



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.

Ascension Day was Thursday, May 18 (40 days after Easter). We have transferred/translated our celebration to the Sunday following.

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

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #245 (Common Praise) "O Lord Most High"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. O Lord most high, e - ter - nal king by thee re-
2. As - cend - ing to the sap - phire throne, thou claim'st the
3. Be thou our joy, O migh - ty Lord, as thou wilt
4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to



deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of death are burst by thee, and
king - dom as thine own; and an - gels won - der when they see how
be our great re - ward; let all our glo - ry be in thee both
thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while end - less a - ges run, with



grace has won the vic-to-ry.
changed is our hu-man-i-ty.
now and through e-ter-ni-ty.
Fa-ther and with Spir-it, one. Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Latin (Aeternae Rex altissime, 10th cent?); st. 1-3, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and others; rev. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), alt.; st. 4, tr. attrib. Laurence Housman (1865-1959). St. 1-3 rev. © 1982 The Church Pension Fund. Music: Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947). © Oxford University Press.

✠ The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Glory to God

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Holy God,
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
and sing with joy to the One who makes us one.

People: **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 1.1-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Alleluia comes from the Hebrew word “Hallelujah” meaning “let us praise God.” This Easter Greeting expresses our joy that Christ is risen and has vanquished death.

“Glory to God” (the “Gloria”) is a short hymn of praise and adoration.

Pronounced “CALL-ect” the collect is the prayer that calls us together in worship and praise.

The Acts of the Apostles is Luke’s second book in his continuing account of the Jesus story. He begins Acts the same way he ends the Gospel of Luke, with the story of Jesus’ Ascension. As in the Gospel, Luke makes clear the connection between Christ’s Ascension with the disciples’ ministry.

Pronounced "sahm"
The psalms are a collection of poetry, prose and song that cover every theme and emotion.

The psalmist draws upon creation's relationship with God in order to witness to God's majesty.

Paul prays for the disciples in the community of Ephesus to experience a deepening relationship with Christ that witnesses and reflects the divinity and supremacy of Christ.

Psalm 93 (*Ionian Psalter - Peter R. Hallock*)

ANTIPHON



Choir: The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Second Reading

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1.15-23

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #368 (Common Praise) “He Came Down”

All Sing



1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he
2. He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he
3. He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he



came down that we may have love, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.
came down that we may have peace, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.
came down that we may have joy, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.

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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.*

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24.44-53

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

Homily: Paige Souter

A moment of silence is observed.

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.

In the story of Christ’s ascension Luke affirms that although Christ returns fully to life in the Godhead, he remains close and accessible to his disciples and their calling to be Christ’s witnesses.

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.

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. Please feel free to say aloud the names of those people, places and situations who are in need of prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: When he ascended to the right hand of God, Jesus took his place, interceding eternally for us. Therefore with courage and confidence that God will both hear and answer, we come together in prayer.

Please add your prayers for the church silently or aloud

Gracious One, clothe us with your Holy Spirit and with power from on high, that we may proclaim God's kingdom here on earth, so that all may believe.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God has given us the gift of government to protect the vulnerable and to provide the peace and freedom to serve God and one another without fear. God has created this world and all that is in it, that we may know abundance.

Please add your prayers for the world silently or aloud

Sovereign One, bless all our leaders, that they may serve with integrity in the sacred trust of the offices in which they have been placed. Inspire the desires of all your children, that we may renew our relationship with creation according to your will.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember God's compassion for all who cry out in need, the sick and suffering, the lost and forsaken, the bereft and the downtrodden.

Please add your prayers for those in need silently or aloud

Merciful One, give wisdom to all who practice the healing arts, that they may be instruments of your grace. Send relief to all the afflicted, that they may know your relentless care.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, we remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, praying that they may begin again with you in life everlasting.

Please add your prayers for those who have died silently or aloud

Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and into the joyous company of the saints in light. Comfort those who mourn with the confidence of life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God, you know our needs before we ask. We are grateful that you have heard us and are confident that you will answer, according to your will.

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving silently or aloud

Holy God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

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.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, his first words to them were "Peace be with you." We share the peace with our neighbour as a sign that we are reconciled with one another and with God. You can share the peace through a nod, a handshake, or by raising your 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, but the opportunity is there for all who wish to express their love to God through the giving of monetary gifts.

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.

Offertory Hymn: #84 (CP) "Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour" *All Sing*



1. Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dour, first be - got - ten
 2. Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we; here in lov - ing
 3. Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of old in
 4. Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering fin - ished once for all when
 5. Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, strick - en Rock with



from the dead, thou a - lone, our strong de - fend - er, lift - est up thy
 rev - er - ence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment pray we, lest we fail to
 Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels hail thee, branch and flower of
 thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di - min - ished shall for ev - er
 stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud hos - san - na wor - ship thee, the



peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 know thee now. Al - le - lu - ia, thou art here, we ask not how.
 Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia, we in wor - ship join with them.
 more re - main. Al - le - lu - ia, cleans - ing souls from ev - ery stain.
 Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia, risen, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ
 has promised to be with us until the end of time.
 Accept all we offer you this day,
 and renew us in his transfigured life;
 for the sake 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 faith and is practiced in most Christian churches in different forms. In the Eucharist we recall who Jesus Christ was, and the sacrifice he made for us on the cross.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: #216 (Sing a New Creation)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; 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. 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. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est.

