

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 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.*

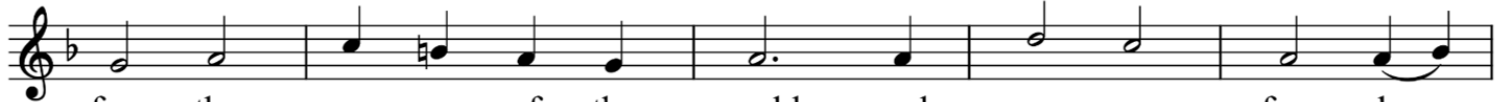
In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the 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: #120 (Songs of a New Creation) "When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son"

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1. When we are temp - ted to de - ny your Son be - cause we  
2. When we are temp - ted to be - tray your Son be - cause he  
3. When we for - get the cross that held your Son and would a -  
4. When doubt ob - scures the vic - tory of your Son and faith is



fear the an - ger of the world, and we are few who  
leads us in a hard - er way, and makes de - mands we  
void the bur - den of this life, the cry for jus - tice,  
weak and all re - solve has fled, help us to know him



bear the in - sults hurled: your will, O God, be done.  
do not want to pay: your will, O God, be done.  
and an end to strife: your will, O God, be done.  
ris - en from the dead: your will, O God, be done.

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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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Most merciful God,  
by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
you created humanity anew.  
May the power of his victorious cross  
transform those who turn in faith  
to him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

Catherine Emerson

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

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A minute of silence is observed*

**Refrain**

In - struct me in your sta - tutes, O God.

How can the young walk purely?  
 By keeping to your words.  
 With my whole heart I seek you;  
 let me not stray from your commandments. **Refrain**

I treasure your promise in my heart,  
 that I may not sin against you.  
 Blessed are you, O God;  
 instruct me in your statutes. **Refrain**

With my lips will I recite  
 all the judgements of your mouth.  
 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees  
 than in all manner of riches. **Refrain**

I will meditate on your commandments  
 and give attention to your ways.  
 My delight is in your statutes;  
 I will not forget your word. **Refrain**

*A 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**

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.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this

world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 12.20-33

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

**Homily:** Suzanne Rumsey

*A minute of silence is observed*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Abigail Young*

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**

*Paige Souter*

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

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

**Offertory Hymn: #180 (Common Praise) "Giver of the Perfect Gift"**

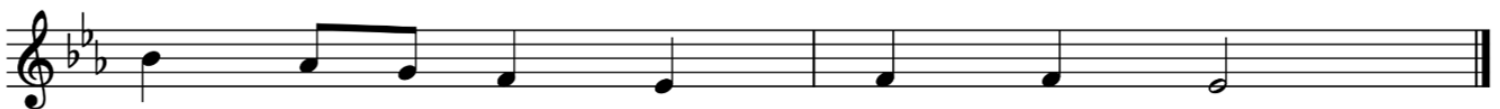
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1. Giv - er of the per - fect gift, on - ly hope of  
 2. Though the ac - cus - ing voice with - in speaks of ma - ny a  
 3. Who can save us, God, but thou? Let thy mer - cy  
 4. Oh! may these our Lent - en days, blest by thee, with  
 5. God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, grant the mer - cy



hu - man race, hear the prayer our hearts up - lift,  
 wrong to thee, thou canst cleanse from ev - ery sin;  
 show thy power. Lo, we plead thy pro - mise now,  
 thee be passed, that with pur - er, nob - ler praise  
 we im - plore; God the One, all praise to thee



trem - bling at thy throne of grace.  
 thou canst set the con - science free.  
 now, in this the ac - cept - ed hour.  
 we may keep thy feast at last.  
 through the a - ges ev - er - more.

## 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

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

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





1. Come to me, all you wea - ry,  
 2. Though we walk through the dark - ness,  
 3. We de - pend on God's mer - cy,



with your bur - dens and pain. Take my yoke on your  
 e - vil we do not fear. You are walk - ing be -  
 mer - cy which nev - er fades. We re - mem - ber our



shoul - ders and learn from me.  
 side us with your rod and your staff.  
 cov - e - nant and the prom - ise Je - sus made:



I am gen - tle and hum - ble, and your soul will find  
 On - ly good - ness and kind - ness fol - low us all our  
 If we die with Christ Je - sus, we shall live with



rest. For my yoke is eas - y and my  
 lives. We shall dwell in the Lord's house for so  
 him, And if we are faith - ful, we shall



bur - den is light. We shall rise a - gain on the  
 man - y years to come!  
 reign with him!



last day with the faith - ful, rich and poor. Com - ing

to the house of Lord Je - sus, we will find an o - pen  
 door there, we will find an o - pen door.

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Sunday March 24 (Palm Sunday)**

- 9:00 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)
- 10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 7:00 PM** – Bach Vespers (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **Monday March 25**

- 12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Tuesday March 26**

- 12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Wednesday March 27**

- 12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 6:00 PM** – Service of Darkness (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Thursday March 28 (Maundy Thursday)**

- 7:30 PM** - Holy Eucharist and Garden Watch (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Friday March 29 (Good Friday)**

- 9:30 AM** – Liturgy for All Ages (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 12:00 PM** - Good Friday (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Saturday March 30**

- 9:00 PM** – The Great Vigil (in the Church and through YouTube)

### **Sunday March 31 (Easter Sunday)**

- 9:00 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)
- 10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
- 8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)