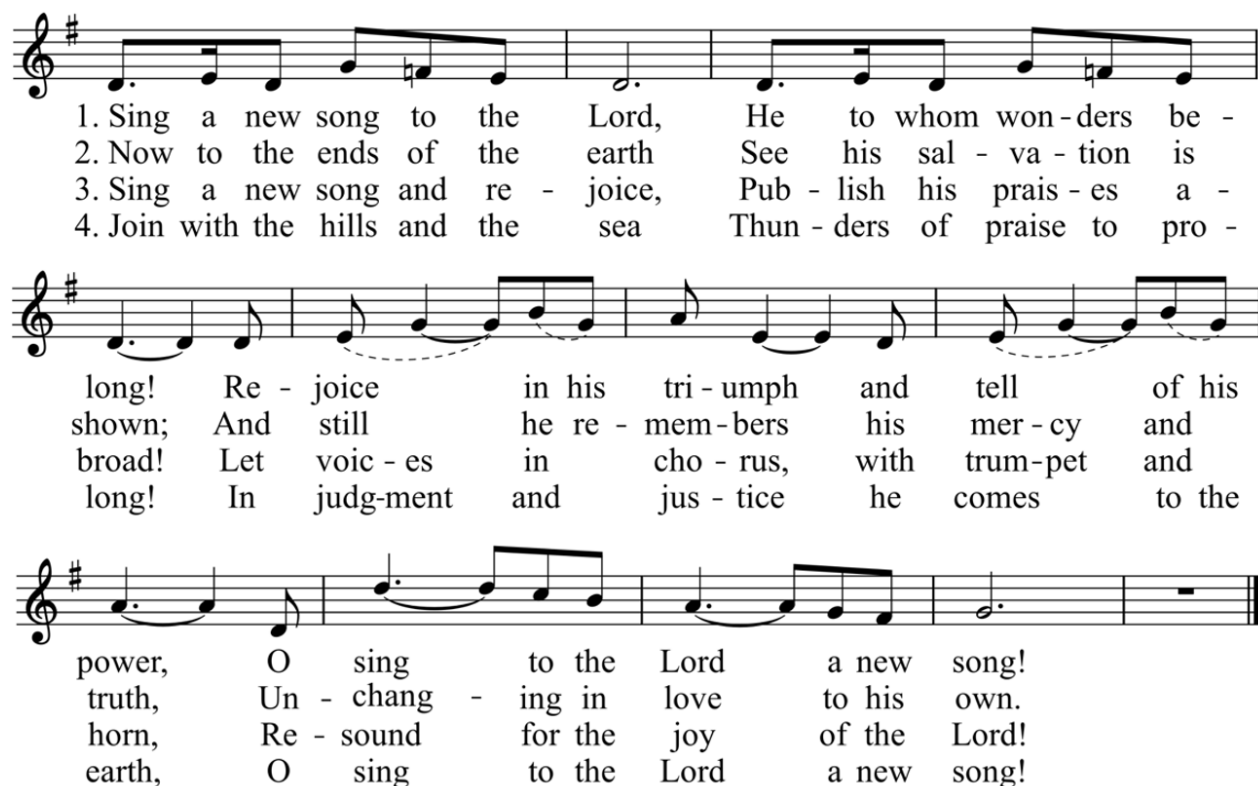
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Isaiah 65.17-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 98 (Paraphrase): #521 (Gather)



1. Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won-ders be -
 2. Now to the ends of the earth See his sal - va - tion is
 3. Sing a new song and re - joice, Pub - lish his prais - es a -
 4. Join with the hills and the sea Thun - ders of praise to pro -

long! Re - joice in his tri - umph and tell of his
 shown; And still he re - mem - bers his mer - cy and
 broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
 long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the

power, O sing to the Lord a new song!
 truth, Un - chang - ing in love to his own.
 horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
 earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "Pressing On" (*Bob Dylan*)

Please rise as you are able

Well I'm pressing on
Yes, I'm pressing on
Well I'm pressing on
To the higher calling of my Lord.

Many try to stop me, shake me up in my mind,
Say, "Prove to me that He is Lord, show me a sign."
What kind of sign they need when it all come from within,
When what's lost has been found, what's to come has already been?

