



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PRIDE SUNDAY

HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, & HOLY EUCHARIST

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song: "I'm Coming Out" (*Bernard Edwards / Nile Rodgers*)

Please rise as you are able and sing

I'm coming out

I want the world to know, got to let it show

I'm coming out

I want the world to know, I got to let it show

There's a new me coming out and I just had to live
And I wanna give, I'm completely positive
I think this time around, I am gonna do it
Like you never knew it, oh, I'll make it through
The time has come for me to break out of this shell
I have to shout that I am coming out

I'm coming out, I want the world to know

I got to let it show

I've got to show the world all that I wanna be
And all my abilities, there's so much more to me
Somehow I'll have to make them just understand
I got it well in hand and oh how I have planned
I'm spreadin' love, there is no need to fear
And I just feel so good, every time I hear

I'm coming out, I want the world to know

I got to let it show

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Priest: We are the body of Christ!
The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing, justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, risk taking
body of Christ!

All: **We are the body of Christ!**

Priest: Baptized in one Spirit; we are members of one body.

All: **Many are varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful Body.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

All: **For only together can we find wholeness.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

All: **For we are connected like muscle and bone.**

If one suffers, we all suffer.

If one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Priest: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

All: **Let us worship God. Alleluia!**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God, when you called each of us into being,
you delighted in your works.
You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty,
wisdom, and practices of love in your creation.
In whatever ways we still struggle
to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings,
free us from narrow thinking
that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us.
This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat

Worship begins with the Gathering. We come to this sacred place as individuals, but gather together to worship, pray, and give thanks to God as a community.

Pronounced "CALL-ect," this is the prayer that calls us together in worship and praise.

down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Genesis 21.8-21

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

Song: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" (Harold Arlen/E.Y. Harburg/Paul Langford)

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from Small Man to the Sacred Family in Village of Iron.

Should we continue to walk in our broken ways so that Creator will show us even more kindness? This kind of thinking takes us nowhere! How can we who have died to our bad hearts and broken ways continue to walk that path? Or have you forgotten that we who have participated in the purification ceremony of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One have ceremonially died with him?

This ceremony shows that we have been buried with him in death, so that in the same way the Chosen One was raised from the dead by the power of our Father the Great Spirit, we should walk this new road of life to bring honour to him. If we have joined with him in his death, then, like him, we will also rise again to a new life. For we know that our old self was nailed to the cross with him, killing the evil desires in our bodies, so that our broken ways will not rule over us. For dead people can no longer follow their bad hearts and broken ways.

I will say it another way. If we have died with the Chosen One, we believe we will also live with him. For we know that once the Chosen One was raised to life from the dead, he would never die again. Death no longer has the power to rule over him. He died, once for all, to bring an end to humanity's broken ways.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

During June, National Indigenous History Month, the second reading and the Gospel will be from the First Nations New Testament. The text from the New Revised Standard Version will also be provided.

The life he now lives is a life that brings honour to the Great Spirit.

So think about yourselves in the same way, dead to broken ways and alive to the Great Spirit in harmony with the Chosen One Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Romans 6.1b-11

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

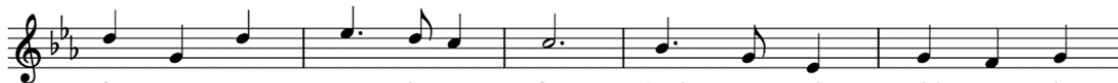
Sequence Hymn: "God's Love is Boundless" *Please rise as you are able and sing*



1. God's love is bound-less; no depth and no height can
2. There is no bor-der en-clos-ing God's love; no
3. Peo-ple make lim-its, and mark "out" and "in" to



plunge us in shad-ows or hide us from sight. No pre-sent, no
lim-it to test, no be-low, no a-bove. No cen-tre to
name some un-wor-thy and taint-ed by sin. But when we are



fu-ture, no span is too far; God re-mains with us, wher-
strive for, no mar-gin to fear; An-y-where, eve-ry-where,
"out," Love pro-vides us a place: we have a home in God's



ev-er we are.
God is still here.
in-fi-nite grace!

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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 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.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Gift from Creator Tells the Good Story of Creator Sets Free.

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

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said “Followers are not greater than the one they follow. You who are my followers will be treated in the same bad ways they treat me. So consider it an honour that you will be treated the same as your Wisdomkeeper. If they have called the chief of the council house Worthless Ruler (Beelzebul), how much worse will they speak of the members of his council?

Do not fear their threats. For their evil ways will be found out. Even what they say and do in secret will be made clear for all to see.

The things I have told you in secret at night, make them known when the sun rises! What I have whispered in your ears, stand on the rooftops and shout out loud for all to hear!

