



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 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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Presider: Paige Souter

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: #115 (Songs of a New Creation) "Long Before the Night"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Long be-fore the night was born from dark-ness,
2. Long be-fore the grass spot-ted green the bare hill-side,
3. Long be-fore a chain was forged from the hill-side,
4. Long be-fore the name of a God was spo-ken,
5. Wake - ful our night slum - bers our morn-ing,



long be-fore the dawn rolled un - stead - y from fire,
long be-fore a wing un - fold - ed to wind,
long be-fore a voice ut - tered free - dom's cry,
long be-fore a cross was nailed from a tree,
stub - born the grass sow - ing green wound - ed hills



long be-fore She wrapped her scar - let arm a - round the
long be-fore She wrapped her long blue arm a - round the
long be-fore She wrapped her bleed - ing arms a - round a
long be-fore She laid her arm of col - ours 'cross the
as we wrap our heal - ing arms to hold what her arms



hills there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
sea there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
child there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
sky there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
held this an - cient love; this an-cient love rolls on.

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The Penitential Rite

Paige Souter

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

Paige Souter

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. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

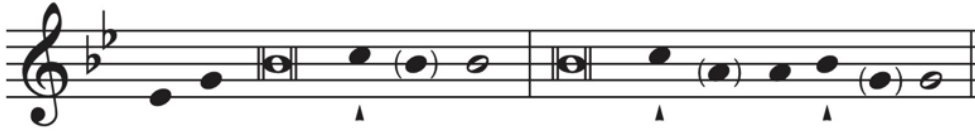
From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Numbers 21.4-9

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A minute of silence is observed



WE GIVE you thanks, O God, for **you** are good, *
and your mercy **endures** for **ever**.

Let all those whom you **redeemed** proclaim. *
that you rescued them from the **hand** of **the** foe.

Some were fools and took to **rebellious** ways; *
they were afflicted **because** of **their** sins.

They abhorred all manner of **food** *
and drew **near** to **death's** door.

Then they cried out to you in their **trouble**, *
and you delivered **them** from **their** distress.

You sent forth your word and **healed** them *
and **saved** them **from** the grave.

Let them give thanks to you for your **mercy** *
and the wonders you **do** for your **children**.

Let them offer a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** *
and tell of your **acts** with **shouts** of joy.

One minute of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

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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 John.

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

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

John 3.14-21

Homily: Susan Haig

One minute of silence is observed

Sylvia Keesmaat

Prayers of the People

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.

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

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #386 (Common Praise) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, God, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
cross of Christ, my Lord; all the vain things that charm me
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing, so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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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

Paige Souter

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

Paige Souter

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Hymn: #209 (More Voices) "Go Make a Difference"

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Refrain

Go make a dif - frence. We can make a dif - frence.
Go make a dif - frence in the world.
Go make a dif - frence. We can make a dif - frence.
Go make a dif - frence in the world.

To verses To repeat refrain



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
 2. We are the hands of Christ reach-ing out to those in



see the love of God in you and me.
 need, the face of God for all to see.



We are the light of the world, not to be hid - den but be
 We are the spir - it of hope; we are the voice of



seen. Go make a dif - frence in the world.
 peace. Go make a dif - frence in the world.



3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to



see. Go make a dif - frence in the world.



And the spir - it of Christ will be with us as we



go. Go make a dif - frence in the world.

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Sunday March 10 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday March 17 (Fifth 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 – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesdays at 12:00 PM – Mid-Week Communion