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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.

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

The climax of this story is the celebration of the Eucharist itself with Jesus and his disciples, which is followed by Christ’s suffering and betrayal. We pray using Jesus’ own words and follow his command to eat and drink in memory of him.

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

The Lord's Prayer, found in both Matthew and Luke, is a prayer that captures the essence of our relationship with God and with one another. Given to us by Jesus himself, it is the most well-known prayer in the world, and at any given time is being prayed in countless languages and dialects around the globe.

Priest: *People:*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei: #230 (Sing a New Creation)

All Sing

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us,
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The Agnus Dei (pronounced “On-yoose Day-e”). is a Latin phrase meaning “Lamb of God” and has been sung after the Eucharistic Prayer since the late seventh century. The phrase come from John 1.29 where John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God. We sing it here to remind ourselves that Jesus’ death on the cross frees us from all that alienates us from God and our neighbour.

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

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 Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.
If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

Communion 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



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

Motet: "Am Himmelfahrtstage" (*Felix Mendelssohn*)

Erhaben, o Herr, über alles Lob, über alle Herrlichkeit, herrschest du von Ewigkeit. Halleluja!

Exalted beyond any earthly praise, and above all majesty, Lord and King for evermore, Hallelujah!

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ministry Updates

Announcements

Do you sometimes wonder where to send an announcement to be shared with the community? We are making your life (and ours!) simpler by having one email address for all those pieces of information that you would like included in the various places we share ministry updates. Please send your details to us at **Announcements**. (announcements@theredeemer.ca)

Parish Census – Who Are We Now?

So much has changed in the world and in our lives these last few years. At Redeemer, we have reimagined how and when we worship in response to where we feel the Spirit is guiding us. There have been many changes in our staff and volunteer complement as well. Amidst all these changes, we have been intentional about taking the time to pause and consider our needs for our future as a community.

It is time to begin the process of discerning Who Redeemer Is as a community and how we think God is calling us to serve. The first step in this process will be a Parish Census. In the next few weeks, we will be asking you to answer some questions that will help us craft a visioning process to discover who we are. More to come on this soon!

The Venerable Steven Mackison
Incumbent

The Rev'd Susan Haig

All are invited - and encouraged - to attend Evensong at **St James Cathedral** on **Sunday, May 28** at 4:30 PM when Susan Haig will be installed as Canon Pastor of the Diocese of Toronto.

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.

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. 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).

Next Garden Eucharist

After several months of rainy Saturdays, the next Garden Eucharist will be held on **Saturday, May 27 at 2 PM** at the home of Michael and Karen Visser. For further information, please be in touch with Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

Upcoming Sunday Evening 7 PM Services

Join us for:

Taizé (Today), fashioned after services of a community of brothers who live in an ecumenical community in the village of Taizé of southern France. Singing, silence, scripture and prayers make up the worship service. It draws from more contemplative roots where silence and reflection are central to worship and mantra-like music allows the participants to centre their thought on the adoration of God.

Bach Vespers (May 28), Cantata No. 4, “Christ lag in Todesbanden”, featuring the combined choirs of Church of the Redeemer and St. Paul’s Bloor Street. Our Bach Vespers series explores the music and poetry of a Bach cantata woven into a Vespers service that draws on rich Lutheran hymnody and traditions.

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!

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. 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 Tom in the east transept you are very welcome!

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.

Coffee Mugs

Redeemer is looking to replenish its supply of coffee mugs. If you could bring one to church to use and then leave, we would be very grateful! If you have a larger supply to give, please let us know – office@theredeemer.ca. Thank you.

Welcoming In

Be present to help us to open our doors. We know that when the doors are open people come in. Our small group of **Open Doors Docents** is inviting others to spend between 12 and 2 PM on Fridays with another member of the Redeemer community to:

Welcome visitors and the curious

Read a book between visitors

Get to know another fellow member of Redeemer – and solve the problems of the world!

Scheduling is flexible and you can sign up for one or more opportunities based on your own schedule. Send an **email to Susan Graham Walker**, parish operations manager to be added to the list in May.

Opportunities and Invitations

Here are some opportunities to become more involved in our community. Details on whom to contact are included with each invitation.

Technical Skills – To improve our communications we are looking for someone to advise us on multi-media streaming. **If you can assist, contact the office.**

Trans Ministry - Are you interested in contributing to the development of a Trans Ministry here at Redeemer? Honorary Assistant Margaret Rodrigues would appreciate your ideas, suggestions and possibilities. Would you be interested in coming to a discussion after church one Sunday? Please **contact them by email** or by cell phone at 416-806-9720. All questions and feedback are very welcome.