Have no fear of your opponents, for they can only kill the body, but not your inner being. Instead, fear the one who can bring an end to your entire being in the Valley of Smoldering Fire.

Two small winged ones could be traded for two poorly beaded earrings, but not one can fall to the ground unless your Father, the Creator, knows it. Are you not worth more to him than many small winged ones? He knows the number of hairs on your head, so do not fear the ones who stand against you.

All who represent me before others I will represent before my Father from above. But the ones who disown me will be disowned before my Father above.

Jesus said, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do you look for me to bring peace to this troubled land? The message I bring will pierce like the blade of a long knife. It will turn a son against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. In their own homes they will fight like enemies - all because of me.

The ones who choose their father or mother, son or daughter, over me dishonour me. The ones who fail to pick up their cross and walk the road with me do not know my worth. The ones who care only for their own life will fail to find life, but the ones who will lay down their life for me will find true life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson

A moment of silence is observed.

Holy Baptism and Confirmation

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates come forward. The bishop addresses the people, saying,

Bishop: As we celebrate our pride, we celebrate, with joy, those who have come forward to reaffirm their commitment to Christ. The candidates for Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present (N) to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

The bishop then asks the following questions of the candidates.

Bishop: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into Christ's marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask: do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

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

Candidates: I renounce them.

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

Candidates: I renounce them.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10.24-39

Please be seated

We are grateful to The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson, our Area Bishop, for joining in our celebration of Pride and for preaching the Word among us today.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: The candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present (*N*) for Confirmation.

The bishop then asks the following questions of all the candidates.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

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

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

The words of the Baptismal Covenant come from the ancient "Apostles' Creed". These are words that go back to the earliest of baptisms. It is a grassroots confession of faith responding to the risen Christ's command to the apostles to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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 Candidates

Prayers are offered for the candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for *N* who are to receive the sacrament of
new birth.

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop: 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 Bishop blesses it saying,

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Bishop: 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 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.**

This part of the Baptism is called *The Thanksgiving over the Water*. You will notice that the structure is similar to the Great Thanksgiving prayer in the Eucharist. It recalls the waters of creation, the Exodus, and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. In this prayer we ask God “that those who are baptized may be buried and raised with Christ and reborn by the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism

The Bishop then pours water over each candidate saying,

Bishop: *N*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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

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

The Bishop prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Bishop: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon *N* the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them 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 bishop saying,

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Confirmation

Bishop: Let us now pray for *N* who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A moment of silence is observed

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

We baptize people in the name of God – a Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - because baptism is about identity. We believe that just as God has revealed who God really is, each candidate will discover their identity as a child of God, beginning with this sacred act.

The newly baptized are presented with a lighted candle as a sign of their new life in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which a baptized Christian affirms their commitment to be a follower of Christ. Seeking confirmation is a reflection of a deepening relationship with Christ and a longing to model one's life on that of Christ. Through prayer and the laying of hands by a bishop, the candidate is strengthened by the Holy Spirit and given grace for the journey.

The candidates kneel before the bishop, individually.

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit;
empower *him/her* for your service;
and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God,
let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Offering

During the singing of the hymn, we gratefully offer back to God some of what we have been given, symbolically in the bread and wine brought to the altar and in the money we give. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate as it is passed to you.



This song 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 Song: "You'll Never Walk Alone"

(Richard Rodgers / Oscar Hammerstein)

**When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark**

**At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.**

**Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.**

**Walk on! Walk on! With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,
you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ
the head of all creation.
Receive all we offer you this day
and renew us in his risen life,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest:  *People:* 

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: Holy God of wonder,
you created light that shines
with the splendour of your glory.
Through Noah you made your promise
to love all humanity no matter what
by revealing the breadth of your compassion
in all the colours of the rainbow.
Therefore, in union with all you have created under heaven,
we raise our voices in this unending hymn:

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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Priest: Holy One,
through your people you revealed your will
that loving you alone leads us to love our neighbours.
When your people were rejected and neglected
you sent prophets to call them back to you
and to welcome all
at tables where bread, wine, and friendship were blessed.

In Jesus of Nazareth,
you embraced all persons in their human dignity,
and you forgave us for our failure
to see your image in all genders, all sexualities,
and in the beautiful diversity in which you fashioned us.

Through your beloved and chosen one
you suffered in solidarity with the rejected,
and you inspire us, in this moment,
to celebrate love in all its wonderful forms,
filling us with pride and gratitude
for being born as we are,
and for being made new in your endless grace.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.
As we are made one body in you,
so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: Send now your life-giving Spirit
upon this gathering of queer and straight,
wondering and wonderful.

