



he Beatitudes



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

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called
the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- Matthew 5:3-12

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: HOLY EUCHARIST

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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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Welcome to the margin. Here we find brief commentary and explanations of our worship as it unfolds.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #539 (Common Praise) "Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown"

Please rise as you are able and sing



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-quer-ed 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 Gathering of the Community

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

People: **And also with you.**

Gloria: #249 (Gather)

All Sing

Refrain:



Give glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. *D.C.*



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy



up - on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:



re - ceive our prayer. *D.C.*



3. You a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. *D.C.*

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This greeting is called the “Apostolic Greeting” and is an amalgam of phrases that the Apostle St. Paul wrote in his letters to the various Christian communities he visited.

They were intended as a blessing, words of reassurance to those who were struggling with the same issues each of us face on our own journey.

The “Gloria,” penned in the first century, is a timeless hymn of praise. It is based on the song from Luke 2:14 that the angels sang to the shepherds to announce to the whole world the glorious arrival of the Son of God.

Pronounced "CALL-ect" the collect of the day is the prayer we say that calls us together in worship and praise. It focuses on the theme of the day and prepares our hearts for the scripture readings and the homily.

The First Reading is taken from the Old Testament, and today is from the book of Micah.

The Hebrew prophets spoke Israel's history from a God's-eye-view. Their oracles were treasured as divine words full of meaning for future generations. Micah lived in the 8th century BC. Here he summons his kinfolk before the court of creation and jogs their memory, and calls them back to the basics of the Lord's covenantal claim on their lives: justice, mercy, humility.

Pronounced "sahm" The Psalms are the dog-eared songbook of Israel and the Church. Their prayers declare praise and beg help. But they also direct questions to God.

The Collect of the Day

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

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah. *Please be seated*

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)

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**



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

There is no guile upon their tongues;
they do no evil to their friends;
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbours.
In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honour those who fear God.
They have sworn to do no wrong
they do not take back their words. **Refrain**

They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and 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.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 15 looks up to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the thin space where heaven and earth overlapped and God dwelled with his people. The question is: Who can possibly be at home at the heart of holiness?

Paul was an early Christian pastor who wrote letters to burgeoning Christian communities. This letter was penned for the Christians of a Greco-Roman port city called Corinth where Paul stayed for 18 months on his second missionary journey.

If Jesus' cross really is the way God sets all things right side up, says Paul, then it means most the world's ways are actually upside down.

The Sequence Hymn (from the Latin “sequentiae” meaning “following”) is a hymn that is sung following the second reading and before the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn: #171 (Common Praise) “What does the Lord require”

Please rise as you are able and sing



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



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.

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*We turn and face the Gospel as it is processed to the midst of the gathered community
 We do this as a sign of respect and to symbolize that
 its message is at the centre of our lives and its truth is always before our eyes*

“Gospel” is an Old-English word meaning “good news”.

The ‘Gospels’ are four portraits of the flesh and blood Jesus. They were woven from strands of eye-witness testimony, communal storytelling, and a generation or two of spiritual reflection.

Matthew’s story includes what is perhaps the most influential religious teaching in world history, a collection of Jesus’ sayings


The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

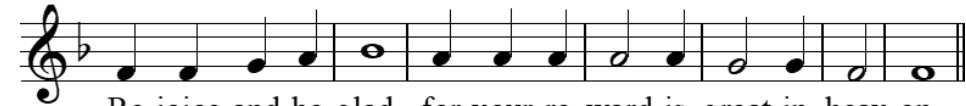
People: **And also with you.**

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

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

All Sing: 
 Lord, re-mem-ber us, when you come in-to your king-dom.

Cantors: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

All Sing: 
 Re-joyce and be glad, for your re-ward is great in heav-en.

Cantors: Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right,
for they shall be satisfied.

All Sing: Lord, remember us ...

Cantors: Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be shown to them.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

All Sing: Rejoice and be glad ...

Cantors: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All Sing: Lord, remember us ...

Cantors: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you,
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.

All Sing: Rejoice and be glad ...
Lord, remember us ...

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 5.1-12

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

Homily: Nate Wall

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

Statement of Faith

Please rise as you are able

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.**

known as the Sermon on the Mount. It opens with a surprising sketch of the 'good life' — the blessed life— according to Jesus.

These blessings are peppered with Old Testament phrases, and hint at the lifestyle Jesus himself goes on to choose.

Homily is from the Greek word "homilio" which means "conversation". The purpose of the homily (also known as the sermon) is to gather the themes of the readings together and articulate what they meant for those about whom they were written and what they mean for us, today.

Throughout the season of Epiphany we will say a different statement of faith each week; one that aligns with the readings or theme of the day. We do this as a way of exploring the different ways Christians throughout the ages have expressed what they believe, so that we may discover more deeply what we believe.

In the prayers of the people we offer to God our cares and concerns, our joys and hopes, praying for the church, the world, the sick, the suffering, and those whom we love but see no more.

Peace is mentioned several times throughout the New Testament and the sharing of the peace has been a part of Christian worship since the second century. It is a gesture that we offer our neighbour that is meant to suggest that we are reconciled with one another and with God. You can share the peace through a nod, a handshake (if you are comfortable) or by raising your hand in the peace symbol.

