



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE REIGN OF CHRIST
HOLY EUCHARIST

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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: #114 (Common Praise) “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for fa - voured
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, see in sol - emn
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
maj - es - ty; all who set at nought and sold him,
pomp ap - pear; all his saints, on earth re - ject - ed,
ter - nal throne; Sa - viour, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
claim the king - dom for thine own: O come quick - ly! O come



lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
griev - ing, deep - ly griev - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!
quick - ly! O come quick - ly! Hal - le - lu - jah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick (1718-1755), Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) and Martin Madan (1726-1790).

✠ 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.**

Collect of the Day

Priest: Holy God, our refuge and strength,
you have redeemed your scattered children,
gathering them from all the corners of the earth
through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ, in whom all things are held together.
Make us a just and righteous people,
worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

Jeremiah 23.1-6

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 46 (George Black)

Refrain:



The God of hosts is___ with us; the Rock of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **Refrain**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the realms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **Refrain**

Come now and look upon the works of God,

who does awesome things on earth.

It is God who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He

himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Colossians 1.11-20

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #592 (Common Praise) “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where cries of tribe and
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed thresh - olds,
3. From chil - dren's wound - ed help - less - ness, from men and wom - en's
4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the fresh - ness
5. O Jes - us from the moun - tain - side make haste to heal these
6. till all the world shall learn your love, and fol - low where your



race re - sound, a - mid the noise of self - ish strife, O
dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we
grief and toil, from fam - ished souls, from sor - row's stress, your
of your grace; yet long the mul - ti - tudes to view the
hearts of pain. A - mong these rest - less throngs a - bide; O
feet have trod; till glor - ious from your heaven a - bove shall



Christ, your word of love is found.
catch the vi - sion of your tears.
heart has nev - er known re - coil.
strong com - pas - sion of your face.
tread the cit - y's streets a - gain.
come the cit - y of our God.

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Divine. Music: William Gardiner (1770-1853), Sacred Melodies, 1815.

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 they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 23.33-43

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

Affirmation

Please rise as you are able

Leader: As children of God, we affirm:

All: **That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and that,
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation
and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice,
reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: God our great shepherd, bring your church universal in line with your will so that we might care for each other as you care for us. Direct and lead us as we make decisions for the common good. Care for all those who are suffering for their faith and give us all the vision and courage we need to effectively witness to your love.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: Lord our God who rules the nations, have mercy and pity on our troubled and wounded world. We pray for all who suffer in war, violence and in the collapse of good government. We remember for good all those who work for peace; for all who work to alleviate the suffering of the hungry, the homeless and the dispossessed. Uphold all refugees and migrants in your loving embrace and inspire the world to give them respite and shelter.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: God of the universe and creator of all: open our eyes to beauty; open our minds to wonder; open our ears to hear your voice as you speak through your creation. Give us all the wisdom and resolve to do our part to curtail our wasteful and destructive practices and help us bring healing and wholeness to the whole earth.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: God our great physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer. We pray that you will sustain all those who are lonely,

oppressed and anxious; all those in pain or chronic illness; and be with those who are dying. Lift up all those who work to bring healing and care to those in need.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: God who sustains us, we thank you for the life you have given us, and for your generosity and abundance in meeting our needs. Keep us mindful of your presence while we face the cares and occupations of our daily life. We thank you for the meaning and hope you have given us and help us share this bounty with those around us.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of our Sovereign Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

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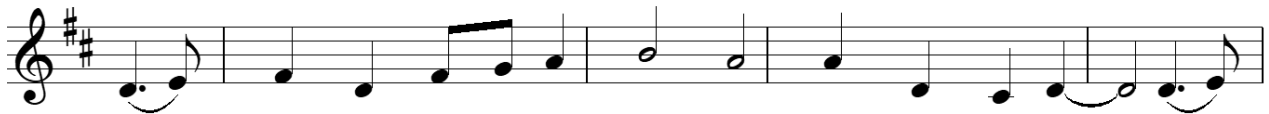


Your support allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor and Avenue Road - now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.

Offertory Hymn: #154 (Sing a New Creation) "Monk's Gate"

All sing



1. Je - sus, our might- y Lord, our strength in sad- ness, the
2. Good shep- herd of your sheep, your own de - fend- ing, in
3. Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks- giv - ing, true



Fa-ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad-ness, your name we glo - ri -
love your child - ren keep to life un-end- ing. You are your-self the
hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: all who con- fess his



fy, O Je - sus throned on high: you gave your - self to
way: lead us then day by day in your own steps, we
name, come then with hearts a - flame, the God of peace ac -



die for our sal - va - tion.
pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
claim as Lord and Sav- iour.