ZOOM Moderators – In order to add Zoom to the 10:30 AM service we need a team of moderators. If you are interested in this please **contact the office.**

Ring the Bell to Remember

Have you always wanted to ring a bell - a church bell? Now is your opportunity. The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is seeking someone to ring the Church of the Redeemer bell at noon on **Wednesdays in May and June** (May 23 and 29; June 5, 12 and 19).

Red dresses will be placed outside the church so that along with the bell-ringing we are reminded of and honour the memory of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Please **contact the church office** if you can be involved.

Sunday Explorations

Redeemer Explorers is pleased to invite you to the first of a series of events downstairs in the Boardroom Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15. In the fall, look for peer-led discussions of the day's readings, talks by authors of recent books, and more.

But much sooner, **on Sunday, June 4**, we'll start with a presentation by Carol Scovil, a long-time member of Redeemer. Carol recently returned from three weeks in Nepal with a medical team that offered teaching in local hospitals.

Carol began working in Nepal fifteen years ago as a biomedical engineer, providing wheelchairs adapted for the rural hill country, and visiting patients at home to evaluate and enhance local accessibility.

Redeemer supported Carol in that initial sixteen-month medical mission. Community members have enthusiastically continued to support her work on seven return trips since then. Don't miss this chance to hear Carol share her deep connection to Nepal through photos and stories of her experiences on this most recent trip.

Calling All Pilgrims

Just as we did in 2022, the Becoming Pilgrims Committee will be hosting local pilgrimage walks during the summer of 2023. Plan to attend and learn how to pray with your feet! The next walk will be on **June 10**, followed by **July 8** and **August 12**. Watch this space for further details.

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town and the Road to Reconciliation shines a lens on Canada's relations with Indigenous peoples — from institutionalized racism through to hope for true reconciliation. Take this opportunity to join the conversation about repairing relations with First Nations and how this will impact changes to our legal framework and our future as a nation.

Meet authors and legal experts, Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) and Andrew Stobo Sniderman for a wide-ranging discussion on **Saturday, June 10**, from 1 to 4 PM. **To register, please use this link** or visit the ISWG page on the Redeemer website. The session will also be live streamed on Redeemer's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@theredeemertoronto9295>).

Farewell Gifts for Andrew Kuhl and Susan Haig

If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for either The Rev'd Andrew Kuhl (whose last Sunday was on April 30) or The Rev'd Susan Haig (whose last Sunday will be May 28), please **send an e-transfer** to the treasurer, or put an envelope with cash or a cheque on the offering plate. Please note on the envelope to whose gift the contribution should be directed. Contributions are non-receiptable.

Refugee Settlement Committee

From living in a refugee camp in Kenya to settling in the west end of Toronto has been a major journey for Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons.

After arriving in Canada on January 26, they have gone through the initial stages of registration for banking, schools and ESL, doctors, dentists, and recreation programmes. They have discovered the joy of snow, and the shock of a cold Canadian winter, and are now beginning to see spring in their new country.

Through all these changes, both practical and cultural, they have been supported by the strong team of volunteers that make up the Refugee Settlement Committee. If you are interested in more information about the committee, its work, and volunteer opportunities, contact Alison Colvin.

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.

Cantabile Chamber Singers

Light & Truth – A spring concert that will feature songs that explore light, sleep, spirituals and Shakespeare. **Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 PM** here at Redeemer. Tickets (\$15-35) are available at the door and online. For more information, visit www.cantabilechambersingers.com.

Art Exhibit

Joan Holben, a long time Redeemer member, is holding an art exhibition at Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive from May 5 – June 25, 2023, Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM. An opening reception will take place **today** from 1:30 – 4:30 PM. All are welcome. For more information, contact Joan Holben at joanholben1937@gmail.com or 416-921-8671.

Organ Recital

Our Director of Music, Dan Norman, will be the recitalist at **Yorkminster Park Baptist Church** on **Wednesday, June 7 at 12:30 PM**. Please come and hear him playing in this long-standing recital series.

The Common Table

Can You Help?

Our Common Table participants need ball caps, socks, men's underwear (M, L, XL), men's t-shirts and shorts, running shoes (especially men's sizes 10-13), deodorant and bottles of sunscreen. Drop off donations Monday to Friday between 10 & 11:30 AM at the church or **email the program** (dropin2@theredeemer.ca) to learn more about how to help out. Thank you!

Kitchen Volunteers Needed

The Common Table is looking for volunteer kitchen helpers from **May 15 to July 28**. The hours are 8 AM to noon and we ask for a regular one-day-per-week commitment. Tasks include chopping vegetables, preparing soup, washing dishes and making sandwiches - while having fun! Please **email the program** (commontable@theredeemer.ca) to volunteer.

Parish Resources

Parish Operations Manager On-Site

Susan Graham Walker, Parish Operations Manager, 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).

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, May 28 (Pentecost)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM – Bach Vespers (in the Church and through YouTube)

Cantata No. 4, “Christ lag in Todesbanden”, featuring the combined choirs of
Church of the Redeemer and St. Paul’s Bloor Street

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, June 4 (Trinity Sunday)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