The Prayers of the People

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.

All: Jesus, Lord of the Church,
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.

All: Jesus, Lord of the Church,
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.

All: Jesus, Lord of the Church,
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.

All: Jesus, Lord of the Church,
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.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Please support the ministries of Church of the Redeemer



Or place your gift in the offering plate as it is passed

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.

The offering is our opportunity to worship God by giving back out of the abundance from which we have received. It is not obligatory to participate in the offertory, but the opportunity is there for all who wish to express their love and gratefulness to God through the giving of monetary gifts.

Offertory Hymn: #31 (Sing a New Creation) "Beyond the Beauty and the Awe"

All Sing



1. Be - yond the beau-ty and the awe, be - yond the fear and dread, we
2. Our lives feel torn be - tween the world whose needs are grim-ly real and
3. Oh, teach us how to hear your voice de - spite the traf-fic's din; to
4. In sound or si-lence, sight or smell, may we some to - ken find that
5. Then help us live as Je - sus taught, as light and salt and yeast, that



long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your trans - formed bread.
emp - ty talk of peace and joy with dis - tant, vague ap - peal.
keep the blasts of ran - cour out and let your Spir - it in.
makes your liv - ing pres - ence known to bod - y, soul, and mind.
oth - ers may be brought to share your prom - ise and your feast.

This hymn is called an "Offertory" because it is sung when we offer our gifts to God as an expression of thanks for all that we have been given. Our financial gifts, as well as bread and wine are brought before the altar and raised up as a symbol that in offering what sustains us, we might be a blessing to others.

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Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharist (Greek for Thanksgiving) is a Christian ritual in which bread is eaten and wine is drunk as a way of showing devotion to Jesus Christ. Also known as "Communion" it is central to our life of faith and is practiced in most Christian churches in different forms. The Eucharist is an act of remembrance in which, by eating bread and drinking wine, the church recalls who Jesus Christ was, and the sacrifice he made for us.

The Eucharist begins with the "sursum corda" (Latin for "lift up your hearts"). It is a dialogue between presider and people, to gather our many voices into one and offer our thanks and praise to God.

The Sanctus (from the Latin word "holy") is an ancient hymn that is sung during the Eucharistic Prayer. It is adapted from Isaiah-6.3, describing the prophet's vision of the throne of God, and from Matthew 21.9, where the people called out "Hosanna!" when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

It is a hymn of adoration and praise that we sing to express our confidence that God

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: in diversity you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses and Miriam you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: #201 (Gather)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n 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. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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Priest: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Priest: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*McNeil Robinson © 1979 Theodore Presser Co.*)

<i>Priest:</i>	<i>People:</i>
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As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
 as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us.
 Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

is with us in the Eucharist, and that we look to God in hope that our world and our lives will be transformed.

The climax of this story is the celebration of the Eucharist itself, with Jesus and his disciples. We pray using Jesus' own words and following his command to eat and drink in memory of him.

The Lord's Prayer is the crux of Christian faith and worship because it was given to us by Jesus himself. Found in both Matthew 6 and Luke 11, it is a prayer of beauty and simplicity, addressing all that is sacred in our relationship with God and with one another. At this moment you are praying these words in communion with more than 2.5 billion Christians around the world.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song: “Beati Mundo Corde” (*William Byrd*)

Beati mundo corde quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt
Beati pacifici quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur
Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter iustitiam quoniam ipsorum est regnum caelorum

~Matthew 5

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Communion




*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you are wearing a mask, please keep it on while the priest offers you the bread.*

After the priest serves the next person, remove your mask, eat the bread and replace your mask. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.

If you wish to partake of the wine, remove your mask as the communion minister offers you the chalice and then replace your mask. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture and the priest will be pleased to offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #570 (Gather) “Confitemini Domino” (Taizé)


Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.


Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taizé Community, 1982.
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A hymn or song is sung during the fraction (from the Latin “fractio” meaning “to break”) when the priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Song: “Shine” (*Ed Roland*)

Give me a word
Give me a sign
Show me where to look
Tell me, what will I find?
What will I find?

Lay me on the ground
And fly me in the sky
Show me where to look
Tell me, what will I find?
What will I find?

Whoa, Heaven let your light shine down
Whoa, Heaven let your light shine down

Love is in the water
Love is in the air
Show me where to look
Tell me, will love be there?
Will love be there?

Teach me how to speak
Teach me how to share
Teach me where to go
Tell me, will love be there?
Will love be there?

Whoa, Heaven let your light shine down
Whoa, Heaven let your light shine down

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, 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

This closing prayer is called the “Doxology”, which comes from the Greek word “doxalogia” meaning “words of glory.” We say this prayer to proclaim that worshipping God together has made a difference in our lives.

Worship is an encounter with God in community through which we begin to be opened, transformed and healed.

Farewell to Nate Wall



Departing Hymn: #707 (Gather) "Guide My Feet" *Please rise as you are able and sing*



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
5. Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,
6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
 Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
 Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
 I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
 Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
 Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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In the dismissal we affirm that we are now strengthened and nurtured to be sent out into the many circumstances of our lives to be agents of God's grace.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord! 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.

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 (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 in the east transept with Finn and Tom 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](#) 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** (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>).

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)

