



SEASON OF CREATION – 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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President: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



1. Long be-fore the night was born from dark-ness,
 2. Long be-fore the grass spot-ted green the bare hill - side,
 3. Long be-fore a chain was forged from the hill - side,
 4. Long be-fore the name of a God was spo - ken,
 5. Wake - ful our night slum - bers our morn-ing,



long be-fore the dawn rolled un - stead - y from fire,
 long be-fore a wing un - fold - ed to wind,
 long be-fore a voice ut - tered free - dom's cry,
 long be-fore a cross was nailed from a tree,
 stub - born the grass sow - ing green wound - ed hills



long be-fore She wrapped her scar - let arm a - round the
 long be-fore She wrapped her long blue arm a - round the
 long be-fore She wrapped her bleed - ing arms a - round a
 long be-fore She laid her arm of col - ours 'cross the
 as we wrap our heal - ing arms to hold what her arms



hills there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
 sea there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
 child there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
 sky there was a love; this an-cient love was born.
 held this an - cient love; this an-cient love rolls on.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

Priest: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
All: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat

All: **Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.**
Cantor: Jesus knows our deepest fears, knows the pain of hidden tears.
 By his words of love and peace every heart can find release.
All: **Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.**

Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Loving God,
Creator and sustainer of all life,
you call us to care for all you have brought into being.
Help us to respond to your call to be keepers and healers of the Earth,
that through sacrifice, we may mend our relationship with creation,
and renew our relationship with you.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Micah.

Woe is me! For I have become like one who, after the summer fruit has been gathered, after the vintage has been gleaned, finds no cluster to eat; there is no first-ripe fig for which I hunger. The faithful have disappeared from the land, and there is no one left who is upright; they all lie in wait for blood, and they hunt each other with nets. Their hands are skilled to do evil; the official and the judge ask for a bribe, and the powerful dictate what they desire; thus they pervert justice. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of their sentinels, of their punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. But as for me, I will look to the LORD, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

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

Micah 7:1-4, 7

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 42 (George Black)

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain

When shall I come to ap - pear be - fore the pre - sence of God?

As the deer long for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God!" **Refrain**

I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitudes and led them into the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who keep holy-day. **Refrain**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why are you so disquieted within me?
put your trust in the Holy One;
for I will yet give thanks to the One
who is the help of my countenance and my God. **Refrain**

My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizmar among the heights of Hermon.
One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;
all your rapids and floods have gone over me. **Refrain**

You grant your loving-kindness in the daytime;
in the night season your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to the God of my strength
"Why have you forgotten me?
and why do I go so heavily
while the enemy oppresses me?" **Refrain**

While my bones are being bröken,
my enemies mock me to my face;
All day long they möck me
and say to me, "Where now is your God?" **Refrain**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in the Holy One;
for I will yet give thanks to the One
who is the help of my countenance and my God. **Refrain**

A moment of silence is observed.

Second Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A reading from Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

If it weren't for faith, I would have given up long ago. I am certain lots of us would have been hate-filled and bitter. For me the Scriptures have become more and more thoroughly relevant to our situation. They speak of a God who, when you worship him, turns you around to be concerned for your neighbour. He does not tolerate a relationship with himself that excludes your neighbour.

It is the horizontal dimension that makes our faith so thoroughly subversive in a situation of oppression and injustice. It speaks of the infinite value of human persons. We count for God because he treated us lovingly. Each one of us is the object of the divine love as if we were the only person around. We are created in God's image and, therefore, each one of us is held to be a representative, a viceroy of God.

In the middle of our faith is the death and resurrection. Nothing could have been more hopeless than Good Friday—but then Easter happened, and forever we have to become prisoners of hope.

A moment of silence is observed.

White dove flying over troubled water
And we are the white dove
and we are the troubled water

The Gospel

Paige Souter

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.**

Then Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to the ones who walked the road with him, “This is why I am telling you not to be troubled about getting enough to eat or drink, or what to wear. Is eating, drinking, and clothing yourself all there is? Does your life not have more meaning?

“Look to the ravens, the winged ones who fly about us. Do they plant seeds and gather the harvest into a storehouse? No! But the Great Spirit gives them plenty to eat. Do you not know he cares even more for you? Will worrying about these things help you live one hour longer? If you cannot do such a small thing, why worry about other things?

“Have you seen how the wildflowers grow in the plains and meadows? Do you think they work hard and long to clothe themselves? No! I tell you, not even the great chieftain Stands in Peace (Solomon), wearing his finest regalia, was dressed as well as even one of these.

“If the Great Spirit covers the wild grass in the plains with such beauty, which is here today and gathered for tomorrow’s fire, will he not take even better care of you? Why is your faith so small? Why worry so much about what to eat or drink? This is what the Nations of the world, who have lost their way, have given their hearts to, but your Father from above knows you need these things.

“If you will make Creator’s good road your first aim, he will make sure you have all you need for each day. Do not fear, for even though you are a small flock, it makes your Father’s heart glad to give you the good road!”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12.22-32

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: We call upon the Earth, our beloved home, with its beautiful depths and soaring heights, its vitality and abundance of life.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the waters that bring life to the earth, that fall upon our gardens and fields, that flow in the rivers and streams of the watersheds of the Humber and Don rivers, that fill the Great Lakes and flow to the oceans.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the forests and rocks of the Canadian Shield, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the pine and the maple and the silver birch.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and lakes, our brothers and sisters the chipmunks and squirrels, the foxes and the deer, the hawks and red-winged blackbirds, the bass and the trout, who share our beautiful home.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call, with thanksgiving, upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon all that we hold most sacred, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of love and truth which flows through all the universe to be with us.

All: **Teach us, and show us the way.**

All are invited to pray silently or aloud during this long moment of pause

The Priest offers a closing prayer.

The Confession

Paige Souter

Priest: We have wounded your love.

People: O God, heal us.

Priest: We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world, transfigure us.

Priest: We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Priest: Eternal Spirit,
All: **living God,**
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be
is known to you.
In the very secret of our hearts
you know all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame, burn into us.
Cleansing wind, blow through us.
Fountain of water, well up within us;
that we may love and praise
in deed and in truth. Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #469 (Common Praise) "Sing Praises Old and New"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Sing prais-es old and new; past and pres-ent join in one. Old cov - e-
 2. Word, from the heart of God, cost-ly, un - ex - pect - ed grace; Love, mak-ing
 3. Great Spi - rit, make us wise; doors of prom-ise op - en wide. Though e - vil's
 4. Peo - ple of hope, be strong! Love is mak-ing all things new. Lift our u-



nants re - new: new com - mit - ments have be - gun. God's soar - ing
 all things good, Light of all the hu - man race; hail, Wis - dom,
 dead - ly lies truth and good - ness set a - side, faith nev - er
 nit - ed song, show what faith can dream and do! Come, Pres - ence,



pur - pose spans all a - ges, lives and lands. Christ's o - pen, wound-ed hands
 deep and vast, shin - ing in Is - rael's past, rais - ing the least and last:
 stands a - lone, hope rolls a - way the stone, love makes your pres - ence known,
 ev - er near, re - vive us year by year. Sing through our joy and fear,



past and pres-ent join in one.
 cost-ly un - ex - pect - ed grace!
 doors of prom-ise o - pen wide.
 "Love is mak-ing all things new!"

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

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

Concluding Hymn: #458 (Common Praise) "Seek Ye First"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Seek ye first the king- dom of God and God's right- eous - ness,
2. Ask and it shall be giv- en un - to you; seek and you shall find;



and all these things shall be add- ed un- to you. Al- le- lu, al- le - lu- ia.
knock and the door shall be o- pened un- to you. Al- le- lu, al- le - lu- ia.

Refrain



Al- le - lu- ia, al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu- ia, Al- le- lu, al- le - lu- ia.

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Priest: Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia!

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

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Sunday September 15 (Season of Creation 2)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday September 22 (Season of Creation 3)

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

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

7:00 PM – Rock Eucharist featuring the music of David Bowie
(in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)



**Sunday
at
Seven**
Rock
Bach
and More

September

- 15** Taizé Among the Beings
- 22** Rock Eucharist:
featuring the music of David Bowie
- 29** Bach Vespers:
BWV 149 for St. Michael & All Angels
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