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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: #171 (Common Praise) "What Does the Lord Require"

Redeemer Music Team



1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the work - er toils,
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring? Do just-ly; love
Will God your plead-ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do just-ly; love
think not to win God's aid, if greed your com-merce soils. Do just-ly; love
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then just-ly, in



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mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy, we'll

hum-bly walk with God.

✠ 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: God of the prophets
you shame the strong through the weakness of love
and turn upside down the wisdom of the world:
may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry,
the grieving and abused;
may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward;
through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Henry Krol

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

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Micah 6.1-8

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 15 (*George Black*)

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Refrain:



These are the just: they stand for ev - er un - sha-ken.

O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

who may abide upon your holy hill?

All those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,

and speak truth from their hearts. **Refrain**

sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #698 (Gather) "Take Up Your Cross"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-iour said, If you would my dis - ci - ple
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak spir - it with a -
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool-ish heart be
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly ev - 'ry dan-ger
5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it



be; Take up your cross with will - ing heart, and hum - bly
larm; his strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your
still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed death Up - on a
brave: It guides you to a bet - ter home And leads to
down; For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to



fol - low af - ter me.
heart and nerve your arm.
cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
wear the glo - rious crown.

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The Gospel

Andrew Kuhl

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 5.1-12

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

Homily

Nate Wall

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation

Redeemer Music Team

Statement of Faith

Steven Mackison

Priest: We believe

All: **in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
who journeys with us through life,
and leads us to new beginnings.**

**We believe in the God of Moses,
who frees us from oppression and guides us
through desert, wilderness, and sin to the Promised Land.**

**We believe in the God of the prophets,
who asks for justice in our land,
and cares for the poor.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who brought the Gospel to us,
who celebrated God’s unconditional love for everyone.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who forms and molds us into God’s image,
who sends us out to serve God and people,
who leads us to everlasting life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Karen Turner

Leader: We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.
You have called us into the family
of those who are the children of God.
May our love for our brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ
be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness
to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: You have called us to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: Jesus, Lord of the Church,
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.

All: **Amen.**

*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

Farewell to Nate Wall

Steven Mackison

Closing Hymn: #539 (Common Praise) “Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown”

Redeemer Music Team



1. Come, O thou Trav - el - ler un-known, whom still I hold, but can-not
2. I need not tell thee who I am; my mis - er - y and sin de-
3. Yield to me now, for I am weak, but con - fi - dent in self-de-
4. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whis-per in my



see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone, and I am left a-
clare, Thy - self hast called me by my name; look on thy hands and
spair! Speak to my heart, in bless-ing speak; be con- quered by my
heart. The morn- ing breaks, the shad-ows flee, pure, un - i - ver - sal



lone with thee. With thee all night I mean to stay and wres-tle
read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy
in - stant prayer. Speak, or thou nev - er hence shalt move, and tell me
Love thou art. To me, to all, thy mer - cies move; thy na- ture



till the break of day.
name, and tell me now.
if thy name is Love.
and thy name is Love.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: SURREY. Henry Carey (1687?-1743), alt.

The Dismissal

Andrew Kuhl

Priest: Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

[Online Donation](#)

Ministry Updates

Mask-wearing

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

Staying Connected

Our next Staying Connected parish update gathering will be **today at 2 PM** on Zoom. The link was in Friday's eNews.

Advisory Board and Board of Management

Each February at Vestry, the meeting where the congregation approves our objectives and annual budget, people are elected to fill vacancies on our two boards. The Advisory Board provides input and guidance to Redeemer's ministries, programs, and activities. The Board of Management oversees and assists with administrative and financial operations. This renewal process is vital for Redeemer. If you are interested in finding out how to share your time and talents by serving on a board, please **contact Richard Van Delft** (AdvisoryBoard@theredeemer.ca) or **contact David Burt** (ManagementBoard@theredeemer.ca), the chair of each of the boards.

Pre-Vestry Meetings - Save the Date

As is tradition, pre-vestry meetings will be held on **Sunday, February 12** and **Sunday, February 19** at 2 PM on Zoom. Information about the budget and other matters that will be coming before Vestry will be shared and there will be time to ask questions. The Zoom links will be shared in eNews in the week before each meeting.

Annual Vestry Meeting

The annual Vestry meeting will be on **Sunday, February 26** at 2 PM on Zoom.

Please register prior to the meeting. You will be asked to register with your name and email address as well as to indicate the number of voting members who are joining the meeting on your connection. If there will be more than one voting member, you will be asked for their name(s). This will help us record attendance without the benefit of passing signature sheets on clipboards around the church. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Details for those who join by phone will be shared shortly.

Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website (theredeemer.ca).

Tuesday Meditation

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin gathers for 30 minutes in the chancel at **12:15 PM** for a peaceful mid-week reflection. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian (lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com).

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://www.theredeemer.ca) (theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

Children, Youth and Families

We have resources available in church for children and specific resources for Youth. 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. 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.

Youth Group is happening on alternating weeks with Youth participating in worship on other weeks. Youth Group is gathering **February 5 at 10:30 AM. This week** when youth are in worship, please feel free to use some of the Youth Resources available, and if you would like to sit together with Finn and Tom in the east transept you are very welcome!

