



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Advent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

We acknowledge with respect that we gather today to celebrate on many traditional lands. We give thanks for those peoples whose lands are home to Redeemer: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nation, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We pray that as we celebrate this Advent, we may help to create those things for which we wait: hope for a truthful tomorrow, a justice-filled peace, the joy of hearts and lives reconciled, and the love which binds us all as one. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The community gathers in silence. The Priest rings a bell, then begins with the following Opening Sentences.

Opening Sentences

Steven Mackison

Priest: Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted,
among the privileged,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Priest: In the private house, in the public place,
in the wedding feast,
in the judgment hall,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Priest: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience,
with burning love,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.



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Priest: That the Kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble,
that the hidden might be revealed,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Priest: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
in this place, in every place,
for this time, for all time,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Opening Hymn: #91 (Common Praise) "People, Look East"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Peo - ple, look east! The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim one more
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled; e - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple look
nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple look
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple look
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple look
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple look



east and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the bird, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness.
Raise our heads in expectation,
so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Laura Boast

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

One minute of silence is observed

Psalm 25.1-9 (George Black)

Redeemer Music Team

The musical score is for Psalm 25.1-9. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piece begins with a 'Refrain' section marked with a '3' over a triplet of eighth notes in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.' The score includes a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure and a final measure with a double bar line and a sharp sign. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff.

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **Refrain**

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God. **Refrain**

Gracious are you and upright, O God;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.
Your paths, O God, are love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **Refrain**

A period 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 Luke.

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

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 21.25-36

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

Homily: Paige Souter

Prayers of the People

Deb Hinton

Leader: As we begin our Advent journey, may we open our minds and hearts to welcome Jesus in new and deeper ways into our lives and into the world.

Emmanuel, help us to keep a holy Advent. As we wait for your coming anew into our midst, help us to draw closer to you and to each other. Help us to see the blessings of your presence.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: With open hearts, we pray,

People: **Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: With tear-stained cheeks, we see the suffering and pain in our communities. We pray for comfort and strength and healing for all in need. We hold close to our hearts refugees and displaced peoples, victims of violence, war, racism, and gender-based violence. May we be a community of welcome and rest.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: With open hearts, we pray,

People: **Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: With hope filled hearts, we seek your peace and justice. We pray for an end to war and strife, for the protection of civilians, for soldiers, and for all who have died in conflicts. May we be advocates for peace.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: With open hearts, we pray,

***People:* Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: With faith-filled spirits, we pray for our Redeemer Community and the Common Table. We pray for vision, faith, courage, and perseverance. May our community and ministry be a beacon of hope for all who walk through our doors.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: With open hearts, we pray,

***People:* Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: With wearied souls, we pray for all those close to our hearts. We pray for those who are ill, isolated, homeless, afraid. May we be a source of comfort and care.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: With open hearts, we pray,

***People:* Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: Emmanuel we long for you. We long for your kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

***People:* Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

***People:* And also with you.**

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come,
 6. O come, O Day - spring from on high
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
 who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 from ev - ery foe de - liv - er them
 and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
 and cheer us by your draw - ing nigh;
 in one the hearts of hu - man - kind;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 to us the path of know - ledge show,
 in an - cient times once gave the law,
 that trust your might - y power to save,
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 O bid our bit - ter con - flict cease,

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in her ways to go.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.
 and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 and be for us our Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! E - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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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:*

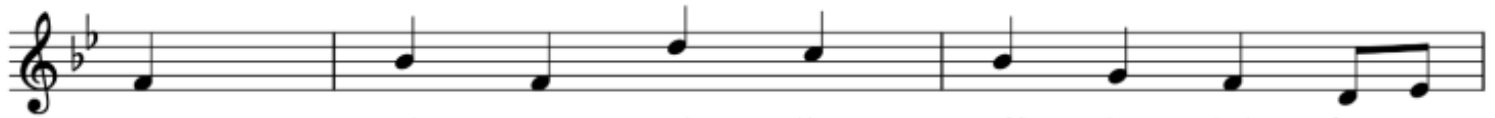
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now
to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

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.**



1. A - wake! A - wake! Fling off the night for
 2. A - wake and sing, with prais - es strong, in
 3. Let in the light; all sin ex - pose to
 4. Then rise as chil - dren of the light. Be
 5. Through Christ give thanks to God, and say to



God has sent a glo - rious light, and
 psalm and hymn and spir - it - song. Let
 Christ, whose life no dark - ness knows. Be -
 nei - ther proud, nor hide from sight. Be
 oth - er sleep - ers on the way: "A -



we who live in Christ's new day must
 love our words and works re - new with
 fore the cross ex - pec - tant kneel, that
 care - ful how you live, and wise to
 wake, and rise up from the dead that



works of dark - ness put a - way.
 all that's good and right and true.
 Christ may judge, and judg - ing, heal.
 sift the truth from cun - ning lies.
 Christ may shine on you in - stead!"

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The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in hope and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, December 8 (Advent 2)

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

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

Saturday, December 14

2:00 PM - Church of the Redeemer's annual "Christmas in the City" event to support The Common Table

Sunday, December 15 (Advent 3)

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

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

7:00 PM - Bach Vespers Cantata 191 (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, December 22 (Advent 4)

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

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

7:00 PM – Blue Christmas (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

3:00 PM - Cozy Christmas (in the Church and through YouTube)

7:30 PM - Rockin' Christmas Eve - Traditional Carols and the Rock Eucharist Band (in the Church and through YouTube)

10:30 PM - Carols, Procession & Solemn Sung Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:30 AM - Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)