

Parish Life at the Church of the Redeemer

OUR COMMON LIFE

This Week: *April 7 to 13*

The Second Sunday of Easter—*Sunday April 7*

9AM—Worship on Zoom *link on the Church website and through eNews*

9:30AM—Sunday Explorations *in the Board Room (lower level)*

10:30AM—Sung Eucharist *in the Church and on YouTube*

7PM—Taizé *in the Church and on YouTube*

8PM—Compline on Zoom *link through eNews*

Monday Through Saturday

12:15PM—Mid-day Prayer on Zoom *link sent through eNews*

Tuesday

12 PM—Meditation *in the church*

Wednesday

Website—Prayer at Home *an order for daily prayer posted on the website*

12PM—Said Eucharist *in the Church*

Did You Know?

Zoom Coffee and Conversation

After the 9AM service, the connection on Zoom will be kept open for a post-service coffee time. We will pause for about five minutes to allow time to grab a cup of coffee or tea and return for a time of conversation.



Coffee Time at the Church

Coffee and cookies are available before the 10:30AM service in time for those who are attending Sunday Explorations. You can also arrive early for the service and enjoy conversation over coffee or tea until 10:20AM. All who attend worship services in the church building are also invited to linger for a time of conversation and coffee in the narthex – the space at the back of the church – immediately following the service.

Kneelers

If you would like to be able to kneel in prayer during the service, there is a basket with a supply of kneelers under the benches in the welcome area. Please help yourself. It would help our cleaning crew if you would return it at the end of the service.



Children in Worship

We encourage families to sit near the front of the church to see all that is happening in the worship service. There are resources at a table at the back of the church that our young members are invited to use there or take to the seats with them. Each week, the children are invited to be part of the worship leadership.



Wear a mask

We welcome the use of masks while gathered in the church building. While seasonal colds and viruses as well as Covid-19 affect members of our community, we can care for one another by ensuring that we don't share our colds and other illnesses so...wear a mask, wash your hands, cover your sneezes and coughs and if you don't feel well, know that it is okay to stay home and join in online either through Zoom or YouTube!



In the Easter Season (April to June) we want to open our doors on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 PM. If you would like to be part of the Docent Team to welcome people who may be looking for a respite or who are interested in taking a look around, please send an email to the church office at office@theredeemer.ca.



Members of the pastoral care team are available to call members of the Redeemer community to check in with them. Please contact the church office (office@theredeemer.ca) if you know someone who would benefit from this contact.



Monthly Digital Calendars

The calendar for April is available! You can download the calendar to your computer and use it either as your desktop background or as the lockscreen. This month's image is a reminder of Easter and the beautiful flowers that were part of our celebration in 2023. The May calendar will soon be available on the website (www.theredeemer.ca) and we will share the image in eNews about a week before the start of the new month.

When you can't be with us in person...

Our 10:30AM and 7PM services are livestreamed through the **Church of the Redeemer YouTube Channel**. For those times when you can't be with us in person or would like to go back and hear a sermon or song once again, the livestream is a great way to stay connected.



[Youtube.com/@theredeemerto](https://www.youtube.com/@theredeemerto)



The **Tuesday Meditation** group that usually meets each week at 12:15PM in the area at the front of the worship space will take a break for Holy Week. They return on Tuesday, April 3 and welcome all who seek time to step out of the busy-ness of the week for a time of quiet and prayer.



Each Wednesday at 12PM, we gather in the chancel (the area at the front of the church) for a **Said Eucharist**. Scripture, a brief homily, bread and wine blessed and shared are central to this service. If you are in the area, why not take a pause in your day and join in?



Each Sunday evening at 8PM on Zoom, a small group gathers to pray the evening office of Compline. The service is about 15 minutes long and is a gentle way to close out the weekend and prepare for the week ahead. The Zoom link is included in eNews each week.



