



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Opening Hymn:** #243 (Common Praise) "Christ is Atonement, the Paschal Victim"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Christ is a - tone - ment, the Pas - chal vic - tim; he gave his life that we might
2. Christ is the great priest who sets a ta - ble, mak - ing of bread and wine a
3. Christ is com - pas - sion, with us in sor - row; he bears our bur - dens, shares our
4. Christ is our free - dom, true lib - er - a - tion; in free - ing us he bids us



- live for - ev - er. We for re - demp - tion sing in ex - al - ta - tion  
sac - red ban - quet. We for this man - na sing in ex - al - ta - tion  
in - most dark - ness. We for such car - ing sing in ex - al - ta - tion  
live for oth - ers. We for this chal - lenge sing in ex - al - ta - tion

**Refrain**



"Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God on high." high."

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## The Easter Greeting

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Priest:* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Wounded God,  
human and divine;  
give us faith to perceive you pierced and embodied,  
standing here among us,  
and feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken;  
through Christ, the suffering servant.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading:

Abigail Young

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

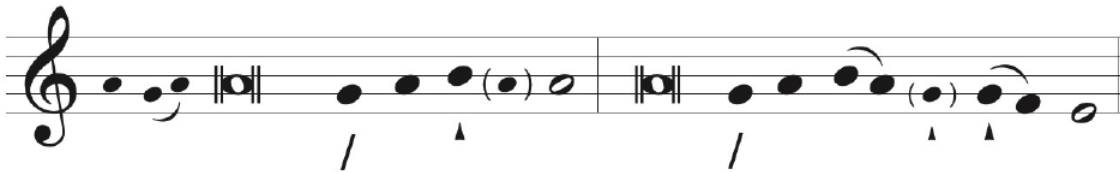
Acts 3.12-19

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 4

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**ANSWĒR** me when I call, O God, defender / of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on / me and hĕar mĕ prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you disho- / nour my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
/ and run äfter fälse gods?”

Know that God does wonders / for the faithful; \*  
when I call, my Re- / deemer will hĕar me.



Tremble, then, and / do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in / silence üpon yöur bed.

Offer the appointed / sacrifices \*  
and / put your trüst in God.

Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we / might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your counte- / nance upön us,  
Ö God.

You have put gladness / in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and / wine and öil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I / fall asleep; \*  
for only you, God, / make me dwäll in säfety.

### Second Reading:

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of John.

*Abigail Young*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sins is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 John 3.1-7

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

### Sequence Hymn: #60 (Common Praise) “I Come with Joy”

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1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and free, the
2. I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are fed, the
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends. The
4. The spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er near, is
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, by all that God has done, we'll



life of Je - sus to re-call, in love laid down for me.  
new com-mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
love that made us makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.  
in such friend-ship bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.  
go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

## The Gospel

Ann Jervis

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24.36b-48

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

**Homily:** Ann Jervis

## Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

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**

*Steven Mackison*

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

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

Refrain



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Liv-ing;



now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ.



1. Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the  
 2. Some-thing which we have known, some - thing we've  
 3. He chose to give of him - self, be - came our  
 4. We are the pres - ence of God; this is our



night. Then by your cross we were saved; Dead be-came  
 touched, What we have seen with our eyes: This we have  
 bread. Bro - ken, that we might live. Love be-yond  
 call. Now to be - come bread and wine: Food for the



liv - ing, Life from your giv - ing. for to  
 heard; Life giv - ing word.  
 love, Pain for our pain.  
 hun - gry, Life for the wea - ry,



live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

## 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.

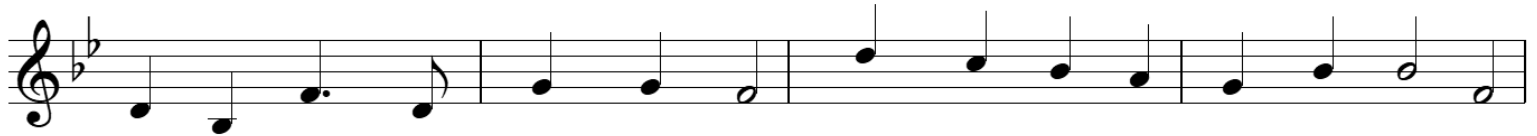
## The Doxology

*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  
for ever and ever. Amen.**





1. Je - sus lives! Thy ter - rors now can no more, O death, ap - pal us.
2. Je - sus lives! Hence - forth is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;
3. Je - sus lives! For us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus liv - ing,
4. Je - sus lives! Our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sev - er;



Je - sus lives! By this we know thou, O grave, canst not en - thral us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
this shall calm our trem - bling breath when we pass its gloom - y por - tal. Al - le - lu - ia!  
pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry to our Sav - iour giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Announcements

### The Dismissal

*Ann Jervis*

*Priest:* We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **EASTERTIDE**

#### **Sunday April 21 (Fourth 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** – Earth Day Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

#### **Sunday April 28 (Fifth Sunday after Easter)**

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