



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, May 18, 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



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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #735 (Gather) "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Redeemer Music Team



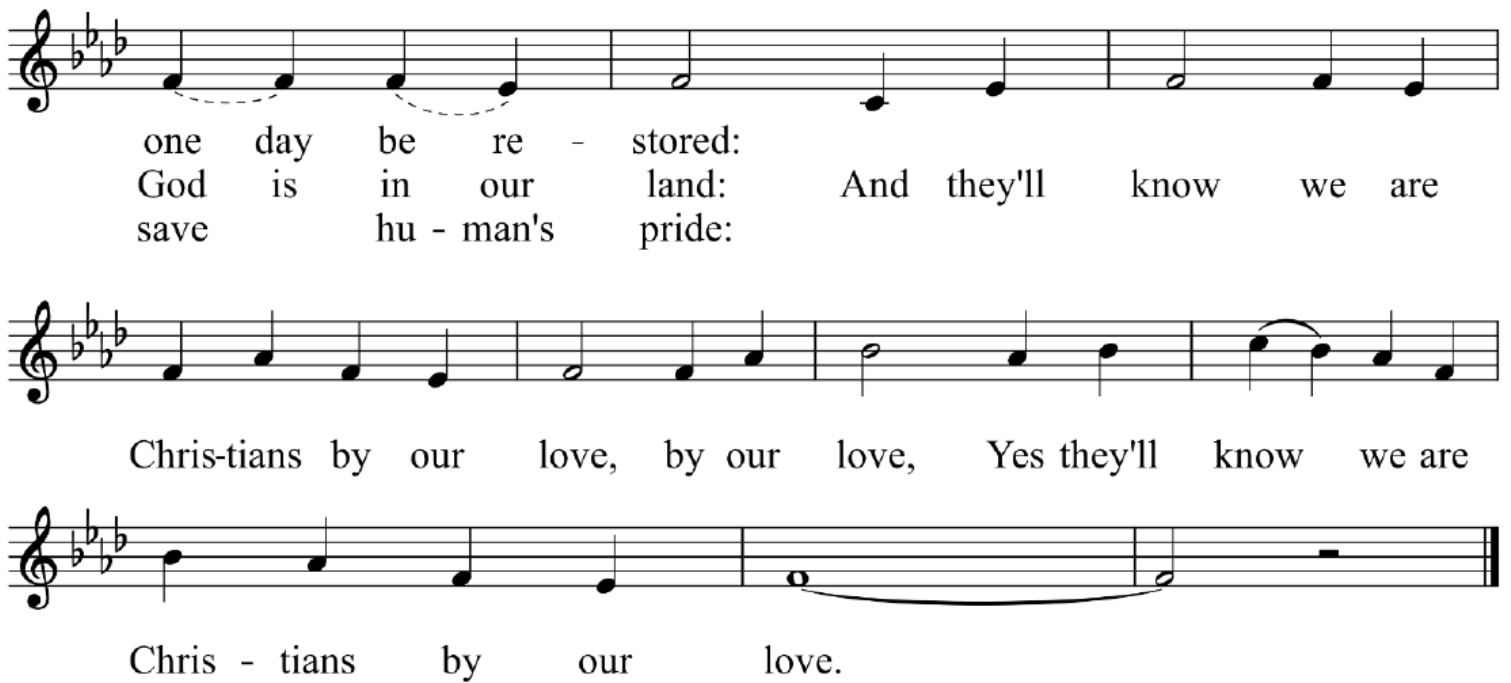
1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by



Lord, We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
hand, We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
side, We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by



Lord, And we pray that all u - ni - ty may
hand, And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that
side, And we'll guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and



one day be re - stored:
 God is in our land: And they'll know we are
 save hu - man's pride:

Chris-tians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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✠ 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: God of glory,
 whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death
 and found life in the darkness:
 may his love be our law,
 so that, undimmed by fear,
 we may witness to the power of new birth,
 through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Leviticus.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall

not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Leviticus 19:9-18

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 24: 1-6 (George Black)

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain

You gates, o-pen wide and high. Let the glo-rious sov-ereign en - ter.

The earth is our God's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For God has founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **Refrain**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?
and who can stand in the holy place?"
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. **Refrain**

They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek you,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **Refrain**

Second Reading:

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

Abigail Young

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 21.1-6

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 John.

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

Then when Judas went out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God’s self, and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am still with you for a short time: you will seek for me and, just as I said to the Judeans, I say now also to you; where I am going, you cannot come.

“I give you a new commandment: love one another: just as I have loved you, so you should love one another. In this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.”

Translation from Come and See: A Beginner’s Guide to the Fourth Gospel by Abigail Ann Young

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 13:31-35

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Anne Evers

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Laura Boast

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

Lord God, we praise you for your mighty acts in creation and in the lives of your people down through the ages. As we look for the new heaven and the new earth which is to come, we ask that we might do our part in ushering in this new age through our daily acts of love. Keep us faithful to your vision and keep us safe as we journey through the pilgrimage of our lives.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Faithful God,

All: **we put our trust in you.**

Leader: Lord of the nations, look on this wounded world in pity and power. We pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the whole world. Remember for good all those who suffer from violence, hatred and oppression. We pray for all refugees that they will be given safe passage and the means to begin again.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Faithful God,

All: **we put our trust in you.**

Leader: God of love, you suffered, and gave your life for our sake. To you we lift up all who suffer: the sick, the dying, the sorrowful, the hungry and the dispossessed. Hold them in your caring arms. Bless the caregivers and those who bring medicine, relief, food, and any other help. Increase our faith and hope in you.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Faithful God,

***All:* we put our trust in 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: Faithful God,

***All:* we put our trust in you.**

Leader: We give thanks for all the things in our lives that reveals your loveliness; for this community of faith; for the blessing of our country and good government; for the provision you give us for our daily needs; for the love of our friends and family; for your unfailing love which is revealed to us day by day.

Please add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: Faithful God,

***All:* we put our trust in you.**

Leader: Keep us good Lord under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support us that we might remember that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

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

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



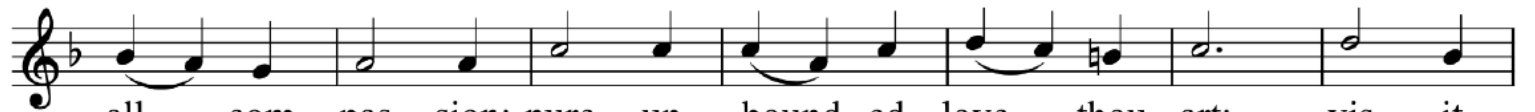
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 3. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art
 nev - er more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion; pure un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.

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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.

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. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing, see what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion; joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

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

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

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Sunday May 18 (Fifth Sunday after Easter)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday May 25 (Sixth 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 – Rock Eucharist, featuring the music of The Grateful Dead
(in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)