



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: TRANSFIGURATION

HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST

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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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Transfiguration:
"From the Latin "trans-" (across), and "figura" (form, shape). The Sunday before Lent we commemorate the story found in today's reading from Matthew, where Jesus is accompanied by a few disciples on a mountaintop. The disciples witness a transformation in Jesus where his face and clothes shine like the sun and he becomes radiant and glorious as the true Son of God. In the story, he is seen with Moses and Elijah, symbolizing the Law and the Prophets.

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.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #167 (Common Praise) "'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glo - ry fills the night; thy
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, thy beau - ty to be - hold, where
3. Ful - fil - ler of the past, prom - ise of things to be, we
4. Be - fore we taste of death, we see thy king - dom come: O
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main; but,



face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, thy mes - sen - gers of old.
hail thy bo - dy glo - ri - fied, and our re - demp - tion see!
might we hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home!
since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933). Music: CARLISLE, Charles Lockhart (1745?-1815).

✠ 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.**

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Please be seated

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)

Refrain:



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

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**

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.

Exodus is the second book of the Old Testament, and is part of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Jews refer to these books as “The Torah”. At times, they are referred to as “The Law”, although “Torah” means *teaching*. Exodus centres on the rescue of God’s chosen people from captivity in Egypt and the making of the great covenant, or agreement with God, at Mount Sinai.

Pronounced “sahm” The Psalms are a collection of worship poetry and prose written between 950 and 350 BC. They were sung by the Israelites during worship and recited for private meditation.



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

"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**

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**

The author wrote this letter because he realized that he was approaching death and wished to leave to his fellow Christians a testimony: a statement of what being a Christian entails, how they should live in order to be judged worthy of the kingdom when Christ returns. Most scholars believe that the author was not Peter because, from internal evidence, it was not written until at least 90 AD, by which time Peter was dead. For example, it refers to Paul's letters as "scripture". His letters only became part of the collection of Christian writings long after Paul's death.

Second Reading

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

Gospel Acclamation: #197 (Sing a New Creation) *Please rise as you are able*



Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia! Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia!



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia!

Music: Peter Jones, 1994, ©, admin. OCP Publications.

Whoever keeps the word of Christ grows perfect in love for God.

*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*

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.**

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

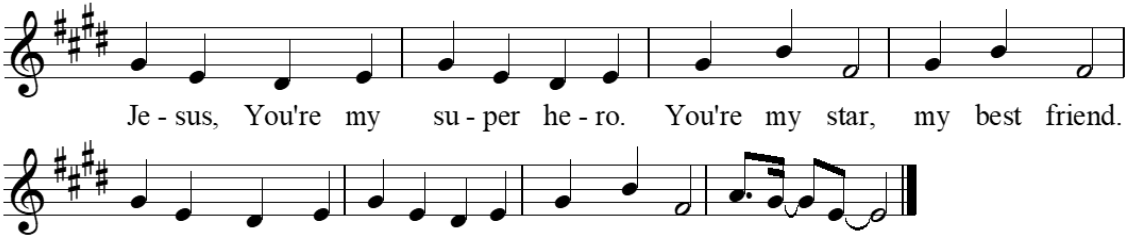
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated

Song: “Superhero” (*Jonah Sorrentino, Tedd Tjornhom, Aubrey Pompey*)

Refrain:



Je - sus, You're my su - per he - ro. You're my star, my best friend.

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Matthew's gospel is the first in the New Testament, but it was probably the second to be written.

Scholars recognize that it borrows material from Mark, and from sayings source containing sayings of Jesus and known as Q (for *Quelle*, German for source). The author shows an understanding of Jewish culture and religion not found in the other gospels. It was probably written about 60 to 70 AD, possibly for a largely Jewish audience.

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.

Baptism is a coming into the greater community in faith, in which we become members of one another and of Christ – it is about *who* we are in Christ, and *whose* we are: God's own. In baptism we are gathered... and sent forth, as a people of God to the world. So, baptism is not just about identity and belonging, it's also about being sent in mission and ministry.

✠ Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate comes forward. The Priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Sponsors: We present Mackenzie Douglas Whitmore Homuth to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents &

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents &

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents &

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents &

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents &

Sponsors: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents &

Sponsors: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents &

Sponsors: I do.

The congregation stands, the Priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Priest: Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Prayers for the Candidate

Prayers are offered for the candidate

Leader: Let us now pray for Mackenzie who is to receive the sacrament of
new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son,
may live in the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ The Celebration of Baptism

Water is poured into the font. The Priest blesses it saying,

Priest: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

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

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved
in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit
as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we bring into his fellowship
those who come to him in faith,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again,
may continue for ever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Baptism

The Priest then pours water over the candidate saying,

Priest: Mackenzie Douglas, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Priest makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead saying,

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The Priest prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Priest: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon Mackenzie the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People: Amen.

