



Day of Pentecost
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, June 8, 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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Presider: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #157 (Sing a New Creation) “As the Wind Song Through the Trees”

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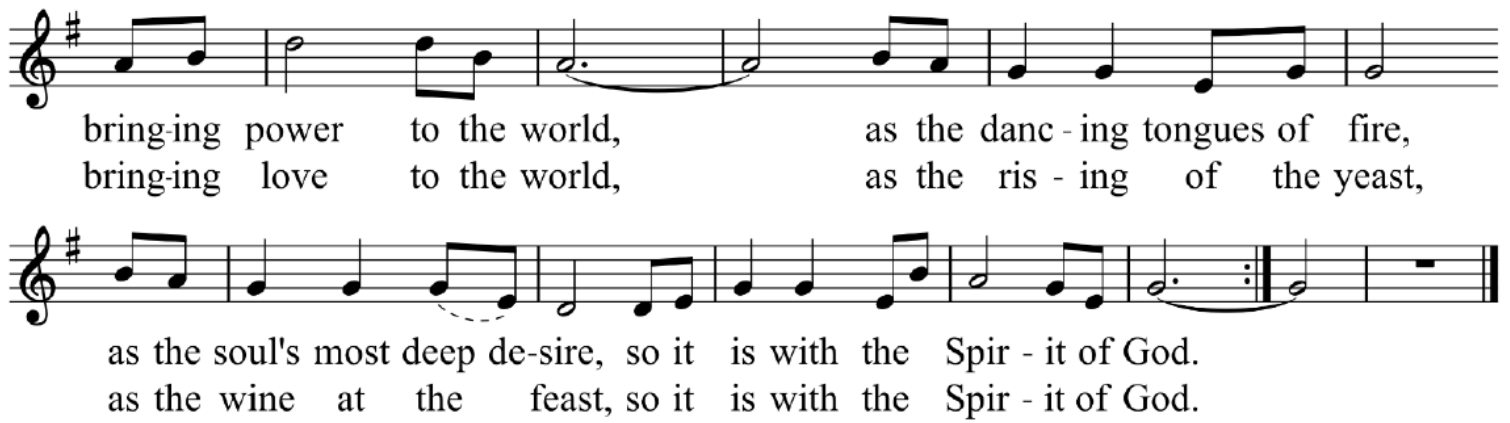
Musical notation for the hymn 'As the Wind Song Through the Trees'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two verses. The second and third staves have two verses each. The fourth staff has two verses.

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze,
2. As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope born a - gain,

so it is with the Spir - it of God. As the heart made strange-ly warm,
so it is with the Spir - it of God. As the green in the spring,

as the voice with-in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Nev-er seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown bring-ing life,
Mak-ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring-ing gifts,



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✠ The Greeting:

Paige Souter

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Come, Holy Spirit

All: **Kindle our hearts with the fire of new life.**

Priest: Renew your people.

All: **Fill your church with the breath of God.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Spirit of truth:
guide us into all truth;
consume the lies that shroud the world in hate;
pray in us with sighs too deep for words
with hope for a new world;
through Jesus Christ,
who goes to the right hand of God.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Abigail Young

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left

off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Genesis 11.1-9

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*Plainsong*)

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Ö GOD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you. *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May your glory endure for ever; *
may you rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; *
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to you as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please you; *
I will rejoice in you, O God. Hallelujah!

Praise God, O my soul. *
-- / Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Acts 2.1-21

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #97 (Sing a New Creation) "God is Calling through the Whisper"

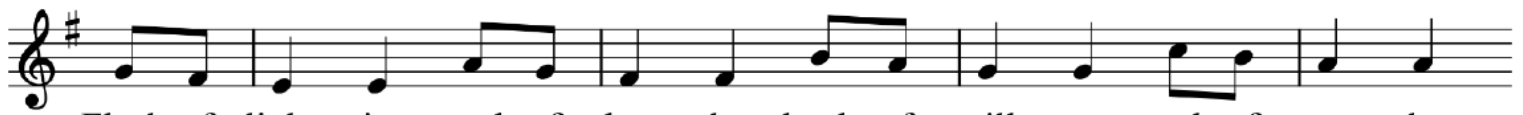
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1. God is call - ing through the whis - per of the Spir - it's deepest sighs,
2. God is call - ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bours' ur-gent prayers,
3. God is call - ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau - ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long - ing for re-demp-tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
Place of hurt or face or need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:



God is call - ing— can you hear? God is call - ing— can you hear?
God is call - ing— can you hear? God is call - ing— can you hear?
God is call - ing— can we hear? God is call - ing— can we hear?

