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CHRISTMAS
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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome

Moderator

Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Opening Hymn: “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain:



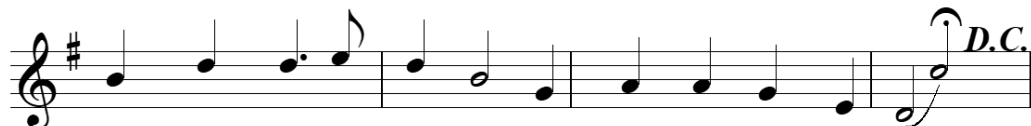
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where; go, tell it on the



moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, Be-
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth Rang
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born, And



hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho-ly light.
out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-iour's birth.
God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

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✠ 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.

Steven Mackison

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Abigail Young

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

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, ‘See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.’

They shall be called, ‘The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord’; and you shall be called, ‘Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 62.6-12

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

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #125 (Common Praise) “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Redeemer Music Team



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vi - gil till the morn - ing new saw the



low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are
glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of a gos - pel true. Thus re -



wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - wells ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the
joic - ing, free from sor - row, prai - ses voi - cing greet to - mor - row: Christ the



babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!
babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

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Music: Melody Polish trad.; harm. David Hugh Jones
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Second Reading

Abigail Young

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

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Titus 3.4-7

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

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #363 (Gather) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Redeemer Music Team



1.O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! A -
2.For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove, While
3.How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n! So
4.O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us we pray; Cast



bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet
mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love. O
God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n. No
out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day. We



in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The
morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And
ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where
hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell; O



Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893).
Tune: Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Gospel

Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in

the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.8-20

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: “Stille Nacht” (*Franz Gruber / arr. David Willcocks*)

Redeemer Music Team

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'

Silent night, holy night!
Everyone sleeps, keeps lonesome watch -
only the faithful most holy couple.
O gentle child with curly hair,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel, Halleluja
Tönt es laut von fern und nah
Christ, der Retter ist da
Christ, der Retter ist da

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first announced
through the angels: hallelujah.
It is shouted from far and near:
Christ the saviour is here,
Christ the saviour is here!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Gottes Sohn, oh, wie lacht
Lieb aus deinem göttlichen Mund
Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'
Christ, in deiner Geburt
Christ, in deiner Geburt

Silent night, holy night!
God's son, O how love laughs
from your divine mouth,
there strikes the redeeming hour for us,
Christ, in your birth,
Christ, in your birth.

The Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

Leader: Let us pray. We join with other Christians throughout the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. We pray for the whole church, in all its incarnations, and for all who work and worship in this place. Grant, Lord, that in the routine of our everyday lives we may never cease to glorify your name. Hear us, O Lord:

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the nations of this world; that those in authority may see the light of Christ in their own lives and that they may, in faith and humility, seek your perfect will, and so lead their people to justice, freedom, and peace. Hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering; for the homeless and the hungry; for the lonely and the lost. I invite your prayers for those whose cares weigh heavily on your heart this Christmas Day... spoken aloud, entered in the chat or offered in the sanctity of silence.

A moment's pause is observed for those who wish to voice their prayers

May all who know emptiness be filled with your abundant grace given to us this day in the person of your Son.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for those who are dying, and those who have entered into the nearer presence of God. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Comfort their loved ones, assuring them of your promise of life everlasting. Hear us, O Lord:

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: Merciful Father, accept these our hearts' desires for the sake of the one who is born in our hearts, this day, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #148 (Common Praise) "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

Redeemer Music Team



1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;
5. Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a migh - ty love was thine,



see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!
who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
an - gels, sing - ing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Sav - iour's birth."
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!

Refrain:



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je -



ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

Text: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: John Goss (1800-1880).

The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

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

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Steven Mackison

Priest: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

Steven Mackison

Priest: Glory to God,

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

Announcements

Steven Mackison

Closing Hymn: #154 (Common Praise) “Joy to the World”

Redeemer Music Team



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive the King; let
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad songs em - ploy, while
3. No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heaven and na - ture
fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains re - peat the sound - ing
comes to make his bless - ings flow far as our sin is
glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his



sing, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
love, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Melody George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

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

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Ministry Updates

Mask-wearing

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

Christmas Flowers

The flowers in the church are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Myrtle and Malcolm Finlayson and Dorothy and William Horan, by Mary and Bill Horan.

Pastoral Care Through the Holiday Season

Pastoral care is available through the holiday season. Christmas is often a season of joy and light; it can also be a difficult time. If you are in need of prayer, a listening ear, or pastoral care, feel free to reach out to our clergy. From December 25-28, 2022, please get in touch with Susan Haig **via email** (shaig@theredeemer.ca). From December 29, 2022-January 2, 2023, Andrew Kuhl will be available **via email** (akuhl@theredeemer.ca). Do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of some care.

Christmas Communion

It may not be possible for some of our members to be present for our Christmas celebrations due to illness or physical difficulty. If you are aware of anyone who may wish to receive home Communion, please speak to one of the clergy or call the Church Office (416-922-4948).

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, January 1 (Epiphany)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, January 8 (The Baptism of the Lord)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube