



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024, AT 9:00 A.M.

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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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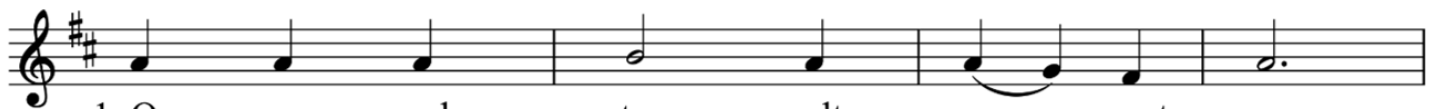
President: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #55 (Sing a New Creation) "Our Wars and Tumults Now Must Cease"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Our wars and tu - mulds now must cease:
2. From death's grim har - vest and de - cree
3. By your deep wounds, O Je - sus bring
4. Christ closed the gates of hell and fear;
5. Christ rose the third day to pro - claim



vic - tor - ious life and love and peace al - read - y
Je - sus' a - ris - ing sets us free. Now earth joins
your peo - ple freed from death's dread sting, that we may
be - hold! now heav'n's wide halls ap - pear! Re - joice and
heav'n's life's for all, for all to claim. Let peo - ple



reign! Let joy in - crease!
heav - en's har - mo - ny:
ev - er live to sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing for all to hear:
shout this great re - frain:

The Easter Greeting

Paige Souter

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: The stone is rolled away.

People: **Death has been vanquished.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death:
fill your church with faith and hope,
for a new day has dawned
and the way of life stands before us;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Henry Krol

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 10.34-43

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

This is the day our God made, let us re-joice and be glad.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Give thanks to God who is good;
whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"God's mercy endures for ever." **Refrain**

God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed!
the right hand of the Most High is exalted!
the right hand of the Mighty One has triumphed!" **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of God.
God has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death. **Refrain**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
"This is the gate of the Holy One;
those who are righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrain**

This is God's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day our God has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Henry Krol

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

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “Here Comes the Sun” (*George Harrison*)

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Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter
Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Little darlin', the smile's returning to their faces
Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darlin', I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been clear

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo

Here comes the sun

It's alright

It's alright

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.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.1-18

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Prayers of the People

Christina Chang

Lord God,

Early in the morning,

When the world was young,

You made life in all its beauty and terror,

You gave birth to all that we know.

We pray to you,

Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning,
When the world least expected it,
A newborn child crying in a cradle
Announced that you had come among us,
That you were one of us.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning,
Surrounded by respectable liars,
Religious leaders, anxious statesmen
And silent friends,
You accepted the penalty for doing good,
For being God:
You shouldered and suffered the cross.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning
A voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew
Proved that you had risen, that you came back
To those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Early in the morning
In the multicoloured company
Of your Church on earth and in heaven
We celebrate your creation,
 Your life,
 Your death and resurrection,
 Your interest in us:

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired,
New love where we have turned hard-hearted,
Forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded,
And the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
Where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

We pray to you,
Hear us, Lord of Glory.

To all and to each
Where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon
And grants us the right to begin again.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #203 (Common Praise) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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1. Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, al - le - lu - ia! our tri - um - phant
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ our
3. But the pains which he en-dured, al - le - lu - ia! our sal - va - tion



ho - ly day, al - le - lu - ia! who did once, up - on the cross, al - le -
heaven-ly King, al - le - lu - ia! who en-dured the cross and grave, al - le -
have pro-cured; al - le - lu - ia! now a - bove the sky he's king, al - le -



lu - ia! suf - fer to re-deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! sin - ners to re-deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! where the an-gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Lord's Prayer

Paige Souter

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.

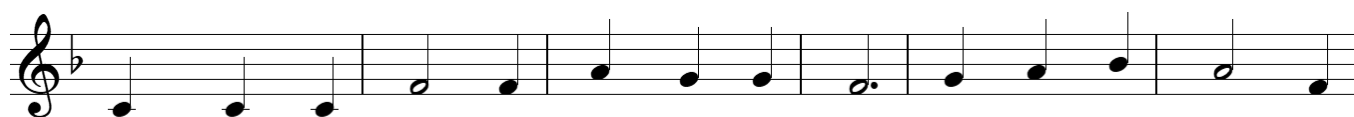
The Doxology

Paige Souter

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
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Departing Hymn: #53 (Sing a New Creation) "Christ Has Arisen"

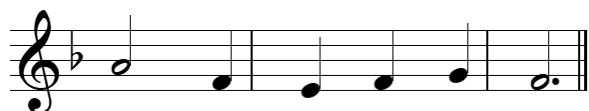
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1. Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joi - ce and praise him,
 2. For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its strength by
 3. The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Je - sus
 4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a - ris - en
 5. Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu - ia, to



al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, ev - en from
 God was dis - persed. He who gives life did death un - der - go, and in its
 who is not here. See for your - selves, the tomb is all bare. On - ly the
 this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bours are done. E - ven the
 him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing; he reigns tri -



death, dis - pell - ing its gloom.
 con - quest his might did show.
 grave clothes are ly - ing there."
 bat - tle with sin is won."
 um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

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Refrain:



Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting he has come to des-



troy. Our sin for-giv-ing, al-le-lu - ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu - ia!

Priest: Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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EASTERTIDE

Sunday April 7 (Second Sunday after Easter)

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)

Sunday April 14 (Third Sunday after Easter)

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

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