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

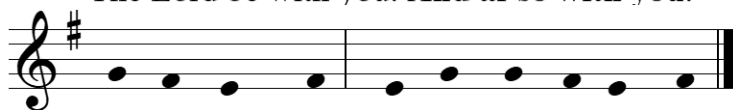
Priest: Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

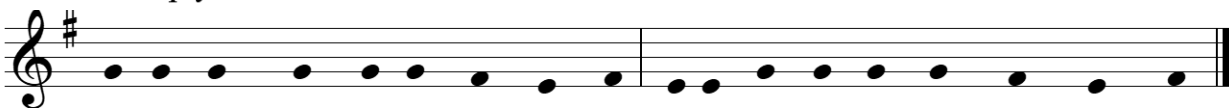
The Great Thanksgiving



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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.



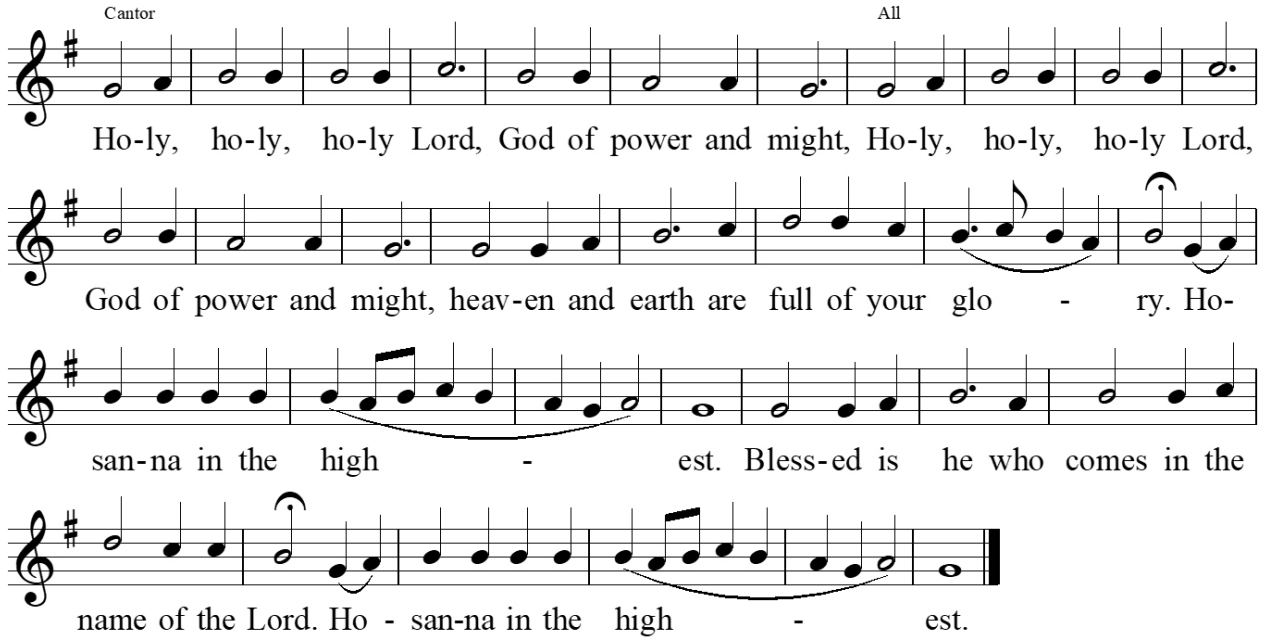
Glo - ry to you for-ev - er and ev - er!

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus: #726 (Common Praise)

All Sing

Cantor All



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.

Music: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people,

All sing "Glory to you, forever and ever!"

Priest: On the night before he gave up 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 this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All sing "Glory to you, forever and ever!"

