

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, May 11, 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: Paige Souter

Welcome



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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #439 (Gather) "Christ the Lord is Risen!"

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1. Christ the Lord is ris'n!	Christ the Lord is ris'n!	Je-su.
2. He has con - quered death.	He has con - quered death.	Je-su.
3. Sin has done its worst.	Sin has done its worst.	Je-su.
7. Come and wor - ship him.	Come and wor - ship him.	Je-su.
8. Christ our Lord is ris'n!	Christ our Lord is ris'n!	Je-su.
9. Hal - le - lu - jah!	Hal - le - lu - jah!	Je-su.



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✠ The Easter Greeting:

Paige Souter

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

Paige Souter

Priest: O God, whose Son is the good shepherd,
send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,
to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion;
through Jesus, who calls each by name.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 9. 36-43

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 23

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O God, you are my shepherd; *

I / shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures *

and lead me be- / side still waters.

You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways / for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *

I shall / fear no evil;

for you are with me; *
your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is / running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in your house, O / God, for ever.

Second Reading:

Murray Bryant

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

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 7.9-17

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation: #197 (Sing a New Creation)

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not

belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.22-30

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Paige Souter

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Henry Krol

Leader: We are called to live in the Divine Unity of God. Let us lift our prayers to the One who animates our eyes, our ears, our heart, and our lives.

Beloved, you are our shepherd. We come to you in this moment, sharing the concerns and joys that are sitting in our hearts. Rejoicing in the resurrection, we pray for unity, liberation, restoration, and justice.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for unity. In the midst of the divisions, turmoil, and disruptions that are engulfing our world, our communities, and our lives, renew the human heart. Unlock its capacity for goodness and harmony and peace. Lead us to the green pastures of unity and beauty.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for liberation. Humanity has forgotten that you are the source of abundance. In striving for unbounded wealth and insatiable appetites, we have left an aftermath of destruction for the poor and for the earth. Free our hearts from following the path of destruction and lead us on the path of goodness.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for restoration. Fear, weariness, and anxiety fill our hearts as we face the challenges in our lives and in the world. Be ever with us, healing and restoring our souls, filling us with your abundant goodness.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for justice. Poverty, inequality, prejudice, greed and violence starve all of the created order from the life-giving elements needed to thrive and be whole. Fill humanity and the planet with your abundant goodness and form us to be agents for the common good.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed Shepherd we lift these prayers to you confident that your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives and that we shall dwell in your heart forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #444 (Common Praise) "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"

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1. Your hand, O God, has guid - ed your flock from age to
2. Your her - alds brought glad tid - ings to great - est as to
3. When shad - ows, thick - ly fall - ing, en - gulfed the world in
4. And we, shall we be faith - less, shall hearts fail, hands hang
5. Your mer - cy will not fail us, nor leave your work un -



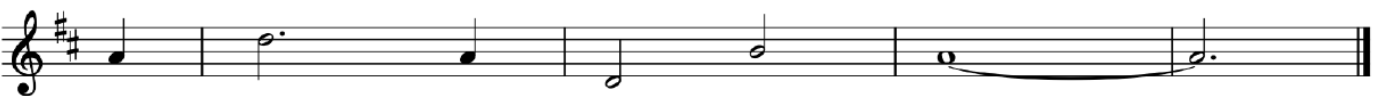
age; the won - drous tale is writ - ten, full clear, on ev - ery
least; they bade them rise, and has - ten to share the roy - al
night, you sum - moned forth your ser - vants, your mes - sen - gers of
down? Shall we e - vade the strug - gle and cast a - way the
done; with your right hand to help us, your peo - ple shall be



page. Our fore - bears owned your good - ness and we their deeds re -
feast; and this was all their teach - ing, in ev - ery deed and
light. On them and on your peo - ple your plen - teous grace was
crown? Not so; in God's deep coun - sels some bet - ter gift is
one; and then, by all cre - a - tion, your name shall be a -



cord, and both of this bear wit - ness:
word, to all a - like pro - claim - ing
poured, and this was still their mes - sage:
stored: the cov - e - nant of prom - ise—
dored, and this shall be their an - them:



one church, one faith, one Lord.

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 Doxology

Paige Souter

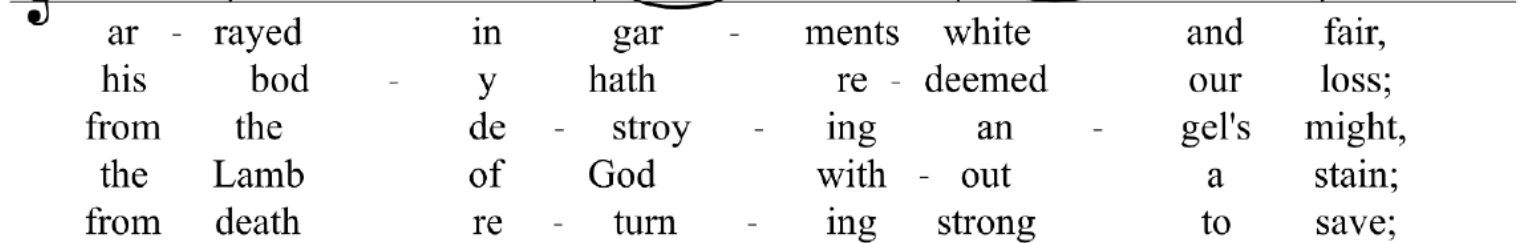
Priest: Glory to God,
All: whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Departing Hymn: #214 (Common Praise) "The Lamb's High Banquet Called to Share" *Redeemer Music Team*



1. The Lamb's high ban - quet called to share,
2. Up - on the al - tar of the cross,
3. Pro - tect - ed in the pas - chal night
4. Now Christ our pass - o - ver is slain,
6. We hymn thee ris - ing from the grave,



ar - rayed in gar - ments white and fair,
his bod - y hath re - deemed our loss;
from the de - stroy - ing an - gel's might,
the Lamb of God with - out a stain;
from death re - turn - ing strong to save;

the Red Sea past, we long to sing
 and, tast - ing of his pre - cious blood,
 in tri - umph went the ran - somed free
 his flesh, the true un - leav - ened bread,
 thine own right hand the ty - rant chains,

to Je - sus our tri - um - phant king.
 our life is hid with him in God.
 from Phar - aoh's cru - el tyr - an - ny.
 is free - ly of - fered in our stead.
 and par - a - dise for us re - gains.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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Sunday May 11 (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday May 18 (Fifth Sunday after Easter)

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

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)