The Giving of the Light

A candle is given to the newly baptized, the priest saying,

Priest: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**People: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5:23-24 talks about being reconciled before making an offering at the altar. Liturgically this relates to the practice of the peace where we have an opportunity to seek reconciliation before coming to the altar in the Eucharist. The peace we extend is the reconciling love of God to one another. We share the peace with each other through a nod, a handshake (if you are comfortable) or by raising our hand in the peace symbol.

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.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Offering

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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.

Offertory Hymn: #347 (Common Praise) "The God of Abraham Praise"

All Sing



1. The God of A-braham praise who reigns en-throned a - bove; An-
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend. I
 3. The good - ly land I see with peace and plen - ty blest; a
 4. Tri - umph - ant hosts on high give thanks e - ter - nal - ly and



cient of ev - er - last - ing Days, and God of love; Je -
 shall, on eag - le wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend. I
 land of sac - red li - ber - ty, and end - less rest. There
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" cry, "great Trin - i - ty!" Hail



hov - ah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con - fessed; I
 shall be - hold God's face; I shall God's power a - dore, and
 milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound, and
 A-braham's God and ours! One might - y hymn we raise; all



bow and bless the sac - red name for - ev - er blest.
 sing the won - ders of God's grace for - ev - er - more.
 trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 power and maj - es - ty be yours and end-less praise!

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); st. 1-3, para. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.; st. 4, rev. Hymns for Today's Church, st. 4 © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.
 Music: Melody Yigdal trad.; trsc. Meier Leon (1751-1797) and Thomas Olivers (1725-1799); harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.]

This hymn is called an "Offertory" because it is sung when we offer our gifts to God 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.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day,
 and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face
 of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ 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.**

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 Sanctus (from the Latin word "holy") is an ancient hymn that is always 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.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
 and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
 to be the light of all peoples.
 Therefore with angels and archangels
 we raise our voices in joyful praise
 to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus: #732 (Common Praise)

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, ho - san-na in the high-est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho-
 san-na in the high-est.

Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010). © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us
 out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

Priest: On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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.”
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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 Lord's Prayer

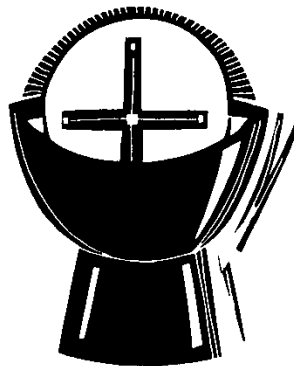
<i>Priest:</i>	<i>People:</i>
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As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as 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.

MUSIC: McNeil Robinson © 1979, Theodore Presser Co

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.**



Fraction Hymn: #229 (Sing a New Creation) “Here is Bread” All Sing



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread,
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace,
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll pro-claim

Refrain



taste the wine, Christ is with us here. In this bread, there is heal - ing,
 find his peace, feast on Je - sus here. In this bread, there is heal - ing,
 till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied. In this bread, there is heal - ing,



in this cup is life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,
 in this cup is life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,
 in this cup is life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.
 Christ is with us here.
 Christ is with us here.

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The Fraction Hymn (from the Latin “fractio” meaning “to break”) is a hymn sung during the Eucharist when the priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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: "Transform Us"

All Sing



1. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Stood a - part on Ta-bor's height.
2. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Once spoke with those ho-ly ones.
3. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Would not stay with - in a shrine.



Lead us up our sa - cred moun-tains, Search us with re - veal - ing light.
We, sur-round-ed by the wit - ness Of those saints whose work is done,
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion, Time and truth we quick-ly bind.



Lift us from where we have fall - en, Full of ques-tions, filled with fright.
Live in this world as your Bod - y, Cho - sen daugh-ters, cho - sen sons.
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways Where our love is not con - fined.

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Motet comes from the Latin "motectum" meaning movement and refers to the movement of the various voices in this form of vocal composition.

Motet: "Alleluia, I Heard a Voice" (Thomas Weelkes)

Alleluia.

I heard a voice as of strong thunderings, saying, Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and honour and power

be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore.

Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name. 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.

Departing Hymn: #100 (Sing a New Creation) “Listen God is Calling”
Please rise as you are able and sing

Refrain:

Leader All
 Lis-ten, lis-ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in - vit-ing, of-fer-ing for-
 give-ness, com-fort, and joy. joy.
 Leader All Leader
 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,
 All to Refrain
 and set us free.
 go and bap - tize.
 led by your Word.

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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.

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

Dismissal

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

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

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Ministry Updates

Mask-wearing

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

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 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

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 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).

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 [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.

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 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 Steven Mackison (smackison@theredeemer.ca). 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 [visit the Redeemer Explorers page](#) 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 donate through CanadaHelps 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 here.

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 (tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca) 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)