On **Saturday, April 27** from 9AM to 1PM the community is invited to help get our house in order for the spring. If you are interested in being part of the work crew let Tom Evers, Property Chair or Craig Martin (property@theredeemer.ca), Facilities Manager know. They'll have a list of tasks ready and waiting!

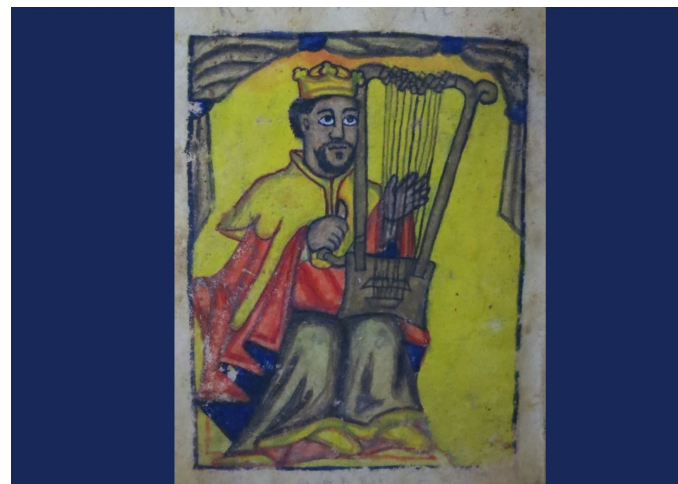


Sunday Explorations: Upcoming Dates

The Sunday Explorations series resumes on **April 7**. Join us for discussions on selected topics, Scriptural reflection, book talks, and more, Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Board Room downstairs (with coffee on offer).

In the session on **April 7**, John Deacon leads a reflection on the gospel reading—John 20.19-31. Next **Sunday, April 14**, David Townsend leads the first in a series of more or less monthly discussion on an aspect of Christian belief. This month we are Thinking About Resurrection.

The sessions are a wonderful chance to get to know one another better and to share questions, concerns, and insights about our faith and how we live it.

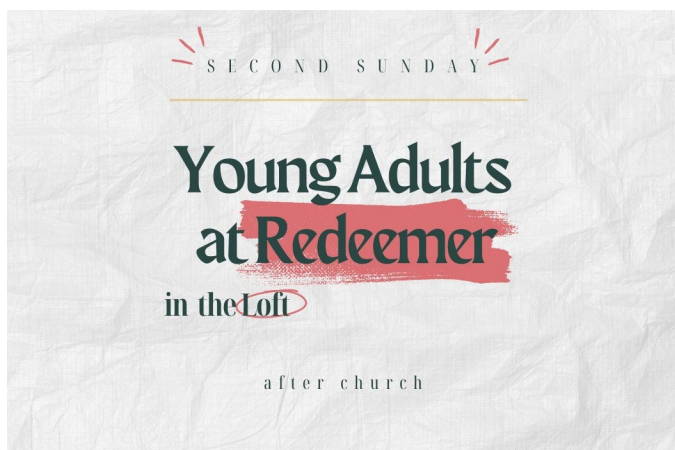


Reading and Praying the Psalms Together

Whether you don't know a psalm from a palm, or you've been praying them all your life, please join Redeemer member Prof. Judith Newman for this three-session course via Zoom!

Meetings are Thursday evenings - **April 18, 25 and May 2** - from 7:30 to 8:45 PM.

Details and registration for the Zoom link can be found on the Redeemer Explorers page on the parish website.



Second Sunday Gathering

The young adults of the parish gather in the Loft on the second Sunday of the month for a time of conversation and refreshment. The next event is on **Sunday, April 14** following the 10:30 AM service. For more information, please see Craig Spielmacher and Carol Scovil after the service on Sundays.

Getting Our HOUSE In Order

THANK YOU



**Together we can do this...
and together we are!
We have met the goal**

As of April 1, we have met the \$20,000 challenge put up by our anonymous donor during this past Lenten season. Once matched, we will have \$40,000 added to our Getting Our House in Order project.

Not only have we met this match, but this challenge has brought us over the \$20,000 mark.