If you have children or youth who are school aged, feel free to contact Andrew Kuhl to get on our contact list for up to date information! If you are a family with young children interested in programming for young families, please contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

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

Our Common Life

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

Coffee and cookies are available **before** the 10:30 service. Why not arrive early for conversation over coffee or tea until 10:20? All who attend worship services in the church building are also 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.

Undies Sunday

For some members of our Common Table community, being able to get new underwear or long johns is not easy. We have an opportunity to help the Common Table program have a supply to distribute as needed.

Today, laundry hampers and baskets will be in the welcome area of the church for us to show our care with underwear!

Bring your donations of new underwear, long johns, and socks for men - all sizes and styles but most particularly large and extra-large - with you to church and let's fill the baskets to overflowing.

Upcoming Events

Book Study Series

The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is hosting a book study series, to be capped with a meet-the-authors special event.

The new book, **Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town and the Road to Reconciliation**, by Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) and Andrew Stobo Sniderman is a heart-rending true story about racism and the journey to reconciliation.

We are delighted that on **Saturday, February 4, from 1 to 4 PM** Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) and Andrew Stobo Sniderman will join us at Redeemer to talk about the book, answer questions and meet members of Redeemer. [Registration](#) for the meet the authors event is available now.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the impact of the Indian Act and residential schools on Indigenous people and how two communities began the journey of reconciliation together.

Newcomers Lunch

Next Sunday, February 5, 2023 we will have a Newcomers' Lunch after the 10.30 service. This will be an opportunity for those who consider themselves new to the Redeemer to gather together and share some refreshments and fellowship. There will be an opportunity to ask the leadership questions. As a way to enter into dialogue, for those who are willing to share, come prepared to answer the following questions:

What brought you to the Redeemer?

What keeps you here?

What would you like to see at Redeemer that you don't see now?

While this is focused on Newcomers, all are welcome!

Lent at Redeemer

Catechesis 2023

Catechesis (noun): a program of religious instruction, preparing a person for baptism, confirmation or renewal of baptismal vows. Often formatted around a series Questions and Answers.

Coming for Lent our annual Catechesis program where we explore what it means to be an Anglican and what it means to be Christian today. This program will journey through Lent and can help prepare you to mark a faith transition (maybe new, deepening, or growing). Details are coming together and more will be shared in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception into the Anglican Church, or renewal of baptismal vows, or just want to come along for the learning journey, keep an eye on this space or [email Andrew Kuhl](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca) (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more details.

Pancake Tuesday

Save the date!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 21**, (the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent), as it is typically a day for feasting with pancakes! We are dreaming up ideas and possibilities for ways we can celebrate together. Keep your eyes out for announcements for our plans.

Lent Bible Study with Bible Remixed

Join Dr Sylvia Keesmaat for a six-week Zoom bible study **Dreaming of the New Earth: Reading Revelation with Hope** on Sunday evenings from February 26 to April 2 at 7 PM.

The wild symbolism and imagery of the book of Revelation has provided fertile ground for equally wild interpretations of the future.

Deep down, however, this is a book of hope: hope for a new earth, a new kind of city, and a new Community in the face of a world that has been turned upside down. As such, it may be the perfect word of hope for our own unsettled times.

For more information, visit the Bible Remixed [website](https://www.bibleremixed.ca) (<https://www.bibleremixed.ca>).

Lent Resource

If you are looking for a Lent resource to use at home, Kate Bowler's **Bless the Lent we Actually Have** guides may be helpful. To learn more and download the guides which offer 40 daily prompts to reflect, pray and bless our imperfect days, [visit her website](https://katebowler.com) (<https://katebowler.com>).

Refugee Settlement Committee

Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons were scheduled to arrive in Toronto on Thursday, January 26. Watch and listen for the good news of their safe arrival.

Thanks to you, the Redeemer family, for your time, talent, and treasure in support of this ministry.

If you'd like to make a **financial contribution** to welcoming this family to Canada, you can [donate through CanadaHelps](#) and the Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada campaign page. CanadaHelps will provide an immediate tax receipt.

We'll provide ongoing updates about the family's new life in Canada, and let you know about opportunities to help welcome them to their new country.

In the Community

The Ordination to the Priesthood of The Rev'd Alexandra McIntosh

The Rev'd Alexandra McIntosh who was the pastoral associate for youth and young adults at the Church of the Redeemer a few years ago will be ordained to the priesthood on **Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM**. The service will be at [Christ Church Deer Park](#) where she is an assistant curate.

The Beatles Story

Dr Mike Daley, our assistant director of music, presents the story of The Beatles. He performs their classic songs with Jill Daley, Greg Wyard, and Joe Power at the Church of the Redeemer on **Sunday, February 12 at 7:30 PM**. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#).

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

The Spirit Garden

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

You can donate here: toronto.anglican.ca & clicking "Spirit Garden". Thank you from your ISWG.

Parish Resources

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).

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.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, February 5 (Presentation of the Lord)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, February 12 (Proper 6A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)