



THE FIFTH 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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President: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #736 (Gather) “Many Are the Lightbeams”

Redeemer Music Team



1. Man-y are the light - beams from the one light. Our one light is Je-sus.
2. Man-y are the branch - es, of the one tree. Our one tree is Je-sus.
3. Man-y are the gifts giv'n, love is all one. Love's the gift of Je-sus.
4. Man-y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant spir-it of Je-sus.
5. Man-y are the mem-bers, the bod - y is one; mem-bers all of Je-sus.



Man-y are the light - beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.
Man-y are the branch - es of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
Man-y are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.
Man-y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
Man-y are the mem-bers; the bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

The Easter Greeting

Paige Souter

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: Jesus is the vine, we are the branches.

People: **May we bear much fruit as his disciples.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: God of deep soil and luxurious growth,
you call us from our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are,
Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Catherine Emerson

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 8.26-40

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall turn to our God.

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek you shall praise you: "May your heart live for ever!"
 O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you. **Refrain**

For sovereignty belongs to you, O God;
 you rule over the nations.
 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust fall before you. **Refrain**

My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;
 they shall be known as yours for ever.
 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
 the saving deeds that you have done. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Catherine Emerson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

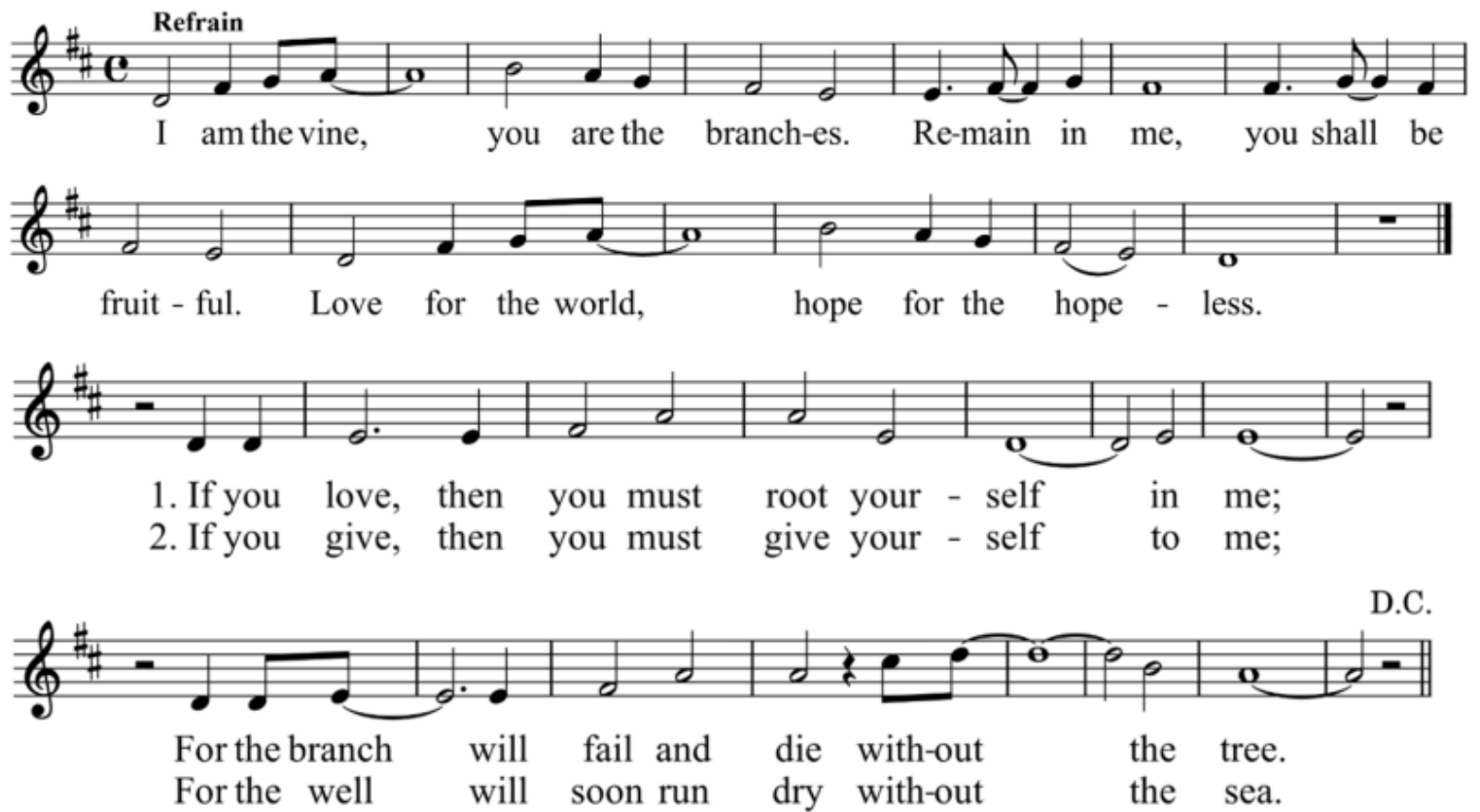
Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 4.7-21

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain



I am the vine, you are the branch-es. Re-main in me, you shall be
 fruit - ful. Love for the world, hope for the hope - less.

1. If you love, then you must root your - self in me;
 2. If you give, then you must give your - self to me;

D.C.

For the branch will fail and die with-out the tree.
 For the well will soon run dry with-out the sea.

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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.**

(Jesus said) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 15.1-8

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

Homily: Anne Evers

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

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: #622 (Gather) "Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to
2. Come, al - ight - y to de - liv - er, Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,



earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing, All your
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er
gra - cious Lord, Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
more your tem - ples leave. You, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -



your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
fore the al - might - y Lost in won - der, love and praise.

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: 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.

Healing

For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the clergy present privately in the chat.

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.**

Announcements



1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is
 2. The high - est place that heaven af - fords is
 3. the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the
 4. To them the cross, with all its shame, with
 5. They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they
 6. The cross he bore is life and health, though



crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -
 his, is his by right, the King of kings and
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -
 all its grace, is given, their name an ev - er -
 reign with him a - bove, their prof - it and their
 shame and death to him, his peo - ple's hope, his



dem a - dorns the might - y Vic - tor's brow.
 Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal light,
 feasts his love and grants his name to know.
 last - ing name, their joy the joy of heaven.
 joy to know the mys - tery of his love.
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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EASTERTIDE

Sunday April 28 (Fifth Sunday after Easter)

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday May 5 (Sixth 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)