Well I'm pressing on
Yes, I'm pressing on
Well I'm pressing on
To the higher calling of my Lord.

Shake the dust off of your feet, don't look back.
Nothing now can hold you down, nothing that you lack.
Temptation's not an easy thing, Adam given the devil reign
Because he sinned I got no choice, it run in my vein.

Well I'm pressing on
Yes, I'm pressing on
Well I'm pressing on
To the higher calling of my Lord.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 21.5-19

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

Homily: Margaret Rodrigues

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: One of the most repeated edicts in both the Old and New Testaments is ‘to fear not.’ Even when we hear of wars and uprisings, Jesus insists: ‘Do not be frightened.’ One of the best ways to not be frightened is to remind ourselves in prayer:

You are the God who rescues us
All: **We will trust you and not be afraid.**

Leader: With your assurance O Lord
that ‘with joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation’ -
We pray for the many people without access to clean water,
including dozens of First Nations communities,
that with joy they draw clean water from their own wells.

You are the God who rescues us
All: **We will trust you and not be afraid.**

Leader: With your assurance O Lord
that ‘we will long enjoy the work of our hands’ -
We pray for those who are without work
that they find meaningful and well paying employment.
We pray for a just economy, where no one labours in vain,
nor is mired in misfortune.
We pray for those living on less than a livable wage
that you enable them to thrive.

You are the God who rescues us
All: **We will trust you and not be afraid.**

Leader: With your assurance O Lord
that ‘the wolf and the lamb will feed together’ and
that ‘we will not harm nor destroy on your holy mountain’ -
We pray for peace in Ukraine, in Somalia, South Sudan, Syria and Afghanistan.
We pray for basic human rights for women in Iran.
We pray that those countries suffering from our environmental misuse will be
justly compensated.

We pray against disruptive forces both here and in the United States, which seek to divide and undermine us.

We pray that as Christians, we would be peacemakers, ever doing good, promoting the welfare of the poorest among us.

You are the God who rescues us

All: We will trust you and not be afraid.

Leader: With your assurance that when life is precarious, that we ‘fear not’ -

We pray for those people who lack either a home or family,
that our church would be so welcoming they would find both home
and family here.

That during this week of preparation for the Transgender Day of Remembrance,
we remember and pray for transgender people who have been murdered,
or have taken their own lives or have been injured and persecuted.

Help us to honour their identities and the identities of all people.

Help us to create a world where everyone can live with authenticity and dignity.

Help us all, who belong to every sexuality and gender, to live our own lives in
true fulfilment of who you have made us to be, in fellowship with each other and
in the love of Christ.

You are the God who rescues us

All: We will trust you and not be afraid.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill, that they would be healed.

We pray for those who suffer, that you’d be their advocate and defence.

We give thanks for those who have died and pray that you comfort all who
mourn their passing.

You are the God who rescues us

All: We will trust you and not be afraid. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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- Use the tap and give kiosk at the door
- Visit theredeemer.ca/donate
- Use this QR code



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: #381 (Common Praise) “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

All sing



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vour to our
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish; blows the
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
fore-bears in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for -
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
wind and it is gone; but, while mor - tals rise and
hold him face to face; sun and moon blow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-
ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless; al-le - lu-ia, al-le-
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes: al-le - lu-ia, al-le-
per - ish, God en - dures un - chang-ing on: al-le - lu-ia, al-le-
fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-



lu - ia, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
lu - ia, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
lu - ia, wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
lu - ia, praise the high e - ter - nal one.
lu - ia, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Ps. 103; para. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Gerald Manning (1943-) ©.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from
your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing.

