



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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: #587 (Common Praise) "Once to All, to Every Nation"

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1. Once to all, to ev - ery na - tion comes the mom - ent to de - cide,
2. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ thy bleed - ing feet we track,
3. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;

in the strife of truth with false - hood, for the good or
toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er with the cross that
though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, and u - pon the

e - vil side; some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah,
turns not back. New oc - ca - sions teach new dut - ies;
throne be wrong, yet that scaf - fold sways the fut - ure,

of - fering each the bloom or blight; and the choice goes
time makes an - cient good un - couth; they must up - ward
and, be - hind the dim un - known, stand - eth God with -

by for - ev - er 'twixt that dark - ness and that light.
still and on - ward who would keep a - breast of truth.
in the shad - ow, keep - ing watch a - bove his own.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

1 Samuel 3.1-10

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 139, 1-5,12-17 (George Black)

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Refrain:

When - ev - er I walk_ or rest, you know where I have been.

God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways. **Refrain**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **Refrain**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. **Refrain**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. **Refrain**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to
be like yours. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

1 Corinthians 6.12-20

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

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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 John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 1.43-51

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed

Statement of Faith

Priest: We believe

**All: that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Day by day, week by week, Jesus calls us to follow him. It is an invitation to be curious about what he has planned; to live in wonder as we experience his compassionate presence; and to have courage to follow the way that he unfolds before us. Let us lift our prayers to God, trusting in God's wisdom.

Compassionate One, you know the inner most longings of our heart and the fears that stop us from resting in you. Give us strength and encouragement to embrace the rich inner life that you have waiting for us.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Compassionate One,
All: Guide us on the way.

Leader: Our community, our world, our planet are mired in turmoil and destruction. Help us to imagine and live into the peaceable reality that is possible when we place our hope and trust in you.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Compassionate One,
All: Guide us on the way.

Leader: You know the heartache that people carry. It may come from poverty, unemployment, loneliness, family strife, a broken relationship, the loss of a loved one, illness, injustice, or violence. Inspire us to be your light in the world, your healing hands, and your restorative presence.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Compassionate One,
All: Guide us on the way.

Leader: All loving God, guide us with your wisdom and kindle in us hearts that seek you in the world, in our neighbours, in creation, and within ourselves. Grant us grace to follow you with eagerness for your peaceable reality.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will



go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word; I ev - er
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor the world's emp - ty praise; thou mine in -
 4. High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther; thine
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 own may I be, thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 first in my heart, high King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
 serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

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

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Sunday January 14 (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday January 21 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

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

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)