



Pride Sunday
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, June 29, 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: #572 (Common Praise) "Let There Be Light"

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1. Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing,
2. o - pen our lips, o - pen our minds to pon - der,
3. per - ish the sword, per - ish the an - gry judge - ment,
4. hal - low our love, hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs,
5. thy king - dom come, thy spir - it turn to lan - guage,
6. let there be light, o - pen our hearts to won - der,

let all the na - tions gath - er, let them be face to face;
o - pen the door of con - cord o - pening in - to grace;
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger, per - ish the fight for gain;
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy peo - ple speak to - geth - er, thy spir - it nev - er fade;
per - ish the way of ter - ror, hal - low the world God made.

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The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

Priest: We are the body of Christ!

The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing, Justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, risk taking body of Christ!

All: **We are the body of Christ!**

Priest: Baptized in one Spirit; we are members of one body.

All: **Many are varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class, and ability,
we are members of Christ's beautiful Body.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

All: **For only together can we find wholeness.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

All: **For we are connected like muscle and bone.
If one suffers, we all suffer.
If one rejoices, we all rejoice.**

Priest: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

All: **Let us worship God. Alleluia!**

Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works.
You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom,
and practices of love in your creation.
In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings,
free us from narrow thinking
that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us.
This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

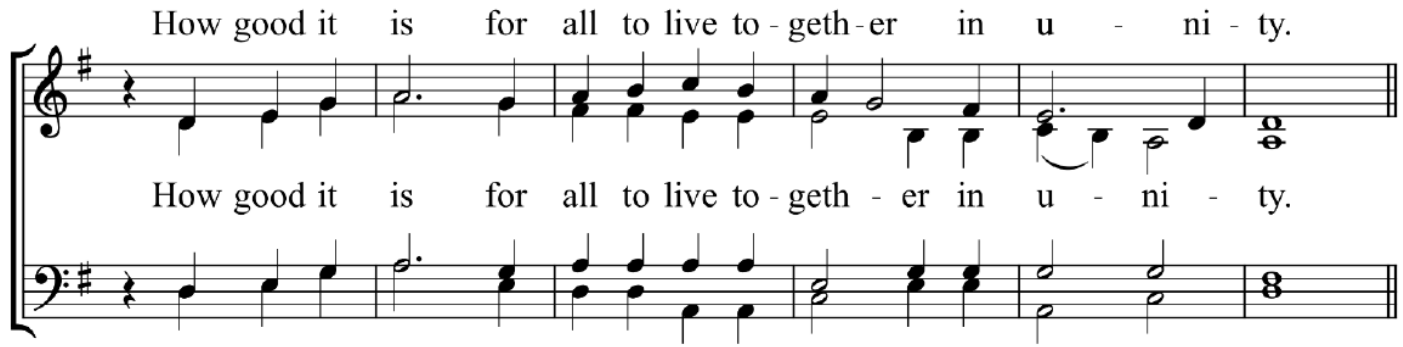
to love and be loved
is the greatest gift
we can share in life
to be seen.
to be known.
to be appreciated for who
we are and not expected to
be someone else. It's a simple
connection and it's built on
authenticity.
"i see the real you,
and i love the real you."
that way of living
changes everything

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed



Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
 when families live together in unity!
 It is like fine oil upon the head
 that runs down upon the beard,
 Upon the beard of Aaron,
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **Refrain**

It is like the dew of Hermon
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 For there God has ordained the blessing:
 life for evermore. **Refrain**

Second Reading: "Beatitudes for a Queerer Church" (Jay Hulme)

Heather Bennett

Blessed are the outcasts;
 the ostracised, the outsiders.
 Blessed are the scared;
 the scarred, the silent.
 Blessed are the broken;
 for they are not broken.
 Blessed are the hated;
 for they are not worthy of hate.
 Blessed are those who try;
 those who transform, who transition.
 Blessed are the closeted;
 God sees you shine anyway.
 Blessed are the queers;
 who love creation enough to live the truth of it,
 despite a world that tells them they cannot.
 And blessed are those
 who believe themselves unworthy of blessing;
 what inconceivable wonders you hold.

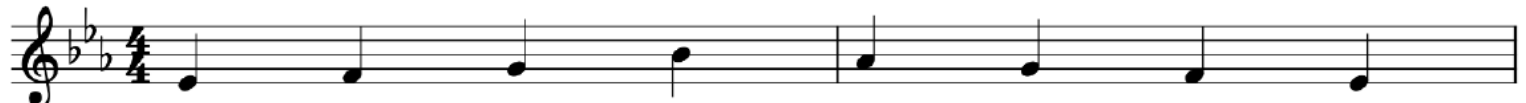
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All: **Thanks be to God.**

