



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 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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President: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Lenten Practice

We are invited to observe a holy Lent through self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting and alms-giving. During our Sunday morning services, we invite you to participate in the following Lenten practice which will give time and space for personal silent prayer, paying attention to how the readings and homily are resting in our hearts.

- 1. Following the homily, we are invited to write down the people, places, and concerns you want to hold before God.*
- 2. At the Easter Vigil, we will take all of these prayers and include them in the new fire from which we will light the Paschal candle. As the flames of that fire dance in the darkness of the night, our prayers will rise like incense, and the light will scatter the shadows of fear and doubt.*



If you would like to support the ministry of this parish with a financial gift, scan the QR code to go to our online donation page. We thank you for your generosity.

Opening Hymn: #177 (Common Praise) "A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord"

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1. A spend - thrift lov - er is the Lord who
2. Still more is spent in blood and tears to
3. How shall we love this heart - strong God who



nev - er counts the cost or asks if heav - en
win the hu - man heart, to ov - er - come the
gives us ev - ery - thing, whose ways to us are



can af - ford to woo a world that's lost. Our
vio - lent fears that drive the world a - part. Be -
strange and odd; what can we give or bring? Ac -



lov - er toss - es coins of gold a - cross the mid - night
hold the bruised and thorn-crowned face of one who bears our
cep - tance of the match - less gift is gift e - nough to



skies and stokes the sun a - gainst the cold
scars and emp - ties out the wealth of grace
give. The ve - ry act will shake and shift



to warm us when we rise.
that's hint - ed by the stars.
the way we love and live.

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✠ The Penitential Rite

Steven Mackison

Priest: Holy God, Maker of all

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Priest: Jesus Christ, Son of Mary

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Priest: Holy Spirit, breath of life

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Priest: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Silence is kept.

Priest: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word and deed. I have not loved God, cared for God's people as I should. I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

People: **May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.**

Priest: Amen.

People: **In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved God, cared for God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.**

Priest: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

People: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness and water the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43.16-21

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

Our God has done great things for us, and we are glad in deed.

When God restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy. **Refrain**

Then they said among the nations,
 "Our God has done great things for them."
 Our God has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed. **Refrain**

Restore our fortunes, O God,
 like the watercourses of the Negev. **Refrain**

Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying their seed,
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **Refrain**

Sequence Hymn: "My Sacrifice" (Scott A. Stapp / Mark T. Tremonti)

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Hello, my friend. We meet again
 It's been a while. Where should we begin?
 Feels like forever
 Within my heart are memories
 Of perfect love that you gave to me
 Oh, I remember

When you are with me, I'm free
 I'm careless, I believe
 Above all the others, we'll fly
 This brings tears to my eyes
 My sacrifice

We've seen our share of ups and downs
 Oh, how quickly life can turn around
 In an instant
 It feels so good to reunite
 Within yourself and within your mind
 Let's find peace there

'Cause when you are with me, I'm free
I'm careless, I believe
Above all the others, we'll fly
This brings tears to my eyes
My sacrifice

I just want to say "hello" again
I just want to say "hello" again

'Cause when you are with me, I'm free
I'm careless, I believe
Above all the others, we'll fly
This brings tears to my eyes

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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.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 12.1-8

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Suzanne Rumsey

Homilist: It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

Homilist: We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of
saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

***People:* This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between
the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.**

A moment of silence is observed.

*You are invited to write down prayers for the concerns of your heart.
If you wish to have your prayers added to the new fire during the Easter Vigil,
you may send them in confidence to either Steven or Paige.*

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: Seeking the deep peace that only comes from God, we lift prayers for ourselves, for our neighbours
and for the world.

Radiant One, your light guides us into still and peaceful waters and into tranquil and quiet places.
Help us to set aside all that weighs us down so that we may be your anointed people spreading your
goodness in the world.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

***All:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all whose heart aches for wholeness. Give courage to all who seek to know you. Fill
them with your unending flow of love that heals and restores. May we share your goodness with all
who seek more.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

***All:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who are oppressed. Give strength to everyone living under the authority of unjust systems. Inflame our hearts to live and work in solidarity with those who are marginalized and oppressed. May we share your goodness with all whose human dignity is denied.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who oppress others. Instill in them a new heart committed to following the path of life and abundance for all. Give us prophetic hearts to speak truth to power. May we share your goodness with all in authority.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the healing of the earth. Transform the economic, political, and cultural structures that are harming the planet. Open our hearts to be agents of change in the caring for your creation. May we share your goodness with all of your creation.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the concerns of our hearts. Be the light of hope that guides us and our loved one on the path of belonging and belovedness. Abide in us as we abide in you. May we share your goodness with all who are in need.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: God in your mercy.

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Radiant One, your love for us shines in the innermost parts of our heart. Hear our prayers as they are lifted to you in faith, confidence, and hope. **Amen.**

The Peace

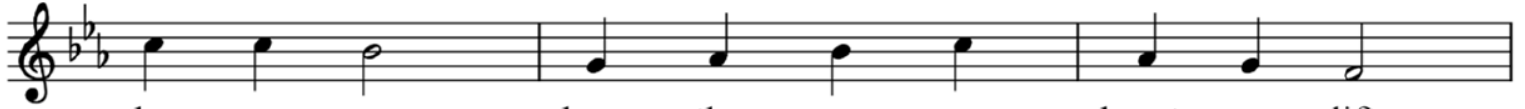
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Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

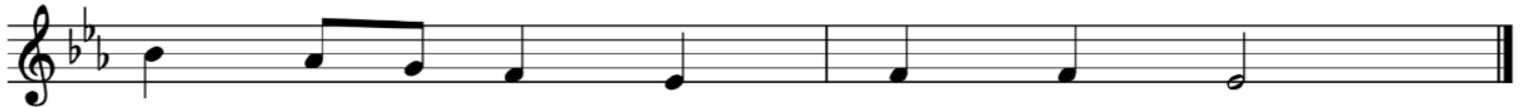
People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #180 (Common Praise) “Giver of the Perfect Gift”*Redeemer Music Team*

1. Giv - er of the per - fect gift, on - ly hope of
2. Though the ac - cus - ing voice with - in speaks of ma - ny a
3. Who can save us, God, but thou? Let thy mer - cy
4. Oh! may these our Lent - en days, blest by thee, with
5. God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, grant the mer - cy



hu - man race, hear the prayer our hearts up - lift,
wrong to thee, thou canst cleanse from ev - ery sin;
show thy power. Lo, we plead thy pro - mise now,
thee be passed, that with pur - er, nob - ler praise
we im - plore; God the One, all praise to thee



trem - bling at thy throne of grace.
thou canst set the con - science free.
now, in this the ac - cept - ed hour.
we may keep thy feast at last.
through the a - ges ev - er - more.

Text: Latin (11th cent. ?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: SONG 13. Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.

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: O Christ,
I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Healing

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

Announcements

Concluding Hymn: #386 (Common Praise) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, God, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
cross of Christ, my Lord; all the vain things that charm me
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing, so di -
loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Dismissal

Paige Souter

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Sunday April 6 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday April 13 (Palm Sunday)

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 BWV 227 Jesu, meine Freude)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)