



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (PROPER 5)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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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### Welcome

### Land Acknowledgement

### Opening Hymn: #744 (Gather) "Gather Us In"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now in the dark - ness van - ished a - way.  
We are the old — who yearn for your face.  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way. But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your peo - ple to - geth - er,  
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— all one in your name;  
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion,  
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## ✠ 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.**

*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**

*Paige Souter*

*Priest:* Lord of the deep waters,  
you call us from the safety of the shore  
to an adventure of the Spirit:  
open wide our arms to embrace the world  
you dare us to serve;  
through Jesus Christ your living Word.

*People:* **Amen.**

### **✠ Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading:**

*Laura Boast*

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

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

Isaiah 6.1-8

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Refrain**

You will make good your purpose for me.

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;  
 before the gods I will sing your praise.  
 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
 because of your love and faithfulness. **Refrain**

For you have glorified your name  
 and your word above all things.  
 When I called, you answered me;  
 you increased my strength within me. **Refrain**

All who reign on earth will praise you, O God,  
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
 They will sing of your ways,  
 that great is your glory O God. **Refrain**

Though you be high, you care for the lowly;  
 you perceive the haughty from afar.  
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
 your right hand shall save me.  
 You will make good your purpose for me;  
 O God, your love endures for ever;  
 do not abandon the works of your hands. **Refrain**

## Second Reading:

Laura Boast

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

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Hymn: #696 (Gather) “Lord, When You Came”**

*Redeemer Music Team*

### Verses



1. Lord, when you came to the sea-shore You weren't seek - ing  
2. Lord, you knew what my boat car - ried: Nei - ther mon - ey  
3. Lord, have you need of my la - bour, Hands for ser - vice,  
4. Lord, send me where you would have me, To a vil - lage,



the wise or the wealth-y, But on - ly ask - ing that I might fol - low.  
nor weap - ons for fight - ing, But nets for fish - ing, my dai - ly la - bour.  
a heart made for lov - ing, My arms for lift - ing the poor and bro - ken?  
or heart of the cit - y; I will re - mem - ber that you are with me.

### Refrain



O Lord, in my eyes you were gaz - ing, Kind - ly smil - ing,



my name you were say - ing; All I treas - ured, I have left on the sand there;



Close to you, I will find oth - er seas.

## 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 Luke.

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 5.1-11

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

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Homily:** Susan Haig

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## Statement of Faith

Paige Souter

*Priest:* We believe in God

*All:* **who is older than eternity  
and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing  
yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith  
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

*Priest:* We believe in Jesus Christ,

*All:* **flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;  
he came in the body  
to give worth to every human life.  
He touched the untouchable  
loved the unlovable  
and endured slander, persecution and death.**

*Priest:* We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth through Christ's suffering love.

*All:* **He rose from the grave as living proof  
that what is laid down in faith  
will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven  
to be present in all times to all people.**

*Priest:* We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
*All:* **who leads us into truth and freedom,  
who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
who works through prayer and politics,  
through justice, care of creation  
and the healing of the nations.**

*Priest:* We celebrate the potential God has given:  
*All:* **the life in our bodies,  
the yearning in our souls,  
the promise of good things in store  
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Deb Hinton*

*Leader:* Here we are, Merciful God, called to this place to be a part of your people around the world, sent to proclaim your abundance and mercy in the face of fear, aggression and hate.

As your name is increasingly used to hurt the vulnerable and demonize immigrants, refugees, the LGBTQ+ community, people of colour, and those who are Indigenous, help us not only to proclaim your merciful care, but also to be the hands and feet of your merciful care in the world.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for the calling of the church*

*Leader:* Open our hearts, Creator,  
*All:* **To see how you are sending us.**

*Leader:* Creator of All, the whole earth is full of your glory. And yet we have hidden that glory with war and devastation, with pollutants and pavement, with betrayal of you and each other. Forgive us, we pray, and kindle the vision of your glory in us and in our community.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for forgiveness and for the earth*

*Leader:* Open our hearts, Creator,  
*All:* **To see how you are sending us.**

*Leader:* Peacemaking God, we raise our voices in lament over the suffering and sorrow that violence and war are creating in our world: in the Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the West Bank, Syria, Russia, Israel, the United States, Mexico, and here in Canada. Help us to work for peace for all peoples, friend and enemy alike.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for peace*

