



# HARVEST THANKSGIVING SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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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**Presider:** Paige Souter

Welcome

**Land Acknowledgement** 

**Opening Hymn:** "We Will Take What You Offer" (John Bell)

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We will take what you offer We will live by your word We will love one another And be fed by you Lord

# **¥** The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God

and fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

## The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

*Priest:* God, whose word is engrained in all we eat and drink:

free us from the greed that destroys the roots of life;

teach us to eat the living bread in whom all hungers are satisfied

by the life that gives of itself, Jesus Christ, the living Word.

People: Amen.

## **▼** Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Laura Boast

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Job.

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

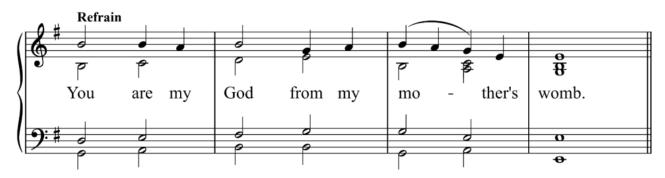
*Reader*: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Job 23.1-9, 16-17 A moment of silence is observed

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.1-15 (George Black)

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My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

by night as well, but I find no rest. Refrain

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forbears put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame. Refrain

But as for me, I am a worm and worthless, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying.

"You trusted in God; Let God deliver you, rescue you, and show delight in you." Refrain

Yet you O God, are the one who took me from the womb,

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

You were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Refrain

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. Refrain

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of <u>my</u> mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. **Refrain** 

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. **Refrain** 

Second Reading: Laura Boast

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Hebrews 4.12-16

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #570 (Gather) "Confitemini Domino"

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Choose the language you wish to use, and harmonies are encouraged.



Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taizé Community, 1982. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1982, 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

The Gospel Steven Mackison

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ. Mark 10.17-31

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence is observed.

**Homily:** Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

## **Prayers of the People**

Sylvia Keesmaat

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord Jesus saying, "That in you we might find grace to help in times of need."

Lord, we are distraught that there is so much war. That there are so many who are abandoned, so many needing refuge and care. Raise the voices for peace over the voices of war. Give courage to the world's leaders to pursue your way of reconciliation and peace. We pray for peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in Sudan. We pray for law and order to be restored in Haiti. We pray for these countries and others we now name.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord Jesus you have tasted all the darkness that we feel,

People: That in you we might find grace to help in times of need.

Leader: Open our ears to the cries of the forsaken and the oppressed. Help us do our part so the hurting

might be healed. We take this quiet time to pray for these people by name.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord Jesus you have tasted all the darkness we feel,

**People:** That in you we might find grace to help in times of need.

Leader: Turn our attention from the things that possess us to the things that truly matter. May we respond better to your invitation than did the rich young ruler. Enlarge our imaginations and our actions by your way of doing life. Renew the agencies of care beginning with our Common Table, to personify hope, mutual respect and peace to those needing hope, respect and love. We take this quiet time to pray for these agencies by name.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord Jesus you have tasted all the darkness that we feel,

People: That in you we might find grace to help in times of need.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill, isolated and alone that you would be with them in their suffering. We pray for those who are dying. May they feel your presence with the inner assurance of your comfort, hope and peace. We pray for those on the frontlines of care: nurses, PSWs, doctors, families and loving friends, many who do so without any word of receiving thanks. We pray they will be encouraged in the good work they do. We take this time to remember them by name.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord Jesus you have tasted all the darkness that we feel

**People:** That in you we might find grace to help in times of need. Amen

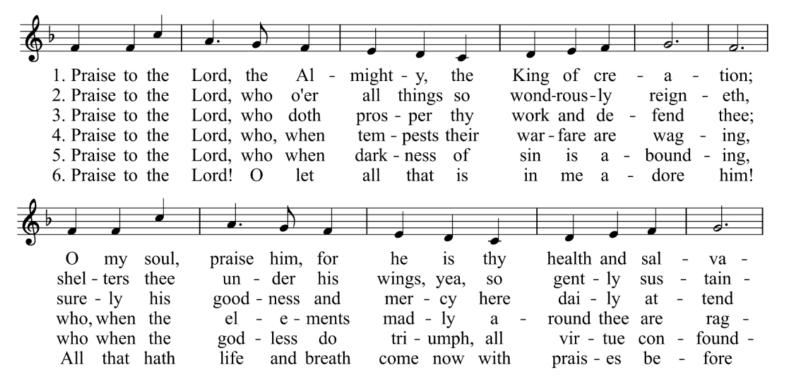
The Peace Paige Souter

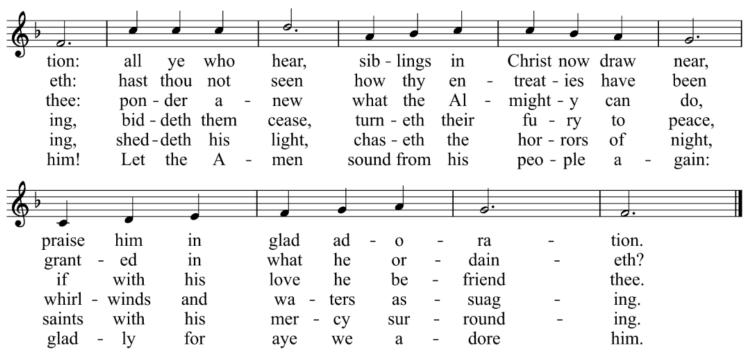
*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #384 (Common Praise) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN. Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

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## The Lord's Prayer

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**



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The Dismissal Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Go forth with grateful hearts in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

## **Sunday October 13 (Harvest Thanksgiving)**

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

**Sunday October 20 (Proper 29B)** 

**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)

