



**ROCK EUCHARIST:
THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022, AT 7 PM**

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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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A Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Lady Madonna (Lennon/McCartney)

Please remain seated

Lady Madonna, children at your feet
Wonder how you manage to make ends meet
Who finds the money when you pay the rent
Did you think that money was heaven sent?
Friday night arrives without a suitcase
Sunday morning creeping like a nun
Monday's child has learned to tie his bootlace
See how they run

Lady Madonna, baby at your breast
Wonders how you manage to feed the rest

See how they run
Lady Madonna lying on the bed
Listen to the music playing in your head

Tuesday afternoon is never ending
Wednesday morning papers didn't come
Thursday night you stockings needed mending
See how they run

Lady Madonna, children at your feet
Wonder how you manage to make ends meet

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Please rise as you are able

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

All: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Priest: Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading:

Please be seated

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,
A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,

All: **Thanks be to God**

Here Comes The Sun (George Harrison)

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter
Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Little darlin', the smile's returning to their faces
Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darlin', I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo

Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun
It's alright
It's alright

Gospel:

Please rise as you are able

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.**

(Jesus said), “I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves.)

“To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.”

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.’ ”

Luke 7:28-35

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People:

Please rise as you are able

One: In joyful and hopeful anticipation, we pray for the concerns that weigh on our hearts, trusting in Christ’s eventual return, listening for the music of your coming reign in our world. Teach us to dance, and teach us to weep.

We pray out of our hope responding to the words, Even in the winter, we say, **Here comes the sun!**

One: We pray for places of conflict and violence around the world. We pray for your reign of peace to come.

Silence

Even in the winter, we say,

All: **Here comes the sun!**

One: In the ongoing climate crisis, and challenges of global warming, we pray for your renewing of creation, and a transforming of our hearts and actions.

Silence

Even in the winter, we say,

All: **Here comes the sun!**

One: We pray for those who are sick, and suffering, we pray for your loving presence to bring comfort and relief to those on our hearts and minds.

Silence

Even in the winter, we say,

All: **Here comes the sun!**

One: We pray for those who have died, and those who mourn their death. Bring your comfort,

Silence,

Even in the winter, we say,

All: **Here comes the sun!**

One: In all of these concerns, we know that there is much to be thankful for. Help us to celebrate these joys as gifts from you.

Silence,

Even in the winter, we say,

All: **Here comes the sun!**

One: Loving Creator, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, you invite us to the joyful dance, and the depths of grief. Bring us to the fullness of life that you have for us, and warm us with the joy of the coming presence of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Thank you for joining us today.

The Word (Lennon/McCartney)

Say the word and you'll be free
Say the word and be like me
Say the word I'm thinking of
Have you heard the word is love?
It's so fine, it's sunshine
It's the word, love

In the beginning I misunderstood
But now I've got it, the word is good
Spread the word and you'll be free
Spread the word and be like me
Spread the word I'm thinking of
Have you heard the word is love?
It's so fine, it's sunshine
It's the word, love

Everywhere I go I hear it said
In the good and bad books that I have read
Say the word and you'll be free
Say the word and be like me

Say the word I'm thinking of
Have you heard the word is love?
It's so fine, it's sunshine
It's the word, love

Now that I know what I feel must be right
I'm here to show everybody the light
Give the word a chance to say
That the word is just the way
It's the word I'm thinking of
And the only word is love
It's so fine, it's sunshine
It's the word, love
Say the word love
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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist (Common Worship)

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

All: Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

All: Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All: **Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: **Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

All: **Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

All: **Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

All: **Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints

at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

Common Prayer (*St. Hilda paraphrase*)

Priest: Together we pray:

**All: God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe,
Let justice, kindness and love
shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion



All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate when you arrive at the communion station. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left and the priest will be pleased to offer you a blessing.

Communion Song: Hey Jude (Lennon/McCartney)

Hey Jude, don't make it bad.
Take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her into your heart,
Then you can start to make it better.

Hey Jude, don't be afraid.
You were made to go out and get her.
The minute you let her under your skin,
Then you begin to make it better.

And anytime you feel the pain, hey Jude, refrain,
Don't carry the world upon your shoulders.
For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool
By making his world a little colder.

Hey Jude, don't let me down.
You have found her, now go and get her.
Remember to let her into your heart,
Then you can start to make it better.

So let it out and let it in, hey Jude, begin,
You're waiting for someone to perform with.
And don't you know that it's just you, hey Jude, you'll do,
The movement you need is on your shoulder.

Hey Jude, don't make it bad.
Take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her under your skin,
Then you'll begin to make it
Better better better better better better...

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Faithful God,
We thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
To turn our hearts to you;
In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Please be seated

Song: Let It Be (Lennon/McCartney)

*Please rise as you are able and **ALL** sing*

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the broken hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted, there is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
There will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be, be

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shinin' until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

And let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

The Dismissal

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

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

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We are grateful for our musicians this evening:

Greg Wyard, guitar and vocals

Joe Power, bass and vocals

Jill Daley, piano and violin

Mike Daley, guitar and vocals

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.

Upcoming Special Services

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.

Bach Vespers

Bach Vespers will 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.

Our Bach Vespers series explores the music and poetry of a Bach cantata woven into a Vespers (evening prayer) service that draws on Lutheran hymnody and traditions.

Upcoming Special Events

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](#).

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 join us for our next brunch event on **December 18**. We'll meet at the stone baptismal font near the church entrance after the service before heading out. Reach out to [Nate Wall](mailto:nwall@theredeemer.ca) (nwall@theredeemer.ca) if you have any questions.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, December 11 (Advent 3)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Tuesday, December 13

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

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