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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

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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

Land Acknowledgement

Andrew Kuhl



face and gar-ments, like the sun, Shine with un-bor-rowed light. E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen-gers of Mo - ses and old. hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied, And our re-demp-tion see. vi - sion bright, And make this hill long to hold the our home. us leave the mount. Come with us since you bid to the plain.

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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.

People: And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Andrew Kuhl

Andrew Kuhl

Priest: Lord of the mountain peak,
whose light reveals the earth
to be a dwelling place for love;
Lord of the overshadowing,
whose darkness confounds
the lie that we can possess you:
transform our hearts and minds,
so that we may listen to him
who bears the weight of glory
in the lightness of our flesh,
Jesus Christ, your Chosen One. Amen.

▼ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 24.12-18

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 99 (George Black)

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Refrain:



God is enthroned upon the Cherubim;

let the earth shake and its peoples tremble.

Our God is great in Zion;

and high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name which is great and awesome,

Our God is the Holy One. Refrain

"O Mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of our God, bow down in worship:

You, God, are the Holy One. Refrain



You God, a-lone, are the Ho-ly One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, they called upon you and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud, they kept your testimonies and the decrees that you gave them. Refrain

"O God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim God's greatness; worship upon the holy hill; for God is the Holy One. Refrain

Second Reading

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The word of the Lord. 2 Peter 1.16-21

People: Thanks be to God. A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #513 (Gather) "This Little Light of Mine"

Redeemer Music Team



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 Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 17.1-9

Susan Haig

Andrew Kuhl

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HomilyWe pause for music and meditation

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Meditation: "Shine" (Daniel Lanois)

Statement of Faith

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the creator of the universe.

who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

Priest: I believe in Jesus Christ,

the light that shines in the darkness; the darkness cannot overcome it.

He embodied humanity in the image of God, and suffered for the greater good.

He atoned for our sins and died on the cross for us,

God's saving grace!

Priest: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the guiding light of God in our world.

Through his spirit, God conquers

the darkness of human sin,

helps people grow

and become the people they are meant to be.

I believe in the power of transformation,

Here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Pauline Walsh

Leader: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of God and Light of Light, with shining face and dazzling raiment you revealed yourself to Peter, James, and John, giving them a glimpse of your glory. We thank you for continuing to reveal your glory to your Holy Church throughout the world. We pray that that all your servants may reflect the

transfigured face of Christ in all whose lives they touch.

We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of God and Light of Light, guide the leaders of the nations as they seek the path that leads to justice and peace and send your holy angels to protect those peoples overshadowed by violence, hunger, poverty, and despair.

We pray to you, Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of God and Light of Light, be present in the lives of the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the lost. Comfort them with the assurance that nothing can ever separate them from your steadfast love.

We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All:

Leader: O God of God and Light of Light, your love shines even in the darkness of death. Grant rest eternal and life everlasting to those whom you have drawn to the light of your presence and grant to all who mourn a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of God and Light of Light, it is indeed good to be here in your sanctuary this day as you reveal your glory through your very body and blood. Strengthen those who partake of your Holy Sacrament this day that your love for them will flow forth in fervent love for their neighbours.

We pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Please offer the names of those for whom you would like to pray, aloud, in silence or in the chat

Leader: Almighty God,

All: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for

you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

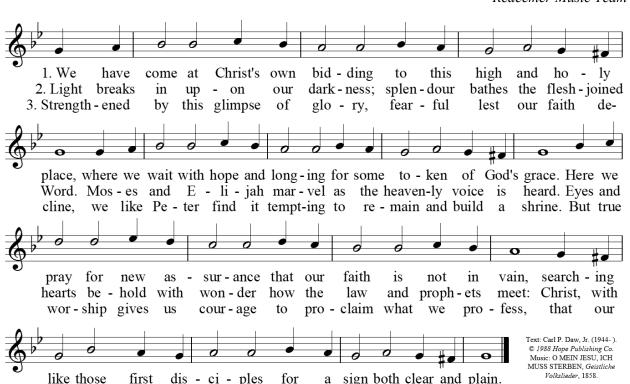
The Peace Andrew Kuhl

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #166 (Common Praise) "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Redeemer Music Team



The Lord's Prayer

dai - ly

Andrew Kuhl

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.

lives may prove us

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

gar-ments drenched in bright-ness, stands trans-fig-ured and com-plete.

peo - ple of the God we bless.

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

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

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.

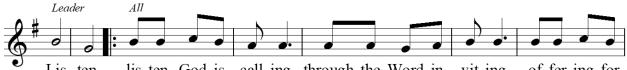
Announcements

Andrew Kuhl

Closing Hymn: #100 (Sing a New Creation) "Listen, God is Calling"

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Refrain:



Lis-ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in - vit-ing, of-fer-ing for-





- 1. Je sus gave his man-date: share the good news that he came to save us
- 2. Let none be for-got-ten through-out the world. In the tri-une name of God,
- 3. Help us to be faith-ful, stand-ing stead-fast, walk-ing in our pre-cepts,



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and set us free. go and bap - tize. led by your Word.

