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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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President: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #688 (Gather) "Two Fishermen"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Two fish - er - men, who lived a - long The Sea of Gal - i - lee, Stood
2. And as he walked a - long the shore 'Twas James and John he'd find, And
3. O Si - mon Pe - ter, An - drew, James And John be - lov - ed one, You
4. And you, good Chris - tians, one and all Who'd fol - low Je - sus' way, Come



by the shore to cast their nets In - to an age - less sea. Now
these two sons of Zeb - e - dee Would leave their boats be - hind. Their
heard Christ's call to speak good news Re - vealed to God's own Son. Su -
leave be - hind what keeps you bound To trap - pings of our day, And



Je - sus watched them from a - far Then called them each by name; It
work and all they held so dear they left be - side their nets. Their
san - na, Mar - y, Mag - da - lene Who trav - eled with your Lord, You



changed their lives, these sim - ple men; They'd nev - er be the same.
names they'd heard as Je - sus called; They came with - out re - gret.
min - is - tered to him with joy For he is God a - dored.
still he speaks in var - ied ways To those his call will hear.

Refrain



Leave all things you have And come and fol - low me, And come and fol - low me.

✠ 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.

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: God of salvation,
the splendour of your glory dispels the darkness of earth,
for in Christ we see the nearness of your kingdom.
Now make us quick to follow him,
and eager to proclaim the good news of the gospel.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in Mon â-me se-re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de". The second system continues the lyrics: "God my peace_ and joy. On-ly in God my lui vient mon se-lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon". The third system concludes with: "soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. â-me se-re-po-se, se-re-pose en paix." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, slurs, and dynamic markings like "fine".

Text: Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly my hope is in God,
Who alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken. **Refrain**

In God is my safety and my honour;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust always in God, O people,
pour out your hearts before God our refuge. **Refrain**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together. **Refrain**

Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase,
set not your heart upon it. **Refrain**

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O God,
according to our deeds you repay us. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Abigail Young

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

Redeemer Music Team

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1.14-20

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

Homily: Paul MacLean

A moment of silence is observed

Statement of Faith

Steven Mackison

Priest: We believe in God

All: **who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

Priest: We believe in Jesus Christ,

All: **flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in the body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable
loved the unlovable
and endured slander, persecution and death.**

Priest: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth through Christ's suffering love.

All: **He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven
to be present in all times to all people.**

Priest: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: **who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics,
through justice, care of creation
and the healing of the nations.**

Priest: We celebrate the potential God has given:

All: **the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls,
the promise of good things in store
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

Leader: We have heard in the Psalm today that God is our unshakeable fortress, our deliverer, even when things are bad and hope is faint. Therefore, in faith let us come before our God and Creator in prayer, with confidence and reverence.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: Merciful God, sometimes we lose sight of all that we are thankful for, and we get distracted by the stresses and anxieties of our lives. Right now, in the silence, we open our hearts to the things for which each of us are grateful this morning - family, community, beautiful places and people, music, laughter - and we give you thanks.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: God our deliverer, we live in complicated and sometimes dangerous times. We pray for all those who are called to govern, serve and protect us – our political leaders, faith leaders, first responders, social service agencies, health care workers. We hold them up to you and pray that each one will be given strength and perseverance to carry out their work with diligence and love. Help us to always look for ways to support and encourage them.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: Creator God, we are in a time of climate crisis and sometimes we ache with anxiety and grief, doing what we can, pleading with our political and religious leaders to act decisively. And yet, we see the growing awakening of people who are advocating, researching, teaching, inventing ways to create a new, sustainable society, and we are grateful and hopeful. Lord, in your mercy, save us.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: God of peace, the world is full of unspeakable violence. There are conflicts in many places that we barely hear about, and we think constantly of the wars in Ukraine, and in Israel-Palestine. All are wreaking unimaginable destruction and suffering on innocent civilians and on the land. We celebrate all advocating for peace, the peacemakers, negotiators and advocates, medical and aid workers, and those taking to the streets. Lord, in your mercy, save us.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: God of Love, you have shown us that you are always on the side of the poor, the afflicted and the oppressed, and that you call on your followers to serve the poor. We pray for the work, for the staff and volunteers, and the guests of the Common Table ministry of our community. We each commit ourselves to sacrificially support our work together with our time, prayers and money.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: Compassionate God, there are those among us who are facing trials and difficulties, illness, addiction and poverty. We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning who need healing and strength. We pray for those who have died, and for those that mourn their loss.

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

Leader: In God alone our soul finds rest

All: **For our deliverance comes from God.**

Leader: Our God, we humbly bring our prayers to you in the name of Jesus our friend and redeemer, who brings hope, rest and deliverance.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**



1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you Rul - er of our thought and will,
 2. King of life, you have cre - a - ted wheat in gold - en har - vest spread:
 3. King of mer - cy, you have saved us from the haunt - ing sense of loss,
 4. King tri - um - phant, King vic - to - rious, take your throne our hearts with - in,



each de - mand of your high chal - lenge ded - i - cat - ed to ful - fil;
 make your ser - vants strong to serve you by the gift of dai - ly bread.
 nail - ing in your vast com - pas - sion sin's in - dict - ment to the cross.
 lest the might of fierce temp - ta - tion snare us in - to dead - ly sin.



we with you by grace co - work - ers, till, where hu - man foot has trod,
 Feed us with your bod - y bro - ken with your blood out - poured sus - tain,
 Those who love, by your sore ang - uish, from the past you cleanse and free,
 By the Spir - it's rich a - noint - ing, grant us strength life's race to run,



peo - ples, kings, do - min - ions, rac - es, own the em - pire of our God.
 that our souls di - vine - ly strenth - ened may the life e - ter - nal gain.
 breath - ing words of ab - so - lu - tion throned and reign - ing from the tree.
 till the power of sin be van - quished, till the prize of God be won.

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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

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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Departing Hymn: #432 (Common Praise) "Jesus Calls Us"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Je - sus calls us! O'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea,
2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear thy call,



day by day his sweet voice sound-eth, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me!"
turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
still he calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday January 21 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday January 28 (Fourth Sunday after the 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)