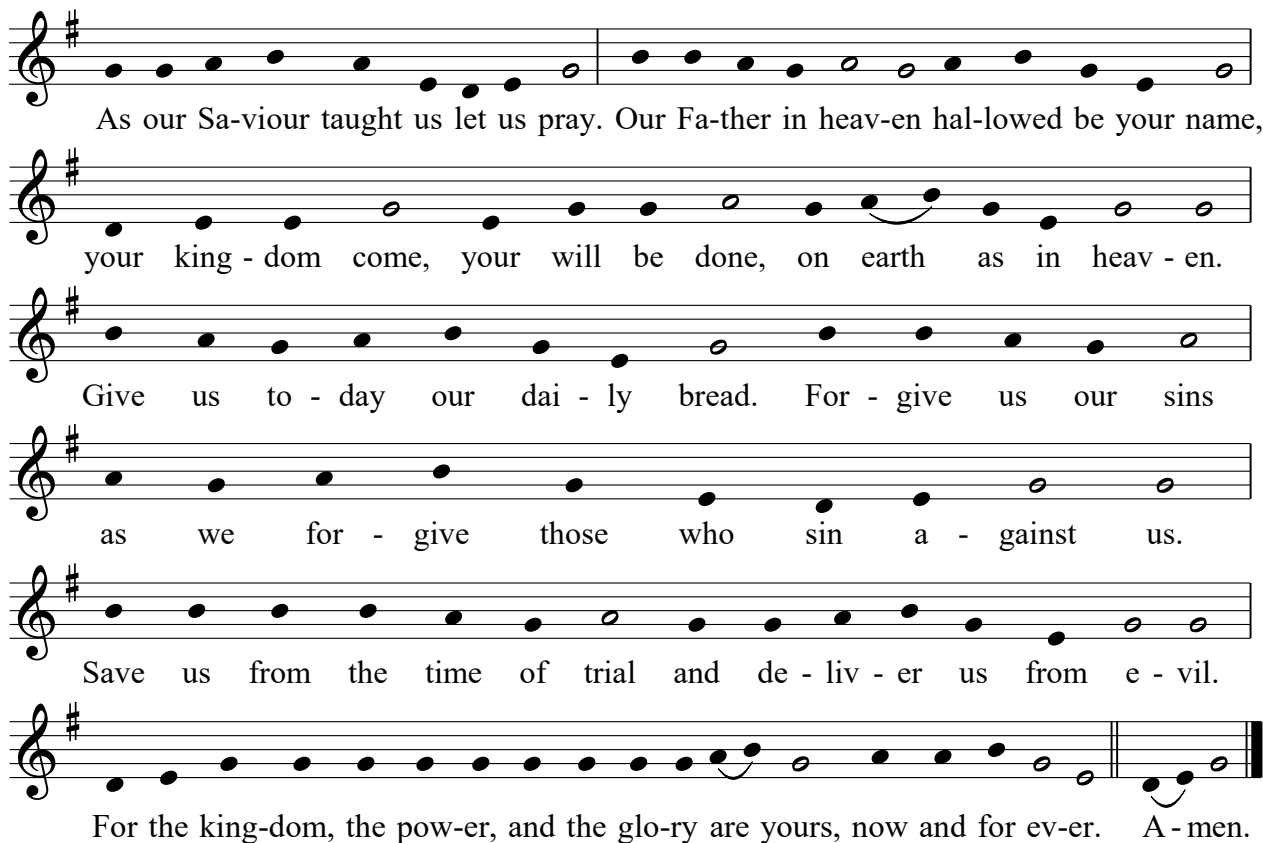
Priest: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All sing "Glory to you, forever and ever!"

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer



The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem: Excerpt from Utrecht Te Deum (*G.F. Handel*)

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:

Thou didst open the Kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the Glory of the Father.

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: #147 (Sing a New Creation) “I Am the World’s True Light” *All sing*

I am the world's true light. If you will fol - low me, your
Yo soy la luz del mun-do. El que me si - ga ten - drá ta

life will re-lect my bright-ness and you'll nev - er walk in the
luz que la da la vi - da. Y nun - ca an-da-rá en la os - cu - ri -

night. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le -
dad.

lu! La, la, la, la, la, la. God is our light, God is our peace, God is our
Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dios es a -

love. God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love.
mor. Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dios es a - mor.

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Song: “Is This the World We Created” (*Brian May / Freddie Mercury*)

Just look at all those hungry mouths we have to feed
Take a look at all the suffering we breed
So many lonely faces scattered all around
Searching for what they need

Is this the world we created?
What did we do it for?
Is this the world we invaded
Against the law?
So it seems in the end

Is this what we're all living for today?
The world that we created

You know that every day a helpless child is born
Who needs some loving care inside a happy home
Somewhere, a wealthy man is sitting on his throne
Waiting for life to go by

Oh-oh, is this the world we created?
We made it on our own
Is this the world we devastated, right to the bone?
If there's a God in the sky, looking down
What can he think of what we've done
To the world that He created?

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Please be seated

Departing Hymn: #632 (Common Praise) “The King of Glory Comes”

Please rise as you are able and sing

Refrain



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es. O-pen the gates be-fore him,



lift up your voic-es.



1. Who is the King of glo-ry? What shall we call him? He is Em-
2. In all of Gal-i-lee, in ci-ty or vil-lage, he goes a-
3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal-va-tion; he took up-
4. He con-quired sin and death; he tru-ly has ris-en. And he will



man-u-el, the prom-ised of a-ges.
mong his peo-ple, cur-ing their ill-ness.
on him-self the sin of the na-tions.
share with us his heav-en-ly vi-sion.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Ministry Updates Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the

world. The Zoom link and list of readings are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is [on our website](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).

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.

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.

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 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: **Today, 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) 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).

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/>).

The Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Toronto has approved a gift of \$300,000. In a short video 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/>).

Today 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.

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 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

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 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).

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.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, November 27 (Advent 1)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

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