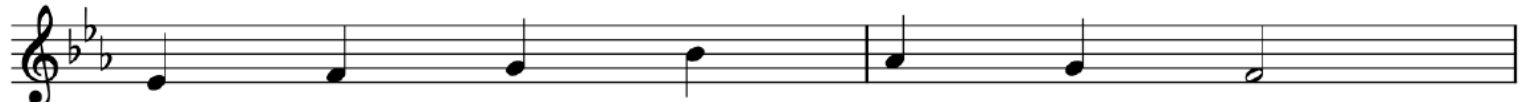
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Sequence Song: "Grains of Sand"

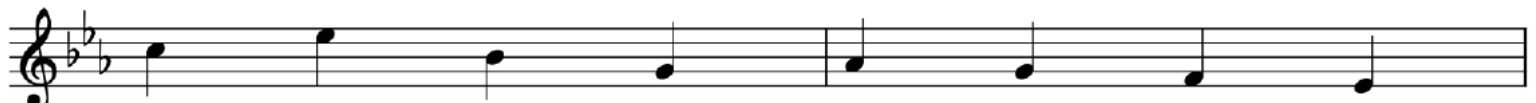
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1. We all live as kin to - geth - er
2. Let us reach out to each oth - er
3. I can learn to live with - in love
4. We all live as kin to - geth - er



We are pil - grims on this land
Let us hope to un - der - stand
In God's mu - tu - al - i - ty
We are pil - grims on this land



We are lit - tle drops of wa - ter
We are val - ued, heard, sup - port - ed
I can see the Christ light in you
We are lit - tle drops of wa - ter



We are tin - y grains of sand.
Parts of man - y grains of sand.
Shin - ing love and u - ni - ty.
We are tin - y grains of sand.

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The Gospel

Paige Souter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself' --this is much more

important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 12.28-34

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

Homily: Karen Weigold

We pause for music and meditation.

Song: "Somewhere over the Rainbow" (*H. Arlen, Y. Harburg, adapted; Karen Weigold*)

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When all the world is a hopeless jumble
and the raindrops tumble all around
Heaven opens a magic lane.
When all the clouds lighten up the sky-way,
there's a rainbow highway to be found,
leading from your window pane to a place behind the sun,
just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high,
there's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue,
and your dreams do come true.

Someday the fear and doubt will cease;
I'll wake up and the hate will be behind me.
Division gone and love abound, humanity on solid ground.
Just as it should be...

Somewhere over the rainbow lives the truth;
love each other wholly, as we're meant to do.
If others lift love to the skies...
why can't you and I?

Prayers of the People

Henry Krol

Leader: Let us lift our prayers to the God of diversity and inclusion.

God of all, you created each person in majesty and beauty. You created each person in your own image – in the image of love. May every member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community know they are wonderfully made and deeply loved.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Somewhere over the rainbow lives the Truth.

All: **Love each other Wholly, as we're meant to do.**

Leader: God of Love, teach us to love, to truly love. To love in a way that people are treasured for being their authentic self. To love in a way that people are seen and known. To love whomever we love. May members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community know they are loved fully and completely.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Somewhere over the rainbow lives the Truth.

All: **Love each other Wholly, as we're meant to do.**

Leader: God of Justice, forgive the church for the harm it has caused members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Exhort the church to be protectors of human rights for the Queer community. In this moment when their rights are under attack and when violence is being perpetrated, may we, with linked arms, be the wall of safety and witness.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Somewhere over the rainbow lives the Truth.

All: Love each other Wholly, as we're meant to do.

Leader: God of Restoration, bring healing and restoration for all who suffer rejection because of their sexuality or gender identity, and who are victims of hatred and violence. Grant eternal rest and peace for those who have died.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Somewhere over the rainbow lives the Truth.

All: Love each other Wholly, as we're meant to do

Leader: God of Wholeness, raise up allies and communities of support where members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community can find space to become their whole selves, to heal, to belong, to share their giftedness, and to be a light to the world.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Somewhere over the rainbow lives the Truth.

All: Love each other Wholly, as we're meant to do.

Leader: God, we continue to dream of a world in which your love for all is revealed and made known. May you work within each of us as we build communities of acceptance and love, and so establish your reign on earth. We pray all of this in the name of the one who paved a pathway of unconditional love, of welcoming the outcast, and of celebrating true inclusion: Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: "Sing a New World into Being"

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1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope-ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home-less find a home,
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph-ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ours to God's lim - it - less em-brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a— church where all who wor-ship find their—lives and loves be - long.
where the— lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all— peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all— hate and ven-geance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour-ing— balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans-form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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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

Concluding Hymn: "God of Many Faces"

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God of man-y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man-y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man-y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man-y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,



sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.



Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,



car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed with jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

Priest: May God's gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving. Alleluia!

People: May God's presence among us provoke such longing for God's realm
that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows God's justice,
peace, and love. Alleluia!

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Sunday June 29 (Pride Sunday)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday July 6 (Proper 14C)

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)