



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

The Church of the Redeemer:
162 Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4

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.

Today is the Day of Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek and simply means "fiftieth" because it falls fifty days after Easter. It mirrors the Jewish festival of Shavuot, or Feast of Weeks, falling fifty days after Passover. For the early disciples, these events would prove the fulfillment of the ancient scriptures.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #157 (Sing a New Creation) "As the Wind Song ..."

Please rise as you are able and sing

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze, so it
2. As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope born a - gain, so it

is with the Spir-it of God. As the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
is with the Spir-it of God. As the green in the spring, as a

voice with-in the storm, so it is with the Spir-it of God. Nev - er
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir-it of God. Mak-ing

seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown bring-ing life, bring-ing
worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing

power to the world, as the danc-ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de-
love to the world, as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the

sire, so it is with the Spir-it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir-it of God.

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✠ The Greeting

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: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: **Kindle our hearts with the fire of new life.**

Priest: Renew your people.

People: **Fill your church with the breath of God.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Let us pray.
Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria #366 (Common Praise)



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

Text: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 2007); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) © Music: Melody Geneva, 1551; harm. based on Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); rev. Alain Mabit (1953-).
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The Collect of the Day

Priest: Lord of all life,
your Holy Spirit brings hope in despair, joy in sorrow,
energy in despondency and life in death.
Stir up our hearts we pray, that by the Spirit's power
and strengthened by the encouragement of one another,
we may bring your love in service to a world
so much in need of your light and your warmth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pronounced "CALL-ect," this first prayer that we say together, the Collect for Purity, is older than the Anglican Church itself. It was crafted in the year 1080 by St. Osmond and is a humble Petition to God that we should enter worship inspired by the Holy Spirit in order that we may love God with the same fervour with which we are loved.

The Gloria is a short hymn of praise and adoration, typically acknowledging the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The collect of the day is the prayer that calls us together in worship and praise.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

This story describes the tumultuous, fiery birth of the Church. The Spirit's unstoppable drive toward a new creation is manifested in surprising and disorienting ways, as She calls a new community into being without regard for human structures or hierarchies or preconceptions. The Spirit's work reveals a God whose care and vision reaches deeper than the divisions brought about by human cultures, nationalities and languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.1-21

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 104.25-35, 37b (George Black)

Refrain



Send forth your Spi-rit, O God, and re-new the face of the earth.

O God, how manifold are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great. **Refrain**

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **Refrain**

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth. **Refrain**

May your glory endure for ever;
may you rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke. **Refrain**

I will sing to you as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please you;
I will rejoice in you, O God.
Praise God, O my soul.
Hal-lē-lujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,

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

The Spirit's focus and intention for this new creation, the Church, is the common life and well being of all. The bestowing of these good gifts on individual members is intended to draw the community together, to bind it in love and care. The human proclivity to rank individuals according to their possession of "better" gifts is at odds with the Spirit's intention that the gifts are given for the good of all and that each are vitally and equally important.

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: "Lean on Me" (*Bill Withers*)

The Sequence song (from the Latin "sequentiae" meaning "following") is a song that is sung following the second reading and before the reading of the Gospel.

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother
When you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me
Call me
If you need a friend

*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 John.

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 7.37-39

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

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated.

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Refrain



Come, Ho-ly Spi-rit, come.

Leader: Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, singing,

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips
that we may proclaim your word.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high;
make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God,
give life to the dry bones of this exiled age,
and make us a living people, holy and free.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth:
strengthen us in the risk of faith.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Jesus is inviting all who are thirsty to come and drink from the living water that is the Spirit. The Spirit who will guide them into faith and all truth. Jesus is not holding up faith as either a criterion for inclusion or as a standard of judgment. Instead, he is saying that belief is a gift of the Spirit to be received.

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.

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.

*A lengthy pause follows. Please add your prayers, aloud or in silence.
The priest then offers a concluding prayer.*

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.

