



**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024, 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



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### Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### Opening Hymn: "Pilgrim" *(Steve Earle)*

*Redeemer Music Team*

I am just a pilgrim on this road, boys  
This ain't never been my home

Sometimes the road was rocky long the way, boys  
But I was never travelin alone

We'll meet again on some bright highway  
Songs to sing and tales to tell  
But I am just a pilgrim on this road, boys  
Until I see you fare thee well

Ain't no need to cry for me, boys  
Somewhere down the road you'll understand

Cause I expect to touch his hand, boys  
I'll put a word in for you if I can

We'll meet again on some bright highway  
Songs to sing and tales to tell  
But I am just a pilgrim on this road, boys  
Until I see you fare thee well

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## The Penitential Rite

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray. Almighty God,

*All:* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest:* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

*People:* **whose mercy endures forever.**

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ

as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

## Confession and Absolution

*Priest:* Most merciful God,

*People:* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Faithful God,  
may we set our minds and wills to yours,  
and take up our cross,  
following Christ with confidence  
for the glory you reveal in him;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

Abigail Young

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

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

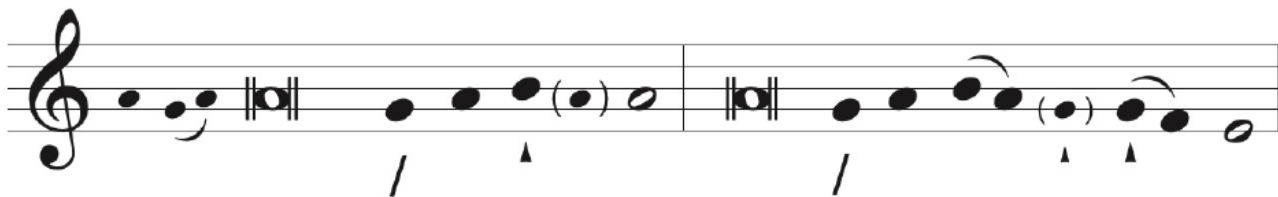
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*All:* Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 22:23-30



**GIVE PRAISE, all / you that fear God; \***

**Stand in awe, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of / Jacob's line, give glöry.**

**For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is your face / hidden from them; \***  
**but when they / cry to yöu, you hëar them.**

**My praise is of you in the / great assembly; \***  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who wörship you.**

**The poor shall eat / and be satisfied, \***  
**and those who seek you shall praise you:**  
**"May / your heart live for ëver!"**

**O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to you, \***  
**and all the families of the na- / tions shall böw beföre you.**

**For sovereignty belongs to / you, O God; \***  
**you / rule ovër the nätions.**

**To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow / down in worship; \***  
**all who go down to the / dust fall bëföre you.**

**My soul shall live for you;  
my descen- / dants shall serve you; \*  
they shall be / known as yöurs for ëver.**

**They shall come and make known to a / people yet unborn \*  
the saving / deeds that yöu häve done.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Redeemer Music Team*



O glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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## **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.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 8:31-38

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

**Incumbent's Charge to Vestry:** Steven Mackison

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Catherine Emerson*

Let us pray.

Because you, God, love the world,

because in Christ you walked it,

we dare to pray;

God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

To connect the words of ancient scripture  
to the life of the world today;  
to let the urgent summons of Jesus  
surpass our reticence to respond,  
God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

To awaken the minds of those in power  
to the realities of those they govern;  
to confront the arrogance of the privileged  
with the vulnerability of the poor,  
God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

To engage the fragile state of the planet  
with those who carelessly abuse it;  
to let the pain of those who are hurting  
awaken the caring potential in the healthy,  
God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

To eradicate the distance  
between our convictions and commitments,  
our potentials and our performance,  
our prayers and our politics,  
our faith and our discipleship,  
God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

To hold before God in confidence  
the ones for whom we weep,  
and the ones who, in joy or sorrow weep for us;  
the ones who reveal in themselves what is hidden,  
and the ones who treat as precious all we confide in them,  
the ones who, today, we want to pray for,  
and the ones who, unasked,  
today will pray for us,  
God, send your spirit:

**O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

*Silence is kept*

Convince us, gracious God,  
that all is up for redemption.  
And since in Jesus you destined all to be changed and made new,  
enable us to be agents of your purpose.  
We pray in Jesus' name:

**Amen.**

# The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

**Hymn: #525 (Common Praise) "The Church's One Foundation"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



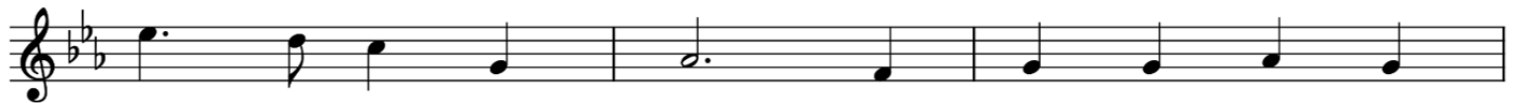
1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our  
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion yet one o'er all the  
3. Though with dis - may and won - der we see the church op -  
4. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of our  
5. Yet we on earth have u - nion with God the Three - in -



Lord; we are his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the  
earth, our char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one  
pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis -  
war, we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er -  
One, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is



word: from heaven he came and sought us to  
birth; one glo - rious name we hal - low, par -  
tressed: yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their  
more, till with the vi - sion glo - rious our  
won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; with his own blood he  
take one ho - ly food, and to one hope we  
cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of  
long - ing eyes are blessed, and the great church vic -  
give us grace that we like them, the meek and



bought us, and for our life he died.  
fol - low, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
tor - ious shall be the church at rest.  
low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## 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:* O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## Healing

*For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the clergy present privately in the chat.*

## The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

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





1. Take up your cross, the Sav- iour said, If you would  
 2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak  
 3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your  
 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly  
 5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with will - ing  
 spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your spir - it  
 fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed  
 ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a bet - ter  
 death to lay it down; For on - ly those who bear the



heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.  
 home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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**Sunday February 25 (Second Sunday in Lent)**

**12:30 PM** – Annual Vestry Meeting (in the Church and on Zoom)

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

**Sunday March 3 (Third Sunday in Lent)**

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

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

**7:00 PM** – Rock Eucharist – Van Morrison  
 (in the Church and through YouTube)