



THE THIRTEENTH 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: #588 (Gather) "Blest are You"

Redeemer Music Team



1., 5. Blest are you who made the u - ni - verse, You who see be - yond our  
2. Through your good-ness we have bread to eat, Seeds that died to bring life  
3. Through your good-ness we have wine to drink, Fruit of vine-yard, work of  
4. Here the stran - ger is a wel - come guest Here all hun - gers shall be



death. Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with ev -'ry  
new. As the sep -'rate grains be - come one loaf, Gath - er us as one in  
hands. Let the fruits of all we cel - e - brate Spread your love to ev -'ry  
fed. Come, and know the one who brings you life In the break - ing of the



breath, Blest be you with ev -'ry breath.  
you, Gath - er us as one in you.  
land, Spread your love to ev -'ry land.  
bread, In the break - ing of the bread.

TEXT: Berakhot and *Didache*; Marty Haugen, b.1950.  
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, b.1950. 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

## ✠ 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:* Living God,  
you accept our stumbling faith,  
our misplaced answers,  
our false horizons,  
and through them you build a way of peace.  
Empower and enable us  
to bind the wounds of the world

and loose the bonds of oppression,  
so that all may confess the grace  
that is your work alone;  
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one.

*People:* Amen.

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Henry Krol*

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

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

Exodus 1.8-2.10

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Psalm 124** (*George Black*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

**Refrain**



Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

If God had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;  
If God had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us; **Refrain**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **Refrain**

Blessed be God!  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of God,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

Henry Krol

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

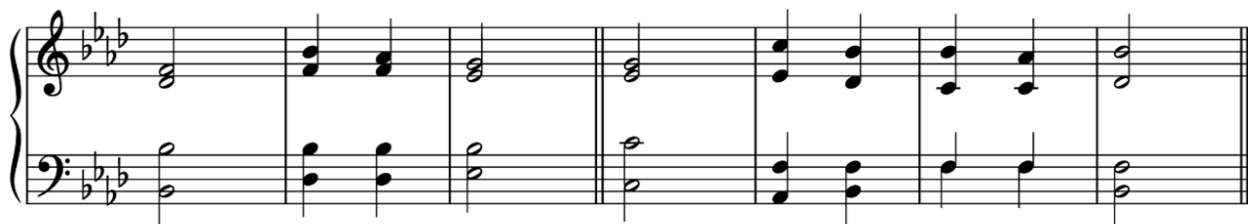
Romans 12.1-8

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Canticle:** #748 (Common Praise) “Venite” (*Psalm 95.1-7*)

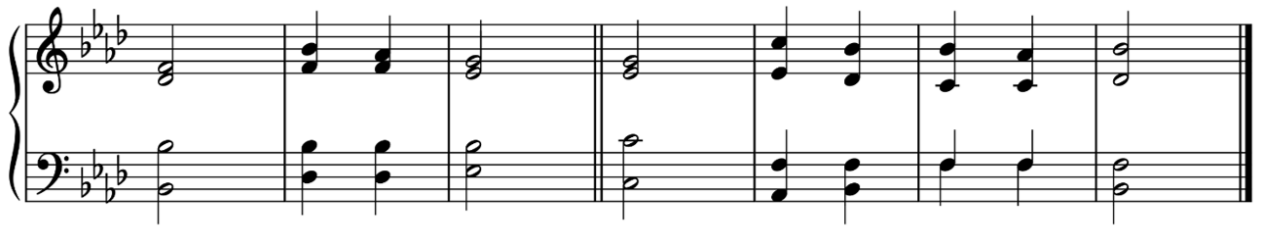
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Music: Richard Goodson (1655?-1718)

Come, let us ' sing to • the ' Lord;\*  
let us shout for joy to the ' rock of ' our sal'vation.  
Let us come before his ' presence • with ' thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud ' shout to ' him with ' psalms.

For the Lord is a ' great ' God,\*  
and a great ' king a•bove ' all ' gods.  
In his hand are the ' caverns • of the ' earth,\*  
and the ' heights of • the ' hills are • his ' also.  
The sea is ' his and • he ' made it,\*  
and his hands have ' moulded • the ' dry ' land.



Music: Richard Goodson (1655?-1718)

Come, let us bow down, and ' bend the ' knee,\*  
and ' kneel be•fore the ' Lord our ' maker.  
For he is the Lord our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the ' sheep of • his ' hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would ' hearken ' to his ' voice!

