



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 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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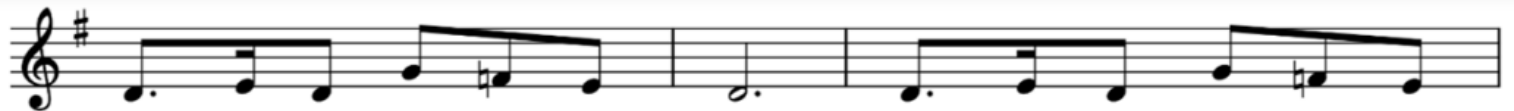
President: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #521 (Gather) "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won - ders be -
2. Now to the ends of the earth See his sal - va - tion is
3. Sing a new song and re - joice, Pub - lish his prais - es a -
4. Join with the hills and the sea Thun - ders of praise to pro -



long! Re - joice in his tri - umph and tell of his
shown; And still he re - mem - bers his mer - cy and
broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the



power, O sing to the Lord a new song!
truth, Un - chang - ing in love to his own.
horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!

The Easter Greeting

Paige Souter

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: He has laid down his life, in love, for us.

People: **That we may love one another.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Christina Chang

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 10.44-48

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 98

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LET US sing a new song to God, *
who has done / marvelous things.

With your right hand and your holy arm *
you have won for your- / self the victory.

You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly shown
in the sight / of the nations.

**You remember your mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victo- / ry of our God.**

**Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your / voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp / and the voice of song.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before our God, who / reigns in majesty.**

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and / those who dwell therein.**

**Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with Joy before their God,
who will / come to judge the earth.**

**God will judge the world in righteousness *
and the peo- / ples with equity.**

Second Reading:

Christina Chang

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 5.1-6

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Motet: If ye love me (*Thomas Tallis*)

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If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth.

~John 14

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) "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 15.9-17

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Karen Turner

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.**



1. What won-drous love is this! oh, my soul! oh, my soul! What
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And



won-drous love is this! oh, my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy-ful be Through-out e-ter-ni-ty, I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, Through-out e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use, 1811, alt. Music: Melody William Walker (1809-1875), appendix to The Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1840 ed.

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.

The Doxology

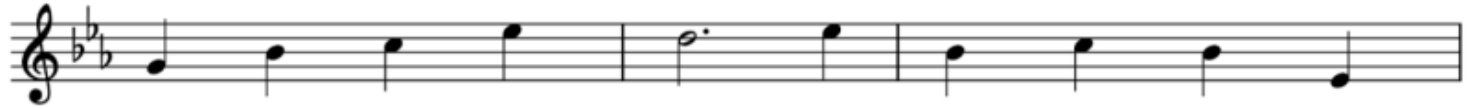
Priest: Glory to God,

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. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, your
 2. For Ju - dah's li - on bursts his chains, crush -
 3. De - vour - ing depths of hell their prey at
 4. Tri - um - phant in his glo - ry now to
 5. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



sweet - est notes em - ploy, the pas - chal vic - to -
 ing the ser - pent's head, and cries a - loud through
 his com - mand re - store; his ran - somed hosts pur -
 him all power is given; to him in one com -
 glo - ry to the Son; all glo - ry, Ho - ly



ry to hymn in strains of ho - ly joy.
 death's do - mains to wake the im - pris - oned dead.
 sue their way where Je - sus goes be - fore.
 mun - ion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

Text: Fulbert of Chartres (?-1028); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868). Music: ST. FULBERT. Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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EASTERTIDE

Sunday May 5 (Sixth Sunday after Easter)

7:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)
(Church is open from 6:30 PM)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday May 12 (Ascension)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)
(Church is open from 6:30 PM)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)