



THE TWENTY
FOURTH
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PENTECOST

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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: #93 (Common Praise) “You Servants of the Lord” *Redeemer Music Team*



1. You ser - vants of the Lord, each in your call - ing wait, ob -
2. Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the gold - en flame; at -
3. Watch; 'tis your Lord's com - mand, and while we speak, he's near; mark
4. How hap - py shall we be if in his ser - vice found! We
5. Christ shall the ban - quet spread with his own roy - al hand, and



ser - vant of his heaven - ly Word, and watch - ful at his gate.
ten - tive stand, as in his sight, for awe - some is his name.
the first sig - nal of his hand, and rea - dy all ap - pear.
shall our Lord with rap - ture see and be with hon - our crowned!
raise each faith - ful ser - vant's head a - mid the an - gel - ic band.

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt. Music: NARENZA. Melody *Hymnology*, 1584; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

✠ 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: Brighten your Church, O God,
with the promise of your kingdom,
and waken our hearts to its light.
Bid us hasten with faith undimmed
to greet the bridegroom's return
and join the wedding feast.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

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:) “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.1-13

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

Homily: Ann Jervis

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

Redeemer Music Team

The Prayers of the People

Anne Gircys

Leader: On this Sunday after Remembrance Day, we gather to give thanks for those who died in the futile hope that a war might change human behaviour. Our readings today offer a hope that adherence to God’s word brings us closer to the justice, peace, reconciliation and harmony with creation we long for.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: **and keep your commandments**

Leader: We pray for the church. We pray that we may be advocates for peace and reconciliation among people and nations. We remember Christians throughout the world who live under the threat of violence, imprisonment or death for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The psalmist speaks of the need to teach our children and successive generations the glorious deeds of the Lord. We pray that will have the courage to speak the truth of God's healing and reconciling love to our children and our children's children.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: and keep your commandments

Leader: We pray for this parish and all who minister here, especially our newly commissioned lay anointers, Tony, Georgi, and Sharon. May all find joy in their service and bear faithful witness to the gospel of Christ.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: and keep your commandments

Leader: We pray for the world. We pray particularly for nations and regions crippled by war and violence. (Pause) We remember the victims of famine, floods, earthquake, or the effects of climate change. Give comfort to the refugee, the prisoner and the orphan.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: and keep your commandments

Leader: We pray for this country and community. Endow our leaders, Justin, Doug, and Olivia and all who govern, with wisdom and patience. Give us discerning minds to recognize hyperbole and call it for what it is. Encourage civil discourse between all with whom we may disagree. We pray for reconciliation with all whom we have offended.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: and keep your commandments

Leader: We remember those who are in need of our prayer, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed. We pray for those who are sick in mind or body and we pray that those who care for them will have patience and strength. (Pause) We give thanks for the lives of those who have died. Give us the strength to provide a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold, or an ear to listen, with those who mourn.

As we pause, you are invited to offer prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: God, we set our hope in you

All: and keep your commandments

Leader: Finally, we give thanks for all the gifts you have given us. We give thanks for the opportunity to share the peace that passes all understanding. You prepare a banquet for us. May we be willing to join and share in your feast. All these prayers we offer in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Hymn: “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” (Rev. Gary Davis)

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Keep your lamps trimmed and bur-ning, keep your lamps". The second system of music has the lyrics: "keep your lamps trimmed and bur-ning 'cause this old world is al - most done." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

Mothers, don't you stop praying
Fathers, keep right on praying
Don't you stop a-praying
'Cause this old world is almost done

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps...
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
'Cause this old world is almost done

Brothers, don't you stop praying
Sister, keep right on praying
Don't you stop a-praying
'Cause this old world is almost done

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps...
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
'Cause this old world is almost done

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

Departing Hymn: #678 (Gather) “City of God”

Redeemer Music Team

Verses 1, 2



1. A - wake from your slum - ber! A - rise from your sleep!
2. We are sons of the morn - ing; we are daugh - ters of day.



A new day is dawn - ing for all those who weep.
The One who has loved us has bright - ened our way.

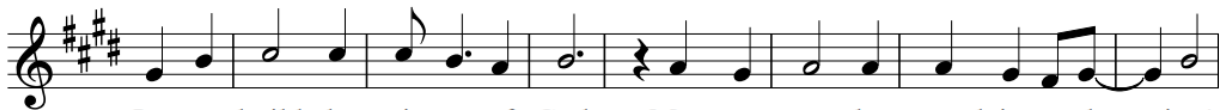


The peo - ple in dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our
The Lord of all kind - ness has called us to be a light for his



long-ing has con- quered the night.
peo- ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain



Let us build the cit - y of God. May our tears be turned in - to danc - ing!



For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3



3. God is light; in him there is no dark - ness. Let us walk in his



light, his chil - dren, one and all. O com - fort my



peo - ple; make gen - tle your words. Pro - claim to my cit - y



the day of her birth.

Verse 4



4. O cit - y of glad - ness, now lift up your voice. Pro - claim the good



tid - ings that all may re - joice!

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

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, November 12

7 PM – Taizé

Sunday, November 19 (Proper 33A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7 PM – "Sing and Joyful Be", A Eucharist featuring shape note hymns from The Sacred Harp (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

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

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

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

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)