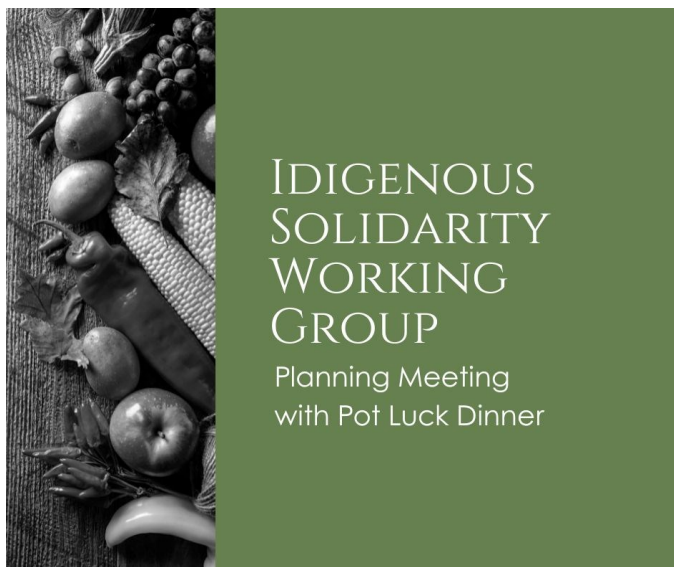
Stay tuned for a full update once we have the details from the Easter offertory tally of designated gifts to the campaign. The team thanks you for your generosity!

This money is your investment in a community we can all call our own. The Getting Our House in Order team will continue to reach out to members of this family over the next month and wrap up this exciting year of fundraising by April 30.

In the coming days, we ask you to review your gifts, pray, talk to one of the co-chairs (Richard Van Delft and Joan Robinson), and if able, donate with joy in the work being done here at our beloved Church of the Redeemer. Donation information: <https://theredeemer.ca/donate/getting-our-house-in-order/>



Did you know that the Church of the Redeemer includes in our budget a commitment to support FaithWorks? FaithWorks is a charitable programme of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. They offer support to Ministry Partners as they serve the needs of people who are Indigenous, homeless, hungry, at-risk women, children or youth, immigrants or refugees, or struggling with HIV/AIDS. They help the partners build communities of compassion and hope. As supporters of FaithWorks, we are able to help offer new life by sharing our blessings with others who are vulnerable and marginalized right here in our community and around the world. FaithWorks has provided more than \$35 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries over the last 25 years. To learn more visit their website (www.FaithWorks.ca)



Planning Meeting

The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group will meeting on **Wednesday, April 10** at 7 PM in the parish hall. Please join us as we plan the next year of events for the parish. What would you like to attend or organize?

Redeemerites are always up for a meal! We will gather for a potluck. Please let us know by email (iswg.redeemer@gmail.com) or speak to Stephen Allen **by April 8** if you plan to attend. All are welcome.



Staying Connected

Staying Connected is a monthly gathering of the community on Zoom for about one hour usually on the last Sunday of the month. At each session we hear updates on current projects, offer feedback and generally check-in on life in the parish. There is often a central topic for the main discussion. Our next Staying Connected is Sunday, **April 28 at 2PM**. Details of the topic and the Zoom link will be available shortly.



From Palm Branches to Alleluias and all the days in between, so many people came together to make the many liturgies of our Holy Week pilgrimage happen.

Thank you to our priests, musicians, lay liturgical leaders and members of the community for the part you played in the services and behind the scenes to bring to life this most special week.



Sign up for eNews

If you enjoy learning about what is happening in our community, please consider signing up for eNews: Our Common Life comes out each Wednesday morning and Our Common Worship arrives in your inbox on Friday nights. Everything you read in this print version plus convenient links for registration, access to the Zoom links and bulletins for worship services, meeting details and late-breaking news are all in easy-to-read electronic form.

Interested? Sign up here: <https://theredeemer.ca/post-17524/>

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