



THE TWENTY  
FIFTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

SUNDAY,  
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2023  
AT 9:00 A.M.

The Church  
of the Redeemer

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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: #744 (Gather) "Gather Us In"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, Now is the dark-ness  
 2. We are the young our lives are a mys - t'ry, We are the old who  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the  
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way, See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light-years a-way, But here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath - er us in the  
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in the  
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the  
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day. Gath - er us in and



lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in the blind and the lame;  
 rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in the proud and the strong;  
 wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 hold us for ev - er, Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour - age to  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion Lives that are ho - ly and  
 Gath - er us in all peo - ples to - geth - er, Fire of love in our



sound of our name.  
 en - ter the song.  
 hearts that are true.  
 flesh and our bone.

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## ✠ 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

*Priest:* O God,  
from whose abundance  
all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:  
give us courage to use our talents  
as generously as you have given them,  
so that, being faithful to your purpose,  
we may share in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

Henry Krol

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

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

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

Judges 4.1-7

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Psalm 123** (*George Black*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

**Refrain**

Our eyes rest on you, God, a - noint-ing your kind - ness.

To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.  
As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
So our eyes look to you, our God,  
until you show us your mercy. **Refrain**

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud. **Refrain**

**Second Reading**

*Henry Krol*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or

asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Hymn: #601 (Common Praise) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your  
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace con -



store - na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered  
Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made  
ferred, ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel



door - gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise;  
one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bour, lest we strive for self a - lone.  
word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.  
Born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*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.**

(Jesus said) “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 25.1-13

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

**Homily:** Paige Souter

*We pause for music and meditation.*

**Meditation**

*Redeemer Music Team*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Christina Chang*

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
We are overwhelmed with violence and death.

our eyes look to you O God,  
**All: until you have mercy on us all.**

Leader: What is our hope but peace in Gaza and Israel  
What is our refuge but for their children to find refuge,  
their wounded to be healed,  
and to live in peace as we are privileged to do.  
We pray that the land ravaged by bombs comes to life again.

This is our prayer not just for Gaza and Israel  
but for wherever there is war:  
Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, to name just a few...

Our eyes look to you O God,  
**All: Until you have mercy on us all.**

Leader: We pray that you would raise up peacemakers.  
Among those in power and among those without power.  
Teach us the way of the Prince of Peace  
in interceding for the victims of war.  
May we be peacemakers in our homes, in our families, in our neighbourhoods  
and in our workplaces.

Our eyes look to you O God,  
**All: Until you have mercy on us all.**

Leader: We pray for the people who are homeless to find a home,  
for the people who are hungry to be fed and  
for the lonely to find communities where they are loved.  
Teach us how we might be your hands and feet in creating homes and  
communities of care.



And in this quiet pause we remember them by name...

We pray for those we know who are ill, for those who are struggling;  
and for those in need.

We pray for all those who care for them whether personally or professionally,  
for strength, and grace and compassion.

And in this quiet pause we remember them by name...

Our eyes look to you O God,

**All: Until you have mercy on us all.**

Leader: We pray for peace and reconciliation with the people  
who were on this land before us.

Move us from land acknowledgements to meaningful reparations.

We pray for peace and restoration in our relationship with creation.

Move us from the right words to right actions.

Our eyes look to you O God,

**All: Until you have mercy on us all.**

Leader: We pray for all those who mourn over the death of loved ones,  
that they be comforted in their grief.

Strengthen and comfort those who walk with loved ones  
through the shadows of death.

Our eyes look to you O God,

**All: Until you have mercy on us all.**

**All: We pray for our church,  
for the clergy,  
for ourselves -**

**that we would both hear and do what the Spirit is saying to the churches.**

**And that our words and actions would be filled  
with the fruits of your Spirit  
love, joy, hope  
wisdom and peace.**

**Amen.**

*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: #384 (Common Prayer) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul,  
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wond-rous-ly reign-eth, shel - ters thee  
 3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee; sure - ly his  
 4.Praise to the Lord, who, when tem-pests their war - fare are wag - ing, who, when the  
 5.Praise to the Lord, who when dark-ness of sin is a-bound-ing, who when the  
 6.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: all ye who hear,  
 un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth: hast thou not seen  
 good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee: pon - der a - new  
 el - e - ments mad - ly a - round thee are rag - ing, bid-deth them cease,  
 god - less do tri - umph, all vir - tue con-found-ing, shed-deth his light,  
 life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the A - men



bro - thers and sis-ters draw near, praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 how thy en-treat-ies have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 what the Al-might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.  
 turn - eth their fu - ry to peace, whirl-winds and wa-ters as - suag - ing.  
 chas - eth the hor-rors of night, saints with his mer-cy sur-round-ing.  
 sound from his peo-ple a - gain: glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

## 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

1. Thu-ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma  
 Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

mi - na So - man - dla. 2. Send me,  
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 3. Lead me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 4. Fill me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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**The Dismissal**

Paige Souter

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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## WORSHIP WITH US

### Sunday, November 19

**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)

### Sunday December 3 (Advent 1)

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

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

**7 PM** – Advent Carol Service