



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

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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: #629 (Gather) "God is Love"

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain



God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.



1. God is light, in God there is no dark-ness. Come live in the love of the Lord.



2. Come to the Lord, receive the light, and live in the love of the Lord.



3. We are called to be God's own children, to live in the love of the Lord.



4. All of you are one, united in Jesus, to live in the love of the Lord.

Text: 1 John 1:5, 3:2, 4:15, Psalm 33:6, Galatians 3:28; David Haas (1957-). Tune: David Haas (1957-). © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

✠ 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 unity and truth,
encourage the fervent,
enlighten the doubtful
and bring back the wayward.
Gather us all together in mutual love,
so that our prayer may be pleasing to you.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Exodus 12.1-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain



Sing to God a new song.

Hallelujah!

Sing to God a new song;

sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **Refrain**

Let them praise God's name in the dance;

let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

For God takes pleasure in all people

and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds. **Refrain**

Let the praises of God be in their throat

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples. **Refrain**

To bind their rulers in chains

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed;

this is glory for all faithful people.

Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading

Murray Bryant

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

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

Romans 13.8-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: “When Two or Three Are Gathered”

Redeemer Music Team



Where two or three are ga-thered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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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 said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18.15-20

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

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The Prayers of the People

Anne Gircys

Leader: Confident in God's promise that when two or three are gathered God is present, let us pray to God saying, "Loving God, hear our prayer."

Leader: Let us pray for the church and the whole People of God that we would say 'yes' to our vocational calling to be a loving and compassionate presence to our neighbours. May we, in the name of the Holy Trinity, live lives of beauty and harmony.

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

Leader: Let us pray to God,

All: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who are ill, vulnerable, hungry, who struggle with homelessness, are alone, abandoned, and isolated. We hold in prayer refugees and migrants who are fleeing war zones, climate and natural disasters, and economic inequality and hardship. May they find comfort, support, and new lives in their host countries.

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

Leader: Let us pray to God,

All: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for hearts to listen to your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. May we be filled with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

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

Leader: Let us pray to God,

All: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for children and youth, parents and caregivers as a new school year begins. May their hearts be filled with excitement and hope and curiosity and may their worries and fears be calmed by your loving presence.

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

Leader: Let us pray to God,

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift all of these prayers, spoken and unspoken, and all the longings in our hearts to the One who loves us more than we could ask or imagine.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #377 (Common Praise) "To the Name of Our Salvation"

Redeemer Music Team



1. To the name of our sal - va - tion, laud and hon - our let us pay,
2. Je - sus is the name we trea - sure, name be - yond what words can tell;
3. 'Tis the name that who - so preach - es speaks like mu - sic to the ear;
4. Je - sus is the name ex - alt - ed o - ver ev - ery oth - er name;
5. There - fore we in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed name re - vere,



which for ma - ny a gen - er - a - tion hid in God's fore - knowl - edge lay,
name of glad - ness, name of plea - sure, ear and heart de - light - ing well;
who in prayer this name be - seech - es finds its com - fort ev - er near;
in this name, when - e'er as - sult - ed, we can put our foes to shame:
ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing so to write it in us here



but with ho - ly ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.
name of sweet - ness pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.
who its per - fect wis - dom reach - es, heav - en - ly joy pos - sess - es here.
strength to them who else had halt - ed, eyes to blind and feet to lame.
that, here - af - ter heav - en - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

Text: Latin (*Gloriosi salvatoris*, 15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Kaspar Ett (1788-1847), *Cantica Sacra*, Munich, 1840; desc. Gerald Manning (1943-) ©.

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

Back to School Blessing

Paige Souter

Deacon: Let us together, bless the journey of a new school year for our
Redeemer children and young people.

God our teacher, you help us to understand the world around us.

***All:* You have given our children minds that grow and develop in unique ways,
at unique speeds, and we are astounded by that miracle.**

**Inspire and help them to be curious and kind, gentle and strong, brave and
loving.**

We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon these children and young people and all who support them, their teachers, their families, and our Redeemer community.

Deacon: God, our friend who is always with us,

All: **Be with our children and young people as they learn and play and grow. May they know you as the friend who is always with them.**

Bless them and fill their hearts with love and wonder, and creativity and compassion. And may they be a loving presence in their schools and wherever they may be. Amen.

Departing Hymn: #487 (Common Praise) “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Redeemer Music Team



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found; brought
2. With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn; let
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess; and
4. Let strife a - mong us be un-known, let all con - ten - tion cease; be
5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son; as
6. Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon-oured be God's name; our



here to - geth-er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
let us love each oth - er well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
mem-bers of his bo - dy joined, we are in him made one.
com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Fath - er is the same.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, September 17 (Proper 24A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, September 24 (Proper 25A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)