Sanctus: #726 (Common Praise)

All Sing



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,



God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-



san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

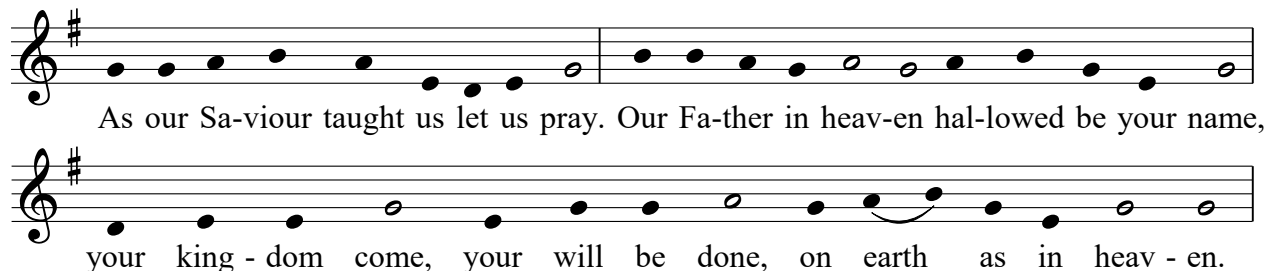
Priest: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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: We break the bread of life, and that life is light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Hymn: #229 (Sing a New Creation) “Here is Bread”



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread,
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace,
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll pro-claim

Refrain



taste the wine, Christ is with us here. In this bread, there is heal-ing,
find his peace, feast on Je - sus here. In this bread, there is heal-ing,
till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied. In this bread, there is heal-ing,



in this cup is life for-ev-er. In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it,
in this cup is life for-ev-er. In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it,
in this cup is life for-ev-er. In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it,



Christ is with us here.
Christ is with us here.
Christ is with us here.

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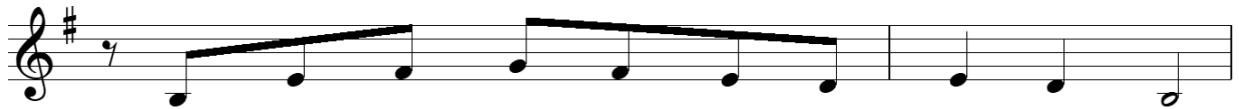
The Communion



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: “For Those Who Suffered”

All sing



1. For those who suf - fered lives of sil - ent shame,
2. For those who found no peace in wor - ship pews,
3. For those who tossed on dark and rest - less nights,
4. For those who bear un - want - ed scars on skin,



for those whose plea - sure held their deep - est pain: Dry off their cheeks,
for those who suf - fered word and pow'r ab - used: Make them your saints
for those who slum - bered un - der al - ley lights: Lay them to rest,
for those who know no name for love but sin: Lord, bless these wounds,



wipe up their tears. Grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal joy.
and draw them near. Grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal peace.
their bat - tles fought. Grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal sleep.
O ho - ly scars! Grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal life.



O grant the, Lord, e - ter - nal joy.
O grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal peace.
O grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal sleep.
O grant them, Lord, e - ter - nal life.

Written to LGBTQ Victims of Violence
Text and tune: Benjamin Smith - MEMORIA

Motet: “Give Us the Wings of Faith” (*Isaac Watts / Ernest Bullock*)

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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: #536 (Common Praise) "Singing Songs of Expectation"

Please rise as you are able and sing

1. Sing-ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward goes the
2. One the light of God's own pres-ence, o'er his ran - somed
3. One the strain the lips of thou-sands lift as from the

pil - grim band, through the night of doubt and sor - row
peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror
heart of one; one the con - flict, one the per - il,

march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be - fore us
bright-en-ing all the path we tread: one the ob - ject
one the march in God be - gun: one the glad - ness

through the dark - ness gleams and burns the guid - ing light:
of our jour - ney, one the faith which nev - er tires,
of re - joic - ing on the far e - ter - nal shore,

trust - ing God, we march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less
one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward, one the hope our
where the one al - might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for

through the night.
God in - spires.
ev - er - more.

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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](http://theredeemer.ca) (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).

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](http://theredeemer.ca) (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 PM

Saturday December 31, at 1:00 PM

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) or Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

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).

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](http://theredeemer.ca) on the website (theredeemer.ca). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

Worship Conversation

Our Incumbent, Steven Mackison, has gathered a small group of parishioners that represents the diversity of the community to engage with him in a conversation about the worship life of our community. The first question the group will consider is: *What have we done in the past that you think should belong to the future of what we are creating in worship, especially with a view to those who are not yet among us?*

If you have any reflections on that question that you would like to share with Steven, please [send an email](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca) to him (smackison@theredeemer.ca) with your comments.