*Leader:* Open our hearts, Creator,  
*All:* **To see how you are sending us.**

*Leader:* Jesus our Redeemer, you called us together to be a community of generous welcome and radical discipleship. We pray for all of those suffering exclusion and want as our world becomes increasingly hostile. We pray for those deported to countries they have never lived in or sent back to persecution and suffering; those stranded in refugee camps; and those in our community who are on the streets in the midst of a housing crisis. Show us our roles, we pray, as resisters, leaders, and servants in this time.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for the challenges of our time*



*Leader:* Open our hearts, Creator,

*All:* **To see how you are sending us.**

*Leader:* Wounded healer, you rose to new life to bring healing and restoration to all people and all of creation. We pray for those suffering in mind, body, or spirit; those who long for community, those who long for healing, those who long for forgiveness. Help us to be your agents of healing and forgiveness in the world.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit*

*Leader:* Open our hearts, Creator,

*All:* **To see how you are sending us.**

*Leader:* Spirit of resurrection, we pray for those who have died and for strength and comfort for those who are grieving. Help us to live in the hope of resurrection.

*We pause for spoken or silent petitions for those who have died*

*Leader:* Our hearts are open, Creator.

*All:* **We see where you are sending us. Amen.**

### The Peace

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

*Paige Souter*

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

**Hymn:** #434 (Common Praise) "The Love of Jesus Calls Us"

*Redeemer Music Team*



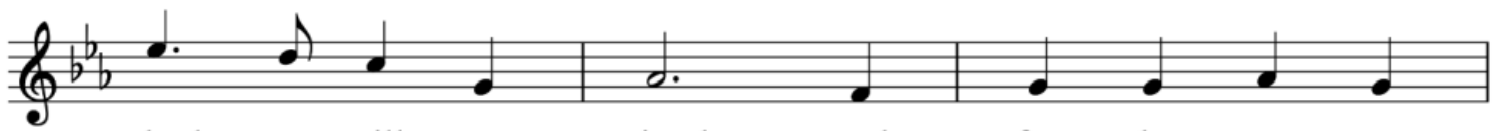
1. The love of Je-sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing; our  
2. The love of Je-sus calls us, that we may al - ways be com -  
3. The love of Je-sus calls us to go where he would go, to  
4. The love of Je-sus calls us in swift - ly chang - ing days, to



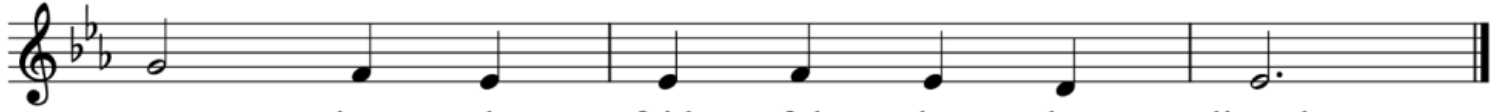
deep - ly felt thanks - giv - ings we now to - geth - er  
pan - ions on a jour - ney, where all the world may  
chal - lenge all that lim - its, to change, to learn, to  
be God's co - cre - a - tors in new and won - drous



bring, for all God's man - y bless - ings, un -  
see that serv - ing Christ is free - dom which  
grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that  
ways; that God with all cre - a - tion may



asked yet still re - ceived, and for the gen - er -  
time does not des - troy; where Christ's com - mand is  
pris - ons are no more; for those who seek his  
so trans-form the earth, that love and peace and



a - tions who faith - ful - ly be - lieved.  
du - ty, and ev - ery du - ty joy.  
king - dom, Christ o - pens ev - ery door.  
jus - tice may give God's king - dom birth.

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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

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

**Departing Hymn: #447 (Common Praise) "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Lord, we hear your word with glad - ness: you have  
2. May we hear with un - der - stand - ing, by your  
3. You have spo - ken; yours the full - ness, ours the



spo - ken, we re - joice: words of love and life and  
Spr - it taught and led; may the springs of all our  
wealth of this your Word: debt - ors, then as liv - ing



free - dom, help us make their truth our choice! Now in  
be - ing by your liv - ing Word be fed; may our  
let - ters, we must make our gos - pel heard! By your



ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion for your Word we  
hearts ac - cept with meek - ness all the grace your  
Spir - it's power trans - form us; shed your sav - ing



wor - ship you; spo - ken, writ - ten, known in Je - sus,  
light makes known; may o - be - dience mark our foot - steps  
light a - broad till our lives by love in ac - tion



ours to - day to prove a - new.  
till we make each word our own!  
show our world the truth of God!

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## The Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

**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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### WORSHIP WITH US

#### **Sunday February 9 (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)**

**7:00 PM** – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

#### **Sunday February 16 (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)**

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

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

**12:30 PM** – Pre-Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

**7:00 PM** – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)