



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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: #502 (Gather) "Come to the Water"

Redeemer Music Team



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the wa-ter.
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the wa-ter.
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the wa-ter.
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the wa-ter.



And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:
And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:
And let all who are wea-ry, let them come to the Lord:
Bring the ones who are lad-en, bring them all to the Lord:



With-out mon-ey, with-out price. Why should you pay the price,
With-out mon-ey, with-out strife. Why should you spend your life,
All who la-bour, with-out rest. How can your soul find rest,
Bring the chil-dren with-out might. Eas-y the load and light:



ex-cept for the Lord?
ex-cept for the Lord?
ex-cept for the Lord?
come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55.1,2, Matthew 11.28-30; John Foley, SJ (1939-). Tune: John Foley, SJ (1939-) © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music.

✠ 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: God of our salvation,
we falter before the demands of your word
and turn away from your call to life.
As you showed mercy to your people of old,
pour out your mercy on us,
so that we may turn from our sinfulness
and walk the path of self-emptying love
made known in Jesus 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 Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.” Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’ He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’ And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’ And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

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

Exodus 33.12-23

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed



HEAR Mÿ teaching, Q my people; *
incline your ears to the / words of mÿ mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the myster- / ies of äncient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not / hide from thëir childrën.

We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, Q God, *
and the wonderful /works you häve döne.

You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the / field of Zöän.

You split open the seas and let them pass through; *
you made the waters / stand up like wälls.

You led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through / with a glöw of fire.

You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as / from the grëat dëep.

You brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed / out like rivërs.

Second Reading

Henry Krol

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish

ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

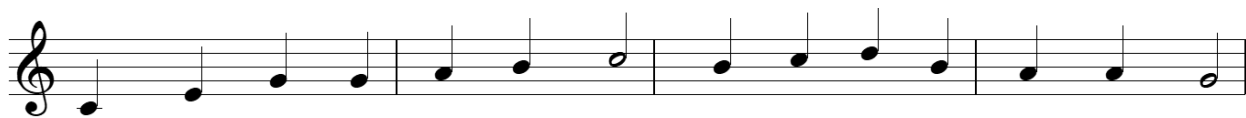
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Philippians 2.1-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #270 (Common Praise) “Lamb of God, To Thee We Raise” *Redeemer Music Team*



1. Lamb of God, to thee we raise hymns of ho - ly love and praise
2. Like the morn - ing star he rose, thine ap - pear - ing to dis - close;
3. Filled with grace and sanc - ti - ty from his blest na - tiv - i - ty,
4. Kins - man of the King di - vine, great - est of the proph - et's line,
5. Might - y preach - er, by whose word souls to pen - i - tence were stirred
6. Make us, Lord, like him to be fear - less wit - ness - es for thee;



for the saint and proph-et born to be her - ald of the morn.
 like an en - sign lift - ed high, he de - clared thy king - dom nigh.
 he, the new E - li - as, came bear - ing zeal's most sa - cred flame.
 blest fore - run - ner of the Lord, who his prais - es can re - cord?
 those who long in sin had strayed then the call di - vine o - beyed.
 faith - ful un - to death be found, and at last by thee be crowned.

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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 21.23-32

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

Homily: Anne Evers

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

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The Prayers of the People

Christina Chang

Leader: When you hear the phrase "Lord hear us", please respond with the phrase, Lord graciously hear us.

Sovereign Lord, we pray for the church universal. We ask that through your example of humility and your promised Spirit, we may do our part to extend your loving kingdom here on earth.

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

Leader: Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and power. We pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the whole world. We pray for the homeless, the injured and the oppressed. Remember for good all refugees and migrants and all those who seek to give them an oasis of respite and shelter.

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

Leader: Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Support and strengthen all those seek to bring healing and care to those in need.

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

Leader: Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: God our maker, we pray for all who have entered the shadow of death, give them strength for their journey and peace to their caregivers and to all who mourn.

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

Leader: Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: Creator God, help us to see all of the natural world as our neighbour. Give us as individuals, and also to our leaders the wisdom and resolve to bring healing and wholeness to the whole earth.

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

Leader: Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,
and prayers better than our own prayers,
and powers better than our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,
after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #137 (Sing a New Creation) "Called to Faith"

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1. Called to faith, your peo-ple gath - er, Christ our broth - er in your name,
2. Called to hope, your peo-ple serve you as they reach out through your grace,
3. Called to love, your peo-ple chal-enge all that si - lenc - es your song:



know-ing need of one an - oth - er, fac - es dif - ferent, hearts the same,
seek - ing out your mis - sion's pur - pose, be - ing Christ in ev - ery place,
pre - ju - dice and greed and mal - ice, weak ex - ploit - ed by the strong.



grow-ing in your ho - ly like-ness, o - pen, heal - ing, Spir - it - spurred,
work-ing for sha - lom and jus - tice, learn - ing how to sim - ply share
Serv - ing Je - sus in self - giv - ing, choos - ing your will, not our own,



fam - ilies formed for lov - ing ser - vice, fed by bread and wine and word.
so your will may be en - act - ed as we ask in dai - ly prayer.
we will tru - ly be your peo-ple so your king - dom can be grown.

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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: #598 (Common Praise) "Go to the World!"

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1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go live the
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the nights of
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am



cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing as the sign of
word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence in each
tears give way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant church, you fol - low
with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glo - ry



our re - birth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
time and space.
Christ's own way.
cry, "A - men!"

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Deacon: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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SEASON OF CREATION – LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF CREATION

Sunday, October 1 – 7 PM

EarthSong

Sunday, October 8 - Voices of the Land

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, October 15 - Voices of the Sea

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, October 22 - Voices of the Air

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Season of Creation Taizé

Sunday, October 29 - Harvesting the Season of Creation

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Season of Creation Rock Eucharist
Featuring the music of Johnny Cash