

MARYSGIFT & INTERCESSION



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (PROPER 2)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025, 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: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



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Now the si-lence, Now the peace, Now the emp-ty hands up-lift - ed;
 Now the kneel-ing, Now the plea, Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come;
 Now the hear-ing, Now the pow'r, Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing;
 Now the bod - y, Now the blood, Now the joy - ful cel - e-bra - tion;
 Now the wed-ding, Now the songs, Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing;
 Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion, Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny,
 Now the Fath - er's bless - ing. Now. Now. Now.

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✠ **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.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and the princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 the work of Christmas begins:

All: To find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
so that we may show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ.

People: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Abigail Young

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

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

Isaiah 62.1-5

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

We feast on the rich-es of your house, O God. God.

1. Last time

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the steep mountains,

your justice like the great deep;

you save all living things, O God. **Refrain**

How priceless is your love, O God!

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from the river of your delights. **Refrain**

For with you is the well of life,

and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,

and your favour to those who are true of heart. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

Redeemer Music Team

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

John 2.1-11

A moment of silence is observed.

Statement of Faith

Steven Mackison

Priest: We believe

All: **that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Christina Chang

Leader: Gathered as seekers and followers of Christ, let us open our hearts to share our needs and the needs of our neighbours, saying, O Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for God's gathered community, that we may always strive to live into God's abundant love and peace.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: O Gracious God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who are victims of persecution, war, violence, or prejudice, that in the midst of their suffering they may experience God's presence in abundant and life-giving ways.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: O Gracious God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all affected by a warming planet and effects of wildfires, drought, flooding, and heat zones, that they may experience God's consolation and restorative power.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: O Gracious God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For people experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and loneliness, that their needs be met, and they know they are God's beloved ones.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: O Gracious God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our loved ones whose cares are resting in our hearts, that God may give them the grace to meet the challenges they face with courage and perseverance.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: O Gracious God,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy God, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Guide our hearts and minds to be faithful witnesses to your abundant love.

***People:* Amen.**

The Peace

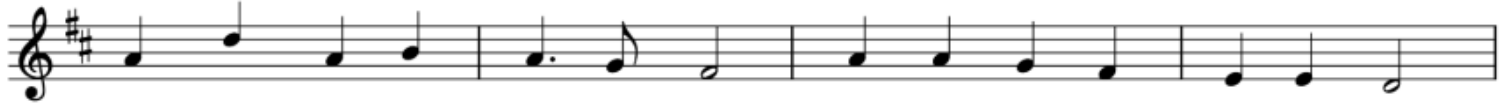
Steven Mackison

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

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



1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where both voice and vi - sion waned un - til Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - ter - ious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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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

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. Je - sus, come, for we in - vite you,
 2. Je - sus, come! Trans - form our pleas - ures,
 3. Je - sus, come, in new cre - a - tion,
 4. Je - sus, come! Sur - prise our dull - ness;

guest and rul - er, friend and God; now, as once at
 guide us in - to paths un-known; bring your gifts, com -
 heaven brought near in power di - vine; give your un - ex -
 make us will - ing to re - ceive more than we can

Ca - na's wed - ding, speak and let us hear your word:
 mand your ser - vants; let us trust in you a - lone:
 pect - ed glo - ry, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine:
 yet im - ag - ine, all the best you have to give:

lead us through our need or doubt - ing,
 though your hand may work in se - cret,
 rouse the faith of your dis - ci - ples—
 let us find your hid - den rich - es,

hope be born and joy re - stored.
 all shall see what you have done.
 come, our first and great - est sign.
 taste your love, be - lieve and live!

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Priest: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
 serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

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

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Sunday January 19 (Proper 2)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday January 26 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

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 Katy Perry
(in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)