Offertory Hymn: #507 (Common Praise) “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

All Sing



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Je - sus' love; the
2. Be - fore God's gra - cious throne we pour our ar - dent prayers: our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear; and
4. When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain; that
5. One glo - rious hope re - vives our cour - age by the way, while
6. when from all toil and pain and sin we shall be free, and



fel - low - ship of Chris - tian minds is like to that a - bove.
fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
we shall still be joined in heart and one day meet a - gain.
each in ex - pec - ta - tion lives and longs to see the day
per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett (1740-1817), alt. Music: DENNIS, attrib. Johann G. Nägeli (1772-1836); adapt. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

Priest: Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory;

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all your children. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our kindred living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: God, living and true, you send forth your Spirit:

All: **And so you renew the face of the earth.**

Priest: You open wide your hand:

All: **And satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Song: “There is One Among Us” (John L. Bell)

There is one a - mong us whom we do not know; host of high - est hea - ven

pres - ent here be - low.

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

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: "Veni Sancte Spiritus"

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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: "Their sound is gone out into all lands" (G.F. Handel)

Their sound is gone out into all lands,
 and their words unto the ends of the world.
 ~Romans 10:18

Prayer After Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Father,
 may we who have received this eucharist
 live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

Farewell to Susan Haig

Departing Hymn

The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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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.

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the chancel are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Susan Haig as she retires as Associate Priest, in particular her pastoral support of so many, her excellent preaching and for introducing the pilgrimage ministry at Redeemer.

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 today** 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](http://theredeemer.ca) (theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

Bach Vespers: Join us **today at 7 PM** for Cantata No. 4, "Christ lag in Todesbanden", featuring the combined choirs of Church of the Redeemer and St. Paul's Bloor Street. The guest conductor is St Paul's Director of Music, Classical - **Joshua Anand Slater**.

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. The community gathers in the church and online through our **YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/@theredeemertoronto9295>).

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.

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 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.

The REDress Project

The REDress Project was created by a Metis artist Jaime Black. Each red dress that is hung up acknowledges an Indigenous woman or girl who has been murdered or is missing (MMIWG).

The Church of Redeemer will once again make this acknowledgment in June, by hanging red dresses on the outside of the church. As Jaime Black has said, 'Each dress will become a teacher, educating those who are not aware of the violence against these women and girls. This art gives

Indigenous women and girls a voice, as it acknowledges their having been murdered or missing'. In order to accomplish this, the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group (ISWG) is asking members of the Redeemer Community to consider donating red dresses. For anyone who is able to make such a donation, we are asking you to bring your donated red dress, or dresses, to the church, indicating they are for ISWG.

Thank you for your consideration and possible donation.

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.

Trans Ministry Meeting

Please join us in the Boardroom on **Sunday, June 4** after service from noon – 2 PM. Bring your coffee and cookies.

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) (<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

Newcomers Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons are adjusting life in Canada. As a measure of their progress, consider how frequently the Refugee Settlement Committee has been meeting. During the first two months, the committee met weekly, with reports of many registrations and numerous

appointments – all the immediate needs. In April, we met every other week, with much less to report, and beginning in May, monthly meetings are being planned. The aim of any settlement is that newcomers will learn to navigate their new life more and more independently. There will undoubtedly be further challenges requiring both personal and financial support, but it has been heartwarming to see how successfully this family is managing such a major transition. Please keep them in your prayers and watch for further news. If you are interested in learning more about the committee, its work, and volunteer opportunities, please 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.

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

All shifts: arrive between 7:30-8:30 AM and stay until 12 PM-ish (until the work is done)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: two people each day to help with meal prep (lots of chopping) and cooking

Thursday and Friday: one person - dishwasher

At-Home Sandwich Making

We need 10 people to make two loaves of sandwiches each to arrive by noon Wednesday. Preferably turkey, chicken, ham, peanut butter and jam, cheese with lettuce/cucumber – you choose.

Please **email the program** (commontable@theredeemer.ca) to volunteer for either of these opportunities.

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, Paige Souter – psouter@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, June 4 (Trinity Sunday)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM - Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, June 11 (Corpus Christi)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM - Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