Shine in us
and reveal the arc of your love
in the colours of our varied lives.

Sanctify this bread and wine
so that, as we are blessed in Christ here and now,
we may have the courage and strength
to reach out to those feeling unloved,
to advocate for those still facing rejection,
and to seek justice, reconciliation, and healing for all.

Unite us at this table of grace,
so that each of us knows
that we are cherished by you,
and called to love each of your beloved.

God of diversity,
Receive our offering
As Jesus received each of us,
With gratitude and joy.

Feed us with hope
That we may continue our journey
Of loving whom we love
And seeking your justice
Until all creation shines with your praise.

Creator of all, we pray to you
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

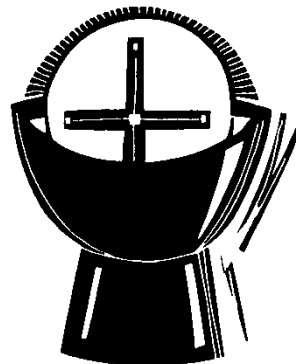
The Communion



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.*



Song: "Under Pressure"

(David Bowie / Freddie Mercury / Roger Taylor / John Deacon / Brian May)

Pressure

Pushing down on me

Pushing down on you, no man ask for

Under pressure

That burns a building down

Splits a family in two

Puts people on streets

It's the terror of knowing what this world is about

Watching some good friends screaming

"Let me out"

Pray tomorrow, takes me higher

Pressure on people

People on streets

Chipping around, kick my brains on the floor

These are the days, it never rains, but it pours

People on streets

People on streets

It's the terror of knowing what this world is about

Watching some good friends screaming

"Let me out"

Pray tomorrow, takes me higher, higher

Pressure on people

People on streets

Turned away from it all like a blind man

Sat on a fence, but it don't work

Keep coming up with love, but it's so slashed and torn

Why? Why? Why?

Love (love, love, love, love)

Insanity laughs, under pressure we're cracking

Can't we give ourselves one more chance?

Why can't we give love one more chance?

Why can't we give love, give love, give love?

Give love, give love, give love, give love?

'Cause love's such an old fashioned word

And love dares you to

Care for the people on the

Edge of the night

And love dares you

To change our way of

Caring about ourselves

This is our last dance

This is our last dance

This is ourselves

Under pressure

Under pressure

Pressure

Communion Hymn: #601 (Common Praise) "God Whose Giving..."

All Sing



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace con -



store - na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered
Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made
ferred, ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel



door - gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise;
one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bour, lest we strive for self a - lone.
word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.
Born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Nourishing One,

***All:* your gifts renew us in body, spirit, and mind.
Through this taste of love,
may the Spirit send us with a faith that is brave.
Let no institution or narrow thinking hold us back;
make us people who boldly pursue collective justice
and tend gently to the world's pain. 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 "doxaloga" meaning "words of glory." We say this prayer to proclaim that worshipping God together has made a difference in our lives.

The Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed by the name of the Lord.

All: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Departing Hymn: "Abundant Life"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, The moon, the wild-flow'rs grow-ing, For
2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night And wea-ry, wait for morn-ing, When
3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join As part-ners in cre-a-ting A



we are part of all that is With-in life's riv-er flow-ing. With
chil-dren have no bread but tears, And war-horns sound their warn-ing, God
fu-ture free from want or fear, Life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing, That



o-pen hands re-ceive and share The gifts of God's cre-a-tion, That
calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, To join in com-mon la-bour, That
new world beck-ons from a-far, In-vites our shared en-dea-vour, That



all may have a-bun-dant life In ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion.
all may have a-bun-dant life And one-ness with their neigh-bour.
all may have a-bun-dant life And peace en-dure for-ev-er.

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The Dismissal

Deacon: May God's gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving. Alleluia!

People: **May God's presence among us provoke such longing
for God's realm
that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows
God's justice, peace, and love. Alleluia!**

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.

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Ministry Updates

Baptisms and Confirmations

Today we welcome into the household of God and the fellowship of this community Celine Cheung and Ann Perry through the sacrament of baptism, and celebrate with Wesley Acheampong, Sandi Hill, James Newman, Scott MacLeod and Jerry Mak the renewal of their commitment to Christ.

Getting Our House in Order

At our Vestry Meeting last February, we passed a motion to authorize a fundraising campaign with a threefold purpose:

Provide for much-needed repairs/improvements to the building.

Replenish funds that were borrowed from our investments to cover equipment replacement needs in 2022.

Upgrade our space to meet our emerging ministry needs and make the facilities more attractive for rentals.

Because of the commitment and generosity of the Redeemer Community, we have already raised/pledged **\$340,000** of our **\$995,000** goal, and work on some of our most immediate needs – like restoring the stained-glass windows – has already begun.

Kick-Off Challenge

A generous, anonymous, donor has committed to matching individual givings of up to \$5000 by a factor of 1:1.5 – so, for example, if you donate \$1000, the donor will contribute an additional \$1500, and the campaign will receive \$2500 in total. This includes not just donations received, but those pledged as well. For example, If you pledged \$100 a month over 12 months (for a total of \$1200), the donor would pledge an additional \$1800, and the campaign would receive \$3000 towards our goal.

All gifts donated or submitted by a signed pledge by July 31, 2023, are eligible and the donor will match all contributions up to a total of \$100,000 for this period. That means we could potentially raise **\$250,000** in this Kick-off Challenge and achieve 60% of our goal for this campaign.

Presentation

This Sunday after the 10:30 AM service, Dan Norman will speak about the organ rebuild.

Donations

If you would like to support the "Getting our House in Order" campaign, [this link](#) will take you to the CanadaHelps page where you can donate online. Donation envelopes are available on Sunday mornings for you to place on the offering plate. Cheques can be mailed to the church – 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4. E-Transfers are also an option. Please put "Getting Our House in Order" in the message field.

Road Closure

The 2023 TD Toronto Jazz Festival will be taking place in Bloor-Yorkville from June 23 – July 2. There will be a temporary road closure for this event the weekend of June 23 – 26. The street closure area will be Queen's Park, north of Wellesley St. W & South of Bloor St. W. This closure will be Friday June 23 at 7 PM until Monday June 25 at 5 AM.

Sunday Morning Parking

The privilege of free parking at the Bedford Street parking lot on Sunday mornings until 1 PM has ended. Please note that on-street parking is free on Sunday morning until 1 PM.

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

Sunday Morning Worship Teams

It's summertime, and Sunday morning worship teams are easy and fun!

Rather than using a "strict" rota during the summer months, we are inviting anyone who is interested to sign-up on the sheets in the narthex, on the wall beside the kitchen hatch. You can sign up a couple of weeks in advance, or check the sheet on Sunday morning, look for any gaps, and volunteer on the spot! Please click this [link](#) for short (and entertaining!) details about the various roles and for information about the worship teams. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary-Jane Wilson** (mjwdhp@icloud.com) or **Susan Graham-Walker** (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca).

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.

Kneelers

A basket with a supply of kneelers will be on the bench just inside the orange doors. If you would like to be able to kneel in prayer before or during the service, please help yourself and return it at the end of the service.

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.

Pride Parade

Proud Anglicans will be group C30 in the Pride parade **today**. We've been asked to have marchers at the marshalling area by 2 PM -- meet on the steps of St Paul's Bloor St (south side of Bloor between Church and Jarvis) near the water tents. The water tents will be there from 12:30 to 5 PM, and we'll need people to staff them -- if you can come for a shift, please do. Mobility-challenged people will be able to be in the parade by riding on the Proud Anglicans (TTC) bus. Please see Chris Ambidge, or email info@proudanglicans.ca for questions, to volunteer for the water tents, or for details on how to get the bus.

Redeemer Explorers – Summer Readers

Redeemer Explorers invites you to join us for our summer book club — Summer Readers. This year we will have an in-person and a Zoom option, both of which will begin meeting the second week of July and will continue for 4 weeks.

This summer we'll be reading *An Evolving God, An Evolving People, An Evolving World* by Joan Chittister, who is a Benedictine sister, prolific writer, and international speaker. In her book she invites us to consider the following questions:

Who is God?

Why are we here?

What does it mean to gain heaven?

We live in a changing world, and our understanding of God changes along with it. Chittister challenges us to think about our modern life and the importance of God in it.

Consult the Redeemer website to register for a group.

Articles in *The Anglican* Newspaper

There are three Redeemer-related articles in the June issue of *The Anglican*. On page 3 there are pictures from the ordination of deacons, including Paige Souter. In addition, there are two full-page articles – Common Table carts on page 7 and “Creative Inclusion”, a program for Ukrainian children on page 16.

General Synod

The triennial legislative meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada - General Synod - takes place in conjunction with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada from **June 27 to July 2** in Calgary. Two people from our community, Finn Keesmaat-Walsh and Chris Ambidge, will be delegates for this synod. To learn more about the meetings and the issues that are on the agenda, you can read the details on the [General Synod website](#).

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](mailto:dropin2@theredeemer.ca) (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 PMish (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](mailto:commontable@theredeemer.ca) (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.

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](mailto:announcements@theredeemer.ca). (announcements@theredeemer.ca)

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, July 2 (Proper 13A)

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, July 9 (Proper 14A)

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)

