



REFUGEE SUNDAY

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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 Song: “Jesus, See the Traveler” (*Sara Groves*)

Redeemer Music Team

Jesus, see the traveler
On their long hard road
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

Lord make soft the strangest bed
Rest the weary feet
Of the mother, of the father
Of the child, have mercy on the traveler

See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

People: **for the love of God welcomes us all.**

Priest: Here in this place, there are no outsiders,

People: **for the love of God embraces us all.**

Priest: Here in this place, there are no strangers,

People: **for the love of God unites us all.**

Priest: Come, let us worship God in unity and love.

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: God, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving.

You have searched us, known us, cared for us,
and welcomed us as your children.

In you, we find our home.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
and the inspiration of your Word,
continue to work in us and through us.

Transform us into your image.

Make us signs of grace and hospitality to the world around us,
so that your kingdom would come and your will would be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Henry Krol

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Deuteronomy 24.19-22

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

Rise, O God, and rule the earth. All na-tions are yours.

God stands in the council of heaven;
 and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
 "How long will you judge unjustly,
 and show favour to the wicked?
 Save the weak and the orphan;
 defend the humble and needy;
 Rescue the weak and the poor;
 deliver them from the power of the wicked. **Refrain**

They do not know, neither do they understand;
 they go about in darkness;
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
 Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
 and all of you children of the Most High;
 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
 and fall like any prince.'" **Refrain.**

Second Reading:

Henry Krol

Reader: A Reading from First Letter from Stands on the Rock.

Above all, never stop loving each other, for like a warm blanket love covers a great number of broken ways. Open your homes to each other and share your food without grumbling. Each one of you has been given a gift, so use it to serve one another, as a good manager of the many kinds of gifts Creator gives. If your gift is speaking, then your words should come from the Great Spirit. If your gift is serving, then serve with the strength Creator gives you. In this way, the Great Spirit will be honored by everything you do through Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One. To him belongs all power and shining-greatness to the time beyond the end of all days. Aho! May it be so!

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Peter 4.8-11

A moment of silence is observed

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Shining Light tells the Good Story of Creator Sets Free.

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

A scroll keeper, one who was skilled in his knowledge of tribal law, came to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to test him and trap him in his words. “Wisdomkeeper,” he said. “What path must I walk to have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony?” He answered him, “What is written in our tribal law about this? Tell me, how do you see it?” The scroll keeper spoke from the words of the law, “You must love the Great Spirit from deep within, with the strength of your arms, the thoughts of your mind, and the courage of your heart, and you must love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourselves.” “You have answered well,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said back to him. “If you walk this path you will live.”

But the scroll keeper, wanting to look good to others, asked him, “Who are my fellow human beings?” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) answered him with a story. “There was a man walking the road from Village of Peace (Jerusalem) to Moon Village (Jericho). On the way he was attacked by thieves, who beat him, stripped him of his clothes, and left him bleeding to death. “Now it happened that a holy man was on the same road, not far behind. When he saw the man, he went around him on the other side of the road. Not far behind him was another man, also from the tribe holy men are chosen from.

When he saw the wounded man, he did the same thing as the holy man. “Then a man from High Place (Samaria), who was also walking the road, saw the wounded man. Even though he was not a Tribal Member but a mixed blood despised by the tribal people, he felt pity for the man. He helped him by pouring good medicine on his wounds and wrapping them in a cloth. He put the man on his own animal and took him to a lodging house to care for him. “The next day, when the man of High Place (Samaria) was leaving, he gave from his own money pouch to the keeper of the lodging house. ‘Use this to care for him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will give you anything more that is needed.’” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) then looked at the scroll keeper and said, “Which one of these three acted as a fellow human being to the man who was attacked by the thieves?” The scroll keeper answered, “The one who had pity on him.” “Go,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said, “and walk in the same way.”

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 10.25-37

Sermon: Paul Maclean

A moment of silence is observed.

Statement of Faith (*Rev. Jose Luis Casal*)

Steven Mackison

Priest: Together we say:

All: **I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.
I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners
and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.**

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: We recall that Jesus was a refugee. His parents fled with him to a different country seeking safety as those in authority sought to end his life.

God our refuge, we hold in our hearts those who flee their homes seeking safety in a new place. With courage they face fear, uncertainty, discomfort and hardship. May all nations and peoples be filled with a spirit of compassion and grace to welcome them with open arms.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving God,

All: **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for families and persons who face impossible choices. We pray for parents who make the difficult decision to take their children away from their homes and communities, for children who leave parents who are unable to travel, and for families that must separate and find different paths to safety. May they travel safely, find a safe and welcoming place to rest, and quickly be reunited with their loved ones.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving God,
All: **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for refugees and displaced peoples who are too often treated as a stranger not worthy of respect or love, and are threatened with confinement and deportation. May we see all refugees as fellow human beings deserving of protection, treated with dignity and welcomed with hospitable hearts.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving God,
All: **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those living in refugee camps and for those whose housing is inadequate and insufficient for privacy or proper hygiene. We pray for those waiting to resettle in new countries. May an abundance of humanitarian relief and resettlement resources be provided and may the agencies working to meet these demands, including the PWRDF and AURA be sustained, encouraged, and strengthened.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving God,
All: **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for an end to the causes of displacement and migration that have led to the refugee crises in our world: climate change, war, economic disparity, and repressive regimes. May we be advocates for peace, acting with courage and strength to be people of compassion and justice.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving God,
All: **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader: God our refuge, we know that you love all people. Help us to be the instruments of your love and peace in the world. Help us to be a hospitable and compassionate community welcoming and supporting refugees and all in need.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**



1. The church of Christ in every age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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

Concluding Hymn: #658 (Gather) "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Redeemer Music Team



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vour of life, O peo - ple:
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice:
King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and love our home-land:



Life in the King - dom of God!
Shine for the King - dom of God!
Grow in the King - dom of God!
Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the
King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,
Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday June 16 (Refugee Sunday)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday June 23 (National Indigenous Day of Prayer)

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

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)