



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE REIGN OF CHRIST
HOLY EUCHARIST

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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

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #556 (Gather) "Canticle of the Turning"

Redeemer Music Team



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my
work great things in me. And your
stone will be left on stone. Let the
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's



spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you
mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the
king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry
mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the

bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your
end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the
ty - rant from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall
con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our

ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not
proud to shame, and to those who would for you
weep no more, for the food they can nev - er
fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us

spurn, So from east to west shall my
yearn, You will show your might, put the
earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

✠ 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: Grant us, Lord God,
a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 100



BE JOYful in God, all you lands; *
worship with gladness
and come before God's / presence with a song.

Know this: the Most High is God, *
who made us and claims us,
who leads / us and shepherds us.

Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving;
go into God's temple with praise; *
give thanks and call up- / on the name of God.

For our God is good,
everlasting in mercy; *
God's faithfulness en- / dures from age to age.

Second Reading:

Heather Bennett

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Ephesians 1.15-23

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #97 (SANC) "God is Calling through the Whisper"

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1. God is call - ing through the whis - per of the Spir - it's deep - est
2. God is call - ing through the voic - es of our neigh - bours' ur - gent
3. God is call - ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man



sighs, through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur -
prayers, through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de -
arts, through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our

prise. Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of
spair. Place of hurt or face or need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent
hearts. Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es

won-der: God is call-ing can you hear? God is call-ing can you hear?
plead-ing: God is call-ing can you hear? God is call-ing can you hear?
bring-ing: God is call-ing can you hear? God is call-ing can you hear?

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The Gospel

Paige Souter

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

(Jesus said:) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.31-46

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation.

Statement of Faith

Priest: We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;

All: **For we know that you have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbours.**

Priest: We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end starvation;

All: **For you have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.**

Priest: We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to root out prejudice;

All: **For you have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.**

Priest: We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end despair;

All: **For you have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.**

Priest: We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end disease;

All: **For you have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.**

Priest: Therefore we pray to you instead, O God,

All: **for strength, determination and willpower, to do instead of just pray, to become instead of merely to wish. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sylvia Keesmaat

Leader: Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night. We pray for peace on earth. Inspire us to continue your work of healing and reconciliation today.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All; Your will be done.

Leader: Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit all Christian people, and the work of your Church in every land. Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All: Your will be done.

Leader: Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give strength and wisdom to the caregivers and healing and comfort to the sick.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All: **Your will be done.**

Leader: God of all creation, open our ears to hear your voice as you speak through your creation. Give us the wisdom and resolve to do our part to bring healing and wholeness to the whole earth.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All: **Your will be done.**

Leader: 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 lives. Bless those who provide for our daily needs. Guide and enable all who lead and serve this community. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All: **Your will be done.**

Leader: Conqueror of death, remember for good those whom we love but see no longer. Comfort those who mourn and help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

As we pause, please your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Your kingdom come.

All: **Your will be done.**

Leader: God our shepherd,
may every breath we take be for your glory,
may every footstep show you as our way,
that, trusting in your presence in this world,
we may further your kingdom here on earth.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #114 (Common Prayer) "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for fa - voured
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, see in sol - emn
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
maj - es - ty; all who set at nought and sold him,
pomp ap - pear; all his saints, on earth re - ject - ed,
ter - nal throne; Sa - viour, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
claim the king - dom for thine own: O come quick - ly! O come



lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
griev - ing, deep - ly griev - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!
quick - ly! O come quick - ly! Hal - le - lu - jah! Come, Lord, come!

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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: #486 (Gather) "The King of Glory"

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es. O-pen the gates be-fore him,



lift up your voic-es.



1. Who is the king of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - iour and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Em-man - u - el, the prom-ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong his peo-ple cur - ing their ill-ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an-oth-er.
He took up - on him-self the sins of the na-tion.
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi-sion.

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

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, November 26 (Proper 34A – The Reign of Christ)

4 PM – Ordination of Paige Souter (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday December 3 (Advent 1)

9 AM – Advent Liturgy (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM – Advent Carol Service

Sunday December 10 (Advent 2)

9 AM – Advent Liturgy (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM – Taizé