



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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:** Steven Mackison

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

Refrain



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.



This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

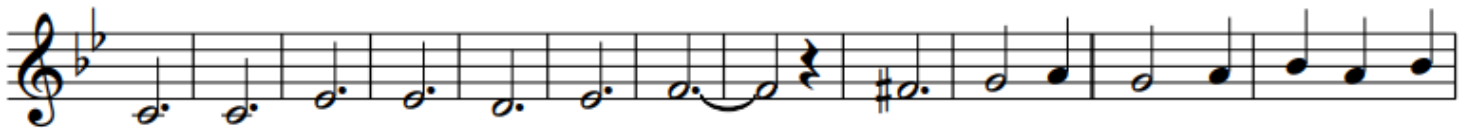
Verses



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea.



You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.



2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry.



3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.



He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

## **The Easter Greeting**

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Priest:* He has laid down his life.

*People:* **That we may have life more abundantly.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Shepherd of all,  
by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all.  
Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life,  
that guided by your care for us,  
we may rightly offer our lives  
in love for you and our neighbors.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **✠ Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading:**

*Sylvia Keesmaat*

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

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Acts 4.5-12

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

*A moment of silence is observed*



1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he makes me down to  
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth  
 3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low



lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 make with - in the paths of right-eous-ness, even for his own name's sake.  
 ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 foes; my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.  
 me, and in God's house for ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885-1960). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

**Second Reading:**

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

*Sylvia Keesmaat*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 John 3.16-24

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Hymn:** There is a Reason” (Ron Block)

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I've seen hard times and I've been told  
 There isn't any wonder that I fall  
 Why do we suffer, crossing off the years  
 There must be a reason for it all  
 I've trusted in You, Jesus, to save me from my sin  
 Heaven is the place I call my home  
 But I keep on getting caught up in this world I'm living in  
 And Your voice it sometimes fades before I know

Hurtin' brings my heart to You, crying with my need  
Depending on Your love to carry me  
The love that shed His blood for all the world to see  
This must be the reason for it all

Hurtin' brings my heart to You, a fortress in the storm  
When what I wrap my heart around is gone  
I give my heart so easily to the ruler of this world  
When the one who loves me most will give me all

In all the things that cause me pain You give me eyes to see  
I do believe but help my unbelief  
I've seen hard times and I've been told  
There is a reason for it all

## **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.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away \_ and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep; I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.11-18

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

**Homily:** Bill Ryan

## **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**

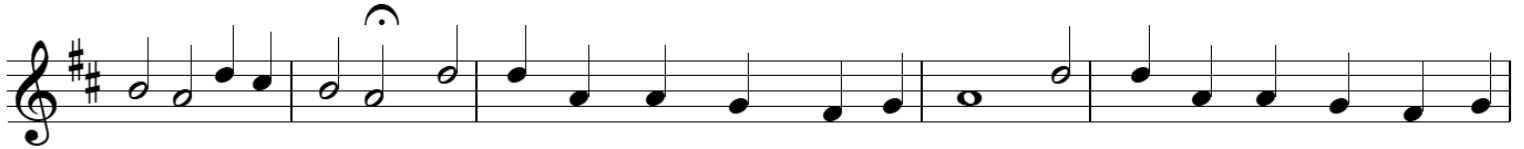
*Steven Mackison*

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

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



1. That Eas - ter - tide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fair - er light, al-le-
2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glo - rious wounds a - bide; al-le-
3. From ev - ery weap-on death can wield thine own re-deemed for ev - er shield: al-le-
4. Je - sus, the king of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy - self our hearts pos-ess, al-le-



lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! when, to their long - ing eyes re-stored, the a-pos-tles saw their ris - en  
 lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! the to-kens true which made it plain their Lord in-deed was risen a -  
 lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter -  
 lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! that we may give thee all our days the tri-bute of our grate-ful



Lord. al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
 gain. al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
 tide. al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
 praise. al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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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

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.**

### Announcements

**Departing Hymn: #419 (Common Praise) "Let All Creation Bless Our God"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Let all cre - a - tion bless our God, till heaven with praise is  
 2. All liv - ing things up - on this earth, green fer - tile hills and  
 3. Let all the peo - ple ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of



ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir  
 moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth; be  
 glo - ry; all you who know God's stead - fast care, tell



up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make  
 joy-ful, springs and foun-tains. Lithe wa - ter - life, bright air-borne birds, wild  
 out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent; sing your part you



mu-sic, day, night, cold, and heat: ex - alt the God who made you.  
 rov-ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex - alt the God who made you.  
 hum-ble souls and meek of heart; ex - alt the God who made you.

*Priest:* Go and follow in the way of the Good Shepherd. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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**WORSHIP WITH US**

**EASTERTIDE**

**Sunday April 21 (Fourth Sunday after Easter)**

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

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

**Sunday April 28 (Fifth 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)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)