



THE ELEVENTH 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**

*Steven Mackison*

## Opening Hymn: #382 (Common Praise) "Praise to the Lord"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's ser - vants.  
2. There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on earth,



Bless - ed be the name of our God now and  
who lifts the weak out of dust, plac-ing them with the



ev - er. From the ris - ing up of the sun may the  
might-y, who stoops to raise the weak and low; may the



Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!  
Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

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## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

*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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Ever-faithful One,  
you answer the cries of all who call upon your name.  
Give us grace to trust in you,  
so that we may walk faithfully amidst the storms of life;  
through Jesus the Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Henry Krol*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

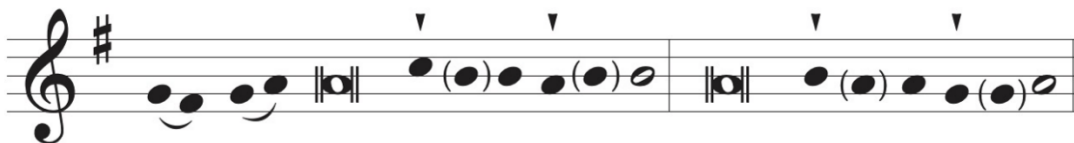
Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"- that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

*A moment of silence is observed*



**GIVE THANKS** to our God and call upon the Holy Name; \*  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to the Holy One, \*  
and speak of all God's marvellous works.

Glory in the Holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Let us search for you and your strength, O God, \*  
let us continually seek your face.

Let us remember the marvels you have done, \*  
your wonders are the judgements of your mouth,

O offspring of Abraham your servant, \*  
O children of Jacob your chosen.

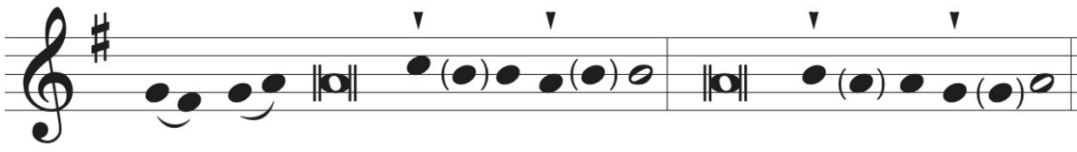
Then you called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

You sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold and enslaved.

They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of God tested him.

The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.



He set him as a master over his household, \*  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will \*  
and to teach his elders wisdom.  
Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

*Henry Krol*

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

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

Romans 10.5-10

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he moved my soul to
2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I walked and sank not
3. I find, I walk, I love; but, oh, the whole of love is but my



seek him, seek - ing me. It was not I that found, O sav - iour true; no,  
 on the storm-vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold as  
 an - swer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long be - fore-hand with my soul; al-



I was found of thee.  
 thou, dear Lord, on me.  
 ways thou lov-edst me.

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## The Gospel

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the

wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 14.22-33

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

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

*We pause for music and meditation.*

**Meditation**

*Redeemer Music Team*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Christina Chang*

*Leader:* In our readings today we are reminded that when we call on our loving God, we are saved, and that Jesus walks with us in the most difficult times, even when we don't expect him. He says to us, “Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid.” Therefore, this morning let us come to God with confidence, bringing our fears, our needs and our gratitude.

*Leader:* Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Creator God, we praise and worship you, the One who is love above all. You created the universe in love through countless millennia, and brought forth this blue-green jewel, this fragile Earth, and, embedded in her interconnected web of life, you birthed us, vulnerable human creatures, entirely dependent on your Spirit and the Earth community for our life and flourishing. As we humbly reflect on this wondrous truth, each of us has countless reasons to be grateful this morning, and we give you thanks now.

*We pause to give thanks.*

*Leader:* Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Loving Creator, we remember Jesus' words that the one who has dominion must be the servant of all. You have called human beings to care for your magnificent earth creation, to serve our kin, all those who share the earth with us. But for too long we have forgotten our place. We imagined we were masters, not servants. Because we have abused our calling, forgotten our place, and desecrated what we did not understand, now humanity stands on the precipice of climate disaster. Holy



Mother, we are beginning to understand and see the damage we have caused. In our grief, we pray for strength and compassion, selfless love and firm resolve, to be healers, not destroyers, to love and serve our Earth community.

*We pause to pray for our Earth community.*

*Leader:* Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* God of Peace, because we, your human children, so readily forget we are part of Earth’s interconnected web of life and love, commanded above all else to love one another, even our enemies, we tolerate illusions that some of us are better and more worthy than others, and we justify violence and war, oppression and inequality. Open our hearts this morning to reflect on our calling to peace, as we each pray for places of violence and oppression in the world and in our own communities, that are on our hearts this morning.

*We pause to pray for peace.*

*Leader:* Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* God of Love, you have shown us that you are always on the side of the poor, the afflicted and the oppressed, and that you call on your followers, especially those who are affluent and comfortable, to serve the poor. We pray for the work, for the staff and volunteers, and the guests of the Common Table ministry of our community. We each commit ourselves to sacrificially support our work together with our time, prayers and money.

*We pause to pray for our ministries together.*

*Leader:* Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Compassionate God, there are those among us who are facing trials and difficulties, illness, addiction and poverty. We ask that you continue to use us, and our community, to bring comfort, help and encouragement to those who are in distress. We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning who need healing and strength. We pray for those who have died, those we know personally and those we do not, and for those that mourn their loss.

*We pause to pray for healing and comfort.*

*Leader:* Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Leader:* Our God, we humbly bring our prayers to you in the name of Jesus our friend, who bids us not to fear, and who is our blessed Redeemer.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Steven Mackison*

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

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

## Hymn: #567 (Common Praise) "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm re - strains the rest - less wave, who  
2. O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their rag - ing at your word, who  
3. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose breath were fash - ioned sea and sky and earth; who  
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, pre - serve their lives in dan - ger's hour; from



bids the might - y o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed bounds to keep: we  
walked a - cross the surg - ing deep and in the storm lay calm in sleep: we  
made the storm - y cha - os cease and gave us life and light and peace: we  
rock and tem - pest, flood and flame, pro - tect them by your ho - ly name, and



cry, O God of maj - es - ty, for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry, O Lord of Gal - il - ee, for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry, O Spir - it strong and free, for those in per - il on the sea.  
to your glo - ry let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* 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**

*Steven Mackison*

*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 Doxology**

*Steven Mackison*

*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**

*Steven Mackison*

# Departing Hymn: #403 (Common Praise) "Let All Things Now Living"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Let all things now liv-ing a song of thanks - giv-ing to God the cre -  
2. God's law still en - forc-es the stars in their cours-es and caus-es the



a - tor tri - um - phant-ly raise, who fash-ioned and made us, pro-lect-ed and  
sun in its splen-dour to shine; the hills and the moun-tains, the riv-ers and



stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. Love's  
foun-tains, the deeps of the o-cean in prais-es com - bine. We



ban - ners are o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of  
too should be voic-ing our love and re - joic-ing; with glad ad - o -



fire shin - ing forth in the night, till shad - ows have van - ished and  
ra - tion a song let us raise till all things now liv - ing u -



dark-ness is ban-ished, as for-ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise!"

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## The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

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

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Sunday, August 20 (Proper 20A)**

**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, August 27 (Proper 21A)**

**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)