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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.**

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 14.8-17, 25-27

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

Murray Bryant

Leader: Almighty God, you search us and know us. We open our hearts to you and each other, confident in your loving provision for all our needs.

O Good Shepherd, strengthen us by your spirit and infill all who seek to do your work in every place. Help us in the church to acknowledge our own shortcomings and inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. We pray also for our own community, giving thanks for the many volunteers and staff who facilitate our shared ministry.

Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom.**

Leader: Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain. Remember for good all who suffer at the hands of indifferent or cruel leaders. Support those who bring food for the hungry, medicine to the injured and practical help to those in need. Bring your hope and peace to our wounded world, even in the darkest night.

Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom.**

Leader: Lord of creation, we pray for the natural world. We think of the effects of pollution, floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, excessive heat, drought, and all other extreme conditions which are the result of environmental damage and climate change. We pray for the firefighters, the emergency workers, and those who help during disasters. We pray for all who lobby for climate justice, for those who work to protect endangered species. We pray also for all those who farm or fish or produce our food that they may be given the means to operate effectively and sustainably.

Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom.**

Leader: Jesus, our great physician, we pray for the sick and the friendless, the homeless and the captive, the weary and the depressed, the anxious and afraid, the lonely and bereaved. Remember for good those whom we love but see no longer, and give us health, comfort, and hope.

Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom.**

Leader: God of unfailing love, we thank you for this day and for all that is beautiful and gracious in the world and in our lives. We thank you for human love and friendship and for all the ways you sustain us and enrich our daily lives. We thank you especially for the legacy of our faith that has come to us down through the ages.

Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom.**

Leader: Christ has no body but yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world,
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
 Christ has no body now but yours.

Leader: By your Spirit,

All: **bring in your kingdom. Amen.**

The Peace

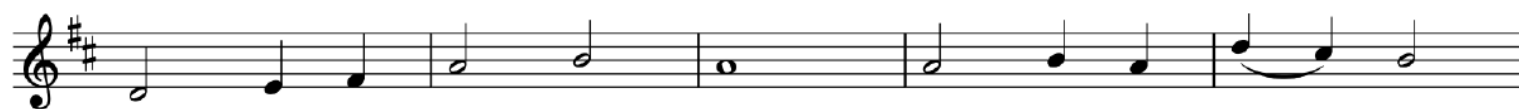
Paige Souter

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

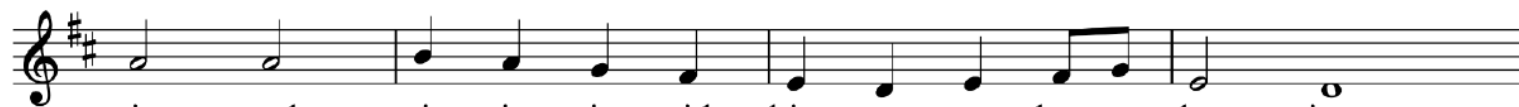
People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #645 (Common Praise) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

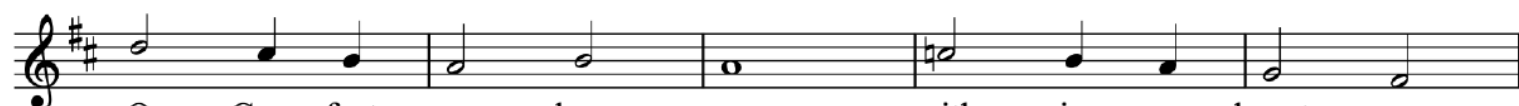
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1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward vest - ure
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will



mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 be, and gen - tle - ness be - come my in - ner cloth - ing;
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
 true peace - ful - ness of heart, joy which shall not de -
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the



pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 part, prom - ise and fore - taste of di - vine be - troth - ing.
 place where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it finds a dwell - ing.

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

Paige Souter

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

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



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
 2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dour grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
 To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious bless all who trust in you;
 For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
 In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sunday June 8 (Pentecost)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday June 15 (Trinity Sunday)

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

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)