



Second Sunday after Easter
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 9 AM



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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: “My Sweet Lord” *(George Harrison)*



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Redeemer Music Team

My sweet Lord

My Lord

Mmm, my Lord

I really want to see you

Really want to be with you

Really want to see you, Lord

But it takes so long, my Lord

My sweet Lord

My Lord

My Lord

I really want to know you

Really want to go with you

Really want to show you, Lord

But it won't take long, my Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My sweet Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My sweet Lord (**Hallelujah**)

Really want to see you

Really want to see you

Really want to see you, Lord

Really want to see you, Lord

But it takes so long, my lord (**Hallelujah**)

My sweet Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My Lord (**Hallelujah**)

I really want to know you (**Hallelujah**)

Really want to go with you (**Hallelujah**)

Really want to show you, Lord

But it won't take long, my Lord (**Hallelujah**)

Mm, mm, mm (**Hallelujah**)

My sweet Lord (**Hallelujah**)

My, my Lord (**Hallelujah**)

✠ The Easter Greeting:

Steven Mackison

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Laura Boast

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

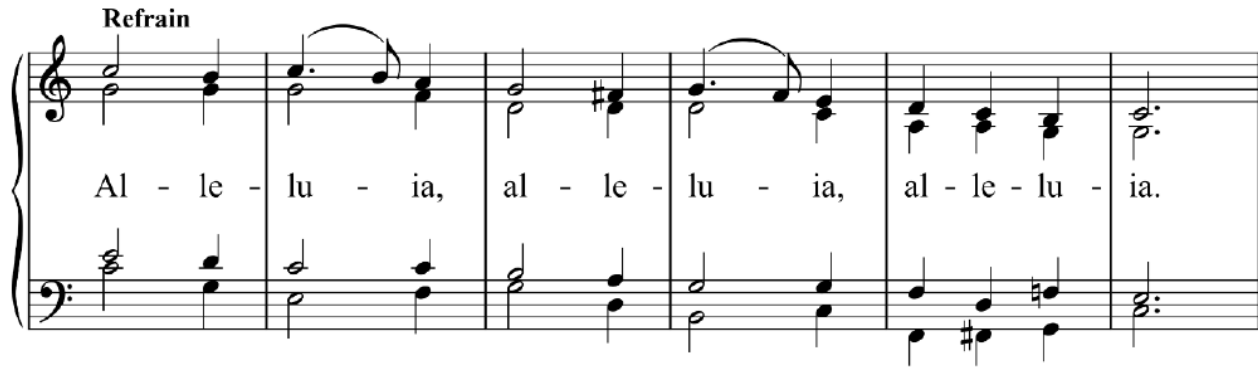
When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 5.27-32

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed



Hallelujah! Sing praise in God's holy temple;
 let praise resound in the highest heaven.
 Praise God for every mighty act;
 praise the wonder of surpassing greatness. **Refrain**

Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn;
 O praise with tuneful lyre and harp.
 Praise God with timbrel and dance;
 O praise with joyful strings and pipe. **Refrain**

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
 re-echo with loud-clanging cymbals.
 Let everything that has breath praise our God.
 Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Laura Boast

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John the Divine.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
 So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 1.4-8

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra-cious words we
 (2. We may not) touch his hands and side, nor fol-low where he
 (3. Help then, O) Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-
 (4. that, when our) life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er



hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but
 trod; but in his prom-ise we re-joice and
 bound, to call on you when you are near, and
 light we may be-hold you as you are, with



we be-lieve him near.
 cry, "My Lord and God!"
 seek where you are found:
 full and end-less sight.

2. We may not
 3. Help then, O
 4. that, when our

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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 John.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you.” And after he said this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.” Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “Unless I see the wounds from the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the wounds from the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!”

Eight days later the disciples were again together in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and examine my hands. Extend your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue in your unbelief, but believe.”

Thomas replied to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are the people who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.19-31

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: Let us open our hearts to God and to each other remembering God’s love for us and for all people.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: God of the universe, open our eyes to beauty; open our minds to wonder; open our ears to hear you as you speak through your creation. Give us the wisdom and resolve to do our part to bring healing and wholeness to the whole earth.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: God of the oppressed, we pray for all those who suffer injustice at the hands of cruel and indifferent rulers, especially for the victims of war. Give them strength and patience, and hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world will own the perfect law of love.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you were once a refugee. Remember for good all refugees and migrants. Be with them on their long and dangerous journeys. Inspire us to give them an oasis of respite and shelter.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Support and strengthen all the caregivers. Bring comfort to those who sorrow and strength to those in need.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: God who sustains us, we thank you for the life you have given us, and for your generosity and abundance in meeting our needs. Keep us mindful of your presence while we face the cares and occupations of our daily life.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: O Gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #232 (Common Praise) "Jesus is Risen from the Grave"

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1. Je - sus is ris - en	from the grave,	Je - sus is ris - en
2. Je - sus was seen	by Ma - ry,	Je - sus was seen
3. Pe - ter will soon	be smil - ing,	Pe - ter will soon
4. Thom-as will stop	his doubt - ing,	Thom - as will stop
5. Je - sus will meet	his peo - ple,	Je - sus will meet
6. Je - sus is here	in bread and wine,	Je - sus is here
7. Je - sus will live	for - ev - er,	Je - sus will live



from the grave,	Je - sus is ris - en	from the grave,	al-le-lu - ia.
Ma - ry,	Je - sus was seen	by Ma - ry,	al-le-lu - ia.
smil - ing,	Pe - ter will soon	be smil - ing,	al-le-lu - ia.
doubt - ing,	Thom-as will stop	his doubt - ing,	al-le-lu - ia.
peo - ple,	Je - sus will meet	his peo - ple,	al-le-lu - ia.
bread and wine,	Je - sus is here	in bread and wine,	al-le-lu - ia.
ev - er,	Je - sus will live	for - ev - er,	al-le-lu - ia.

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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.

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. Re - joice an - gel - ic choirs, re - joice! Re - joice now, all cre -
 2. O earth, ex - ult in ra - diance bright, il - lu - mined by Christ's
 3. Let all who gath - er round this flame, the sign of Christ's a -
 a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their voice to hail the
 splen - dour! Your dark - ness now is put to flight; to him due
 ris - ing, the death - less light of Christ ac - claim, his sav - ing
 Lord's sal - va - tion; let all Christ's ho - ly peo - ple sing the
 prais - es ren - der! Be glad, O church! Sing out your songs! Your
 mer - cy priz - ing; that all may live by faith in him who
 tri - umph of their might - y King in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion.
 tem - ples fill with shout - ing throngs to hail the glo - rious vic - tor!
 con - quered death, des - pair, and sin to make us his for - ev - er.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday April 27 (Second Sunday after Easter)

6:00 PM – Yeshe Satsang (in the Church and through YouTube)

On Sunday, April 27 beginning at 5:40 PM with sitar and harmonium prelude music, and the satsang beginning at 6 PM (note the earlier time!), we welcome Yeshe Satsang for an evening of Indian devotional music and meditation.

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday May 4 (Third Sunday after Easter)

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)