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.

Staff Appointments

Please welcome **Laura Peetoom** as our new contract Communications Specialist. She will have responsibility for all aspects of our communication strategy and comes to us with a wealth of Anglican experience and deep knowledge of our community.

Laura will be at Redeemer **today** and looks forward to meeting everyone. Do take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself to her. If you don't get a chance to meet her, you can also send an [email](mailto:lpeetoom@theredeemer.ca) to lpeetoom@theredeemer.ca to introduce yourself.

Finn Keesmaat-Walsh is working on contract in the church office to make sure all Human Resources requirements are accomplished including police checks, policy training, as well as health and safety protocols, are in place. Finn's email address is fkeesmaat-walsh@theredeemer.ca.

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](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca) (office@theredeemer.ca).

FaithWorks Sunday

The Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #82 calls for the installation in provincial and territorial capitals of a monument to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities. Under the leadership of Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, The Spirit Garden will be installed at Nathan Phillips Square in 2024. The Spirit Garden will be a place for teaching, learning, sharing and healing. Information about The Spirit Garden is available on the [Council Fire website](https://www.councilfire.ca/) (<https://www.councilfire.ca/>).

The Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Toronto has approved a gift of \$300,000. In [a short video](https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican) on the diocesan Facebook page (www.facebook.com/torontoanglican), Bishop Andrew Asbil encourages parishes and members to make a gift in support of The Spirit Garden. This can be done by clicking "Donate Now" on the home page of the diocesan website (<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/>)

Sunday, November 20 is FaithWorks Sunday. Individuals in some parishes are contributing by giving up a day's pay or a day of their pension plan. Information will be available about how to support The Spirit Garden as we participate

in our journey of healing and reconciliation. Bishop Asbil's video will be shown on the screen after coffee time at the 9 AM service. Following the 10:30 AM service, it will be shown in the board room.

Arctic Matters

Creation Matters@Redeemer invites the parish to a Zoom presentation elucidating aspects of climate change on **Wednesday, November 16 at 2:30 PM.**

Declan Taylor, a former Redeemerite and current student of environmental studies at the University of British Columbia, will share photos and experiences from his 3-month sojourn in the high Arctic where his team studied the effects of climate change on photosynthesis. Photosynthesis affects the food we all eat, and Creation Matters @ Redeemer believes that sharing images of this stunning, magnificent landscape might connect us southerners more deeply with the climate issues faced by the Inuit. Please [register](#) for this online event.

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. Contact Nate Wall (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 information and registration will be available shortly.

An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee

Every day brings us closer to when Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons will arrive in Canada. The uncertainties at our end are nothing compared to the wait for the family. Sleeping outdoors in makeshift tents in dangerous and over-crowded circumstances is a stressful way to raise a family, and we will all be enormously relieved when they finally arrive.

We are still seeking housing, furniture, and supplies, so as to be prepared as soon as we hear an arrival date. The Redeemer community has been generous in supporting this ministry, for which we and previous newcomers have been very grateful. Here are ways in which you can help now.

- If you hear of any housing possibilities, please contact **Alison Colvin** (acolvin@sympatico.ca) or **Henry Krol** (henrykrol@yahoo.com) committee co-chairs.
- Please look at the **revised list** of furniture and household supplies needs [here](#) and contact **Susanna Jacob** (andorrajosej@gmail.com) with any offers.

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/>

As always, thank you for your generosity and open-hearted support of Redeemer's refugee settlement.

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 programs start at 9:30 AM, and Church School takes place during 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).

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, Susan Haig – shaig@theredeemer.ca, Andrew Kuhl 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) 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) 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) 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.

Beyond Our Walls

Santa Claus Parade

The annual Toronto Santa Claus parade returns after two years of Covid restrictions! Taking place on **Sunday, November 20 starting at 12:30 PM** at Christie Pits, the parade comes along Bloor Street before turning south at Avenue Road - our corner.

Your trip home from church may be affected by road closings so plan on transit that day or stay to watch the parade.

The [parade website](https://thesantaclausparade.com/) (<https://thesantaclausparade.com/>) has more information.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, November 20 (Reign of Christ)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, November 27 (Advent 1)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube