



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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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**

*Moderator*

**Land Acknowledgment**

*Paige Souter*

# Opening Hymn: #423 (Common Praise) "How Great Thou Art"

Redeemer Music Team



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan-der I hear the  
3. But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and claim his



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad - ly  
own, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o-



thun-der, thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear-ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

## Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou



art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - iour God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art!

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## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

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

## The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* God of heaven and earth,  
you reveal your wisdom to the childlike;  
may we learn from your Son humility of heart,  
so that we find refreshment and rest  
even as we shoulder the cross of Christ;  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

Anne Gircys

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Eliezer said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.” ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I

asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

‘May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes.’

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

*A moment of silence is observed*



## Second Reading

*Anne Gircys*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Romans 7.15-25a

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

# Sequence Hymn: #647 (Gather) "Come to Me"

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## Refrain



Come to me, come to me, come when you are wea-ry; come to me,



come to me, and I will give you rest.



1. All who la-bour and are bur - dened, all who la-bour and are  
2. Take my yoke up - on your shoul-ders, take my yoke up - on your



bur - dened, let them come to me, come to me, and  
shoul - ders, come and learn from me, learn from me, for



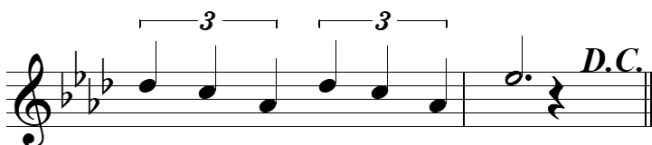
I will give them rest.  
I am gen-tle of heart.



3. For the heart I hold is hum-ble, yes, the heart I hold is



hum - ble, and my yoke is eas - y, my bur - den light, and



you will find rest for your souls.



## The Gospel

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

**Homily:** Bill Ryan

*We pause for music and meditation.*

## Meditation

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## The Prayers of the People

*Karen Turner*

*Leader:* God of vision, we pray for the continued renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. As we seek to serve you in our various ministries, keep us ever mindful of your guiding and loving presence with us. Give us rest and respite as needed, and the strength and wisdom to accomplish the tasks to which you have called us.

*Leader:* Lord hear us.

*All:* **Lord graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* Sovereign Lord, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honouring of human rights, and for the relief of the oppressed. We particularly remember those who are unsafe due to violence, inequality or the break down of good government. We pray for all refugees that they will be given safe passage and the means to begin again.

*Leader:* Lord hear us.

*All:* **Lord graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* Great Physician, we pray for the hungry, the sick, the sorrowful, the bereaved. In your mercy Lord, bring them relief, healing and wholeness in their distress. We remember for good all who bring food, medicine, comfort to those who are in need. Send them encouragement, keep them safe, and bless their efforts for good.

*Leader:* Lord hear us.

*All:* **Lord graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* Lord of creation, we pray for the natural world. We think of the effects of floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, excessive heat, and drought, and all other extreme conditions which are the result of climate change. We pray for the firefighters, the emergency workers, and those who help during disasters. We pray for all who lobby for climate justice, for those who work to protect endangered species. We pray also for all those who farm or fish or produce our food that they may be given the means to operate effectively and sustainably.

*Leader:* Lord hear us.

*All:* **Lord graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for human love and friendship and for all the ways you sustain us and enrich our daily lives. We thank you especially for the legacy of our faith that has come to us down through the ages. We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to your unfailing love and mercy.

*All:* **Amen.**

# The Peace

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Hymn:** #451 (Common Praise) “King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You”

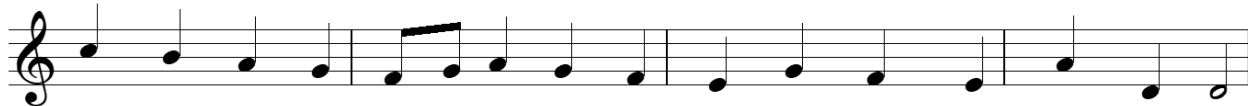
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1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,  
2. King of life, you have cre - a - ted wheat in gold - en har - vest spread.  
3. King of mer - cy, you have saved us from the haunt - ing sense of loss,  
4. King tri - um - phant, King vic - to - rious, take your throne our hearts with - in,



each de - mand of your high chal - lenge ded - i - cat - ed to ful - fil;  
make your ser - vants strong to serve you by the gift of dai - ly bread.  
nail - ing in your vast com - pas - sion sin's in - dict - ment to the cross.  
lest the might of fierce temp - ta - tion snare us in - to dead - ly sin.



we with you by grace co - work - ers, till, where hu - man foot has trod,  
Feed us with your bod - y bro - ken with your blood out - poured sus - tain,  
Those who love, by your sore ang - uish, from the past you cleanse and free,  
By the Spir - it's rich a - noint - ing, grant us strength life's race to run,



peo - ples, kings, do - min - ions, rac - es, own the em - pire of our God.  
that our souls di - vine - ly strench - ened may the life e - ter - nal gain.  
breath - ing words of ab - so - lu - tion throned and reign - ing from the tree.  
till the power of sin be van - quished, till the prize of God be won.

## The Lord's Prayer

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.  
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Doxology

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* 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

Paige Souter

## Departing Hymn: #87 (Common Praise) “Strengthen for Service”

Redeemer Music Team



1. Strength-en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en; let
2. Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang keep free from all de - ceiv-ing; the
3. The feet that tread thy ho - ly courts from light do thou not ban-ish; the



ears that now have heard thy songs to clam-our nev - er wak-en.  
eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy bless-ed hope per - ceiv-ing.  
bod - ies by thy bod - y fed with thy new life re - plen-ish.

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## The Dismissal

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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### **Sunday, July 16 (Proper 15A)**

**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 23 (Proper 16A)**

**9 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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**7 PM** – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)