



PROPER 17B – SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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



1. To - day I a-wake and God is be - fore me. At
 2. To - day I a - rise and Christ is be - side me. He
 3. To - day I af - firm the Spir - it with - in me At
 4. To - day I en - joy the Trin - i - ty round me, A -



night, as I dreamt, he sum-moned the day; For
 walked through the dark to scat - ter new light. Yes,
 wor - ship and work, in strug - gle and rest. The
 bove and be - neath, be - fore and be - hind; The



God nev - er sleeps but pat - terns the morn - ing With
 Christ is a - live, and beck - ons his peo - ple To
 Spir - it in - spires all life which is chang - ing From
 Mak - er, the Son, the Spir - it to - geth - er They



slith - ers of gold or glo - ry in gray.
 hope and to heal, re - sist and in - vite.
 fear - ing to faith, from bro - ken to blest.
 called me to life and call me their friend.

Text: John L. Bell (1949-). Tune: SLITHERS OF GOLD, John L. Bell (1949-) © 1989, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

Steven Mackison

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

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: In your compassionate love, O God,
you nourish us with words of life and bread of blessing.
Grant that Jesus may calm our fears,
and move our hearts to praise your goodness
by sharing our bread with others.

All: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Catherine Emerson

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

Our God looks down from heaven up - on us all.

The hearts of fools say,
 “There is no power in Love.”
 They live in illusion; they torture themselves and others;
 They walk alone in utter darkness calling it light. **Refrain**

Love looks into the heart of every person,
 to see if any act with wisdom, if any seek to walk with Love.
 Many there are who have gone astray,
 who are ruled by greed and power.
 Is there one who is wise and kind? **Refrain**

Have they no knowledge, all the ignorant, who devour people and nations
 as if they were bread, and never call upon Love?
 One day terror will reign in their hearts;
 for Love’s friend is Truth
 and in Truth will those who seek Love’s way be set free. **Refrain**

O that the hearts of all Love’s children might call upon their angels!
 O that all people, all nations might know that harmony and beauty reside in diversity,
 that we are all One in Love Consciousness!
 O that we may rejoice in Life
 in the abundance of Love’s gifts created and given to all! **Refrain**

A moment of silence is observed.

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.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they

were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 6:1-21

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Abigail Young

Leader: Knowing that God hears our prayers, we pray with humble and faithful hearts for the church, the world, and creation.

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for the church that its structures promote justice, its laws foster integrity of heart, and its ministry model compassion.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Leader: O Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our world that we will be freed from the hypocrisy which lurks in our hearts, when we seek the assurance from the world external over our faithful confidence in you.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Leader: O Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the hungry to be feed, in a hungry world that does not know how to feed one another, and seems powerless to act when it hears the cries of the poor and hungry.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Leader: O Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the protection of creation, as climate change threatens the world’s food supply, damages crops and soils and decreases food production.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Leader: O Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who are in need, with hearts alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Leader: O Gracious God,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: All just and merciful God, you know our wants, and you know our true needs. Hear our prayers, direct our hearts in the way of justice and mercy, and enlighten our minds that we may know your holy will. We ask this through the just one, Jesus Christ, your servant and our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #441 (Common Praise) "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; thee will I love, my joy, my
2. I thank thee, un - cre - a - ted Sun, that thy bright beams on me have
3. Up - hold me in the doubt - ful race, nor suf - fer me a - gain to
4. Thee will I love, my joy, my crown; thee will I love, my all, my



crown; thee will I love with all my power, in all thy works, and
shined; I thank thee, who has o - ver - thrown my foes, and healed my
stray; strength - en my feet with stea - dy pace still to press for - ward
God; thee will I love, be - neath thy frown or smile, thy scep - tre



thee a - lone; thee will I love till sa - cred fire fills my whole
wound - ed mind; I thank thee, whose en - liv - ening voice bids my freed
in thy way; that all my powers, with all their might, in thy sole
or thy rod; what though my flesh and heart de - cay, thee shall I



soul with pure de - sire.
heart in thee re - joice.
glo - ry may u - nite.
love in end - less day.

Text: Johann Scheffler (1624-1677); tr. John Wesley (1703-1791).
Music: SURREY. Henry Carey (1687?-1743), alt.

Healing

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

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



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin-king star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new;



Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo-ry of your Son.
Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
Come and make op-pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your joy-ful cries!



Dance to the life a-round you!

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Priest: Let us go in peace to love and serve God. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday July 28 (Proper 17B)

2:00 PM – Staying Connected (on Zoom only)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday August 4 (Proper 18B)

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

'Be Still' will return August 11