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ, 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.

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 - Today

Our second pre-Vestry meeting will be held **today** 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 link was shared in Friday's eNews.

Annual Vestry Meeting

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

Please <u>register</u> 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

Worship Survey

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, a worship experiment was launched that moved our common worship life to a pattern of 9 AM services on Zoom and 10:30 AM services in the church building and live streamed through YouTube. As we draw near to Vestry, it is time to ask some questions about your experience during this period so that the parish leadership can make decisions about the next steps. If you haven't had an opportunity to **complete the survey**, there is still time. If you have any problems, **contact Ann** (liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca).

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 <u>on our website</u> (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).

Upcoming Garden Eucharist Dates

Our Garden Eucharists at the home of Karen and Michael Visser are continuing, weather permitting. Please join us on these Saturday afternoons:

Saturday Feb 25 at 2:00 PM Saturday March 25 at 2:00 PM Saturday April 29 at 2:00 PM

More information will be forthcoming as the Garden Eucharist Saturday approaches, but we wanted you to mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) or Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

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 **today at 10:30 AM**. Weeks 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 <u>prayer request form</u> 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.

Open Door Docents

Would you like to join the group of people who welcome those who come through our Open Doors on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 PM.

Routinely there are people curious to enter, rest, find some quiet or discover our wonderful space. Docents – always in pairs - are greeters for any who venture in. In addition it is a couple of hours when you might find some quiet yourself, read a book or be in conversation with your partner to solve the problems of the world. If you are interested in being part of the team, **email Susan Graham Walker** (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca).

Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for all who financially support the Church of the Redeemer ministries are going out by email (if we have given us your address) or by post.

Thank you for enabling us to continue to be a witness here at the corner of Avenue Road and Bloor Street.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to **connect through the church office** (office@theredeemer.ca).

Lent at Redeemer

Last Year's Palm Branches

It it is time to collect back last year's palm branches. There is a basket at the back of the church for you to deposit them. This year, we are going to burn the palms as part of our Pancake Tuesday celebration on Tuesday, February 21.

Ash Wednesday (February 22)

We begin the journey of Lent. For those who are unable to attend a worship service on Ash Wednesday, our priests will be on the steps of the church and at nearby subway stations from 8-9 AM offering a prayer, imposition of ashes, and a blessing for all who wish to pause and observe the day. A Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held in the church and available through YouTube at 12:15 PM. At 6 PM, the Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be both in the church and on Zoom.

Catechesis 2023

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). We will be gathering on Wednesday nights through the season of Lent from 6-8 PM (or so). We will be participating in the Wednesday Evening Worship and Meal as part of our journey together.

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, email Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) if you have questions or want to register (by end of day Monday February 20).

Pancake Tuesday

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 21 (5:30-7 PM)**, (the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent), as it is typically a day for feasting with pancakes! If you would like to be part of making the party happen, please contact <u>Steven Mackison (smackison@theredeemer.ca</u>). The planning team needs more electric griddles to make pancakes. If you can loan them one, please **contact Finn** (fkeesmaat-walsh@theredeemer.ca).

Wednesday Evenings at 6 PM

Consider joining us this Lent for five weeks of Creative Midweek Worship. This short service will involve songs and music, space for prayer and reflection, scripture and poetry, and tactile forms of prayer. After the service we will gather for a simple shared meal. The themes for each week are as follows: March 1: "Story"; March 8: "Rules", March 15: "Washed", March 22: "Together", March 29: "Hope?". If you are interested in joining us or participating, please email akuhl@theredeemer.ca (it will help us know numbers!).

Lenten Book Study

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World

Redeemer Explorers and Creation Matters invite you to join them in reading Katherine Hayhoe's accessible but challenging book, **Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.** We'll use our discussions together as a Lenten practice of self-examination and reflection on the choices we make from day to day. Weekly groups will. begin the week of February 26. For full details <u>visit the Redeemer Explorers page</u> on the website.

Register for the Sunday Group at the Church.

Register for the Wednesday Group on Zoom.

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).

Refugee Settlement Committee

Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons arrived in Toronto on Thursday, January 26. 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 <u>donate through</u> <u>CanadaHelps</u> and the Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada campaign page. CanadaHelps will provide an immediate tax receipt.

The Refugee Settlement Committee has been busy! You can read an article about the planning and preparations for the family's arrival <u>here</u>.

In the Community

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 (<u>tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca</u>) if you know someone who would benefit from a call from one of the pastoral care team.

WORSHIP WITH US

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

8 AM – Ashes Before Work

12:15 PM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (in the Church and through YouTube)

6 PM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (in the Church and on Zoom)

Sunday, February 26 (Lent 1)

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, March 5 (Lent 2)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)