Glory to the Father, and ' to the ' Son,\*  
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, • is ' now,\*  
and will be for'ever. ' A'men.

## 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.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 16.13-20

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

**Homily:** Sylvia Keesmaat

*We pause for music and meditation.*

**Meditation:** On Gather #588

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## **The Prayers of the People**

*Christina Chang*

*Leader:* As we gather in prayer, the scripture asks us to present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God. You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgiving silently, aloud, or in the chat box during the pauses. Our response comes from the words of the psalmist:

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: who made heaven and earth**

*Leader:* We pray for the church throughout the world. As Paul writes, we are the body of Christ. Each of us is endowed with unique gifts. We pray that we might discern our gifts and use them as a living sacrifice, according to God's will. We pray for churches that speak truth to power in troubled parts of the world, despite the cost. In our own parish we pray for our leaders, both ordained and lay, particularly as we move through our 'Getting our house in order' campaign. After all, it's not our house at all. It's Your House.

*As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: who made heaven and earth**

*Leader:* We pray for the world. In the Exodus reading, we read of slavery, genocide, exploitation, in short, some of the worst characteristics of humankind. And yet, in the midst of this, we read of acts of compassion, mercy, tenderness, and love. We read of diplomacy, negotiation and rational discourse. Bless leaders throughout the world with these gifts, so that peace may reign and your creation restored.

*As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: who made heaven and earth**

*Leader:* In our country we pray for all who have been displaced by wild fires, extreme heat or storms. In our community we pray for all who are faced with inadequate housing, food insecurity, or economic uncertainty. In our parish we pray for the Common Table community, our refugee families and all our pastoral care visitors. We pray for the sick and those who care for them.



*As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All:* **who made heaven and earth**

*Leader:* We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died. We remember especially your servant The Most Reverend Michael Peers, former Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We remember Dorothy, their family and all others who grieve the death of a loved one. Give us the strength to walk with them in their grief.

*As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All:* **who made heaven and earth**

*Leader:* We give thanks for the gift of summer. For the opportunity to travel, walk hand in hand along a beach, gaze at a sunset, see the stars, taste fresh corn on the cob, mess up our face with peach juice. We pray for those who are venturing off to college or university, for those starting a new grade or at a new school. Give us the courage to overcome our anxiety about new places, leaving home, making new friends. Guide us on the path of sacrifice. Strengthen us to use our gifts to the service of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Steven Mackison*

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

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

Hymn: #388 (Common Praise) "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" Redeemer Music Team



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our  
2. See! The streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal  
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap -  
4. Sav - iour, if of Zi - on's ci - ty I through grace a mem - ber



God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a -  
love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re -  
pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering - show - ing that the Lord is  
am, let the world de - ride or pi - ty, I will glo - ry in thy



bode. On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can  
move. Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er  
near. Thus they march, the pil - lar lead - ing, light by  
name. Fad - ing is the world's best plea - sure, all its



shake thy sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
flows their thirst toas - suage? Grace, which like the Lord, the  
night and shade by day; dai - ly on the man - na  
boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id joys and last - ing



round - ed, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.  
giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
feed - ing which God gives them when they pray.  
trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.  
Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809).

## 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.

## Healing

*For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the clergy present privately in the chat.*

## 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.**

Departing Hymn: #165 (Sing a New Creation) "Shout for Joy!"

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1. Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast; heaven's own fare has  
 2. No more doubt-ing, no more sense-less dread: God's good self has  
 3. Cel - e - brate with saints who dine on high, wit - nes - ses that  
 4. Praise the Mak - er, praise the Mak - er's Son, praise the Spir - it



fed the last and least; Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth;  
 graced our wine and bread; all the won - der heaven has kept in store  
 love can nev - er die. "Hal - le - lu - jah!" thus their voic - es ring:  
 Three yet ev - er One; praise the God whose food and friends a - vow



God the Spir - it fills us with new worth.  
 now is ours to keep for ev - er - more.  
 noth - ing less in gra - ti - tude we bring.  
 heaven starts here! The king - dom beck - ons now!

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday, September 3 (Proper 22A)**

**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, September 10 (Proper 23A)**

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

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

**8 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)