



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (PROPER 7): VESTRY SUNDAY
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: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #60 (Common Praise) "I Come with Joy"

Redeemer Music Team



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4. The spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, by



giv - en, loved and free, the life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us
seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to



to re - call, in love laid down for me.
ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.
bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.
give the world the love that makes us one.

✠ 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:

People: **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: God of mercy,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and actions help us to follow his example,
so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;
through Jesus Christ, our great reward.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

Trust in God and do good, set - tle down and be at peace.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in God, who will give you your heart's desire. **Refrain**

Commit your way to God and put your trust in the Holy One,
and God will surely bring it to pass.
God will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday. **Refrain**

Be still before the Most High and wait patiently for God.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. **Refrain**

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.
In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace. **Refrain.**

But their deliverance of the righteous comes from God;
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.
God will help them and rescue them;
save them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in the Most High. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Heather Bennett

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

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50

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

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 Luke.

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

Jesus said, 'but I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 6.27-38

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Statement of Faith

All: I believe in Christ's humble spirit
giving birth to the holy, apostolic and universal church,
which is among us and beyond us,
before us and after us.
I believe in a church comprised of sinners and saints,
imperfect and in need of grace, yet blessed - the body of Christ.
I believe in the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

Leader: Magnificent and glorious creator God. May your name be praised in heaven and on earth. We thank you for this day; for your generosity in meeting our needs; and for all that is beautiful and gracious in the world and in our lives.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: We pray for our vocations. Lead us to fulfil your purpose in our lives and bring us safely into your loving embrace at our journey's end.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: Lord, by your spirit you fill all things; you are the giver of all life. Establish your kingdom in our hearts. Teach us to forgive our enemies.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: Lord of creation, we pray for the natural world. We pray all those who work to protect our green earth and ask that we might be given the will and the wisdom to do our part.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: Just and loving God, hear our prayer for all who suffer at the hands of others. Remember for good all who are the victims of war and oppression. Help us to care for refugees and all who suffer. Bring reconciliation to those in discord and peace to those in distress.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: Bring your joy into all families; watch over children and guide the young. Help and comfort the lonely, and the bereaved. Bind up the broken hearted. Restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Loving Lord,
All: **We turn to you.**

Leader: Christ beside us
Christ before us
Christ behind us
Christ beneath us
Christ above us
Christ in quiet
Christ in danger
Christ in the hearts of all who love us
Christ in face of
friend and stranger
We will go forth in peace thankful to you.

All: **Amen**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Refrain

Let jus - tice roll like a river, and wash all op - pression a - way;
 Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us, Come now, and
 make us a - new, that we might live just - ly like you.

Verse 1

1. Take from me your ho - ly feasts, all your of - frings and your music;
 Let jus - tice flow like wa - ters, and in - teg - ri - ty like an ev - er - flow - ing
 stream. D.C.

Verse 2

2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your
 mer - cy to dawn, the day we beat our swords in - to
 ploughs, when your peace reigns o - ver the earth? D.C.

Verse 5

5. You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace;
 to act just - ly, to love gen - tly, and walk hum - bly with God. D.C.

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.

Healing

For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the clergy present privately in the chat.

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. Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth; give
 2. For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end, for
 3. Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek; your



free - dom's light to cap tives, let all the poor have worth. The
 love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our
 har - mo - ny is lan - guage: we are the words you speak. Our



hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights, the
 var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun; on your
 faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - er's dreams, our



mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the lost ones seek the light. Make
 loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run. O great
 love in hand of neigh - bour: your spir - it bright - ly gleams. In -



lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the ir - on power; a -
 Weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one; dye our
 scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried; your



bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ours with your sun.
 truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday February 23 (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

12:30 PM – Vestry Meeting (in the Church and on Zoom)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday March 2 (Eighth 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 the Rolling Stones
(in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)