



Proper 14C
Spiritual Communion
Sunday, July 6, 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

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #3 (Sing a New Creation) "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Redeemer Music Team



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1. Come and find the qui - et cen - tre in the crowd-ed life we lead,
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace;
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, op - en to each oth - er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, face to face,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
mak-ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim-ply be.
rais-ing cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be - gun.
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare!

The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

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

All: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: God, whose kingdom comes near:
share with us the authority that sets others free
and send us on the way of challenge and conversion;
through Jesus, who empowers us. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

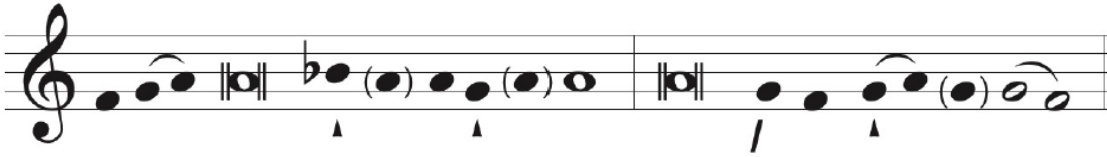
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

2 Kings 5.1-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed



I WILL exalt you, O God,
because you have lifted me up. *
and have not let my enemies triumph över mē.

O my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored mē to hēalth.

You brought me up, O God, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down tō the gräve.

Sing to the Most High, all you servants; *
give thanks for the remembrance of God's hōlinēss.

For wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
but favor for a lifetime.

--Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the mōrnīng.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, God, with your favour, made me as strong as the moüntäins,"

--Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O God; *
I pleaded with yōu and said,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your fäithfulnēss?"

Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me; *
O God, be my hēlpēr."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with jōy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O God, I will give you thanks for ēvēr.

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 Luke.

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 10.1-11,16-20

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

Homily: Paige Souter

We pause for music and meditation.

Prayers of the People

Laura Boast

Leader: Almighty God, you are greater and more awesome than we can imagine. We humbly ask you to draw us into your nearer presence and make us close to you. Strengthen your people everywhere to pray aright and so fulfil your purpose in our lives.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of peace, grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease. Lead us to bring practical, life-saving help to all those who suffer as a result of war, indifference or poverty. By your mighty hand bring justice and peace.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of our salvation, save us from envy, and teach us to be content with what is enough. Inspire us to bring healing and help to all living beings who share this world with us. Bring sustainable practices to our farms and fisheries; relief from drought, fires, floods, and other extreme weather events. Bless all those who seek to safeguard your creation and direct our ways so we may live more lightly on this your green earth.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Healer Divine, allow us to touch the hem of your garment to ask for your life-giving touch. We pray for all those on our hearts and minds who are sick, suffering, lonely, or afraid. Care for the caregivers, give hope to the discouraged, and bring the lost home. Guide us all our lives, and when our time is done, bring us into your loving embrace in your eternal kingdom.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for all the things in our lives that reveals your loveliness; for those who have gone before us to lead our way; 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 the gifts and refreshment that come to us through the arts and the natural world; for your unfailing love which is revealed to us day by day.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Breathe in me Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me Holy Spirit that my work may be holy.
Pray in my heart Holy Spirit that my I love only what is holy.
Strengthen me Holy Spirit that I may defend all that is holy.
Guard me Holy Spirit that I may always be holy.

Leader: Lord we thank you.

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

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

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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:*

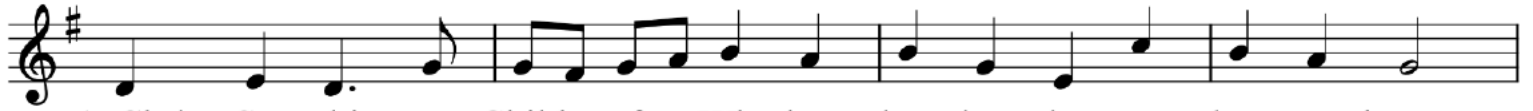
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

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. Christ So - phi - a, Child of Wis-dom: danc-ing in our deep-est dreams,
 2. Lov - ing Je - sus, Child of Mar - y: walk-ing with us on life's way,
 3. God in - car - nate, par - ent, mak - er, birth-ing us to joy and pain,



call - ing us to love un-bound-ed, dar-ing us to God's ex-tremes—
 show-ing us God's hum-ble king-dom, shar-ing both dark night and day,
 show-ing us the steps to dance to, lov-ing us to life a - gain:



peace and gen - tle - ness and jus - tice, king - dom val - ues, wis-dom's
 break - ing through death's seem - ing end - ing in - to new life's dawn - ing
 grow us in - to your true im - age as we strive for your love's



themes, king - dom val - ues, wis - dom's themes.
 ray, in - to new life's dawn - ing ray.
 reign, as we strive for your love's reign.

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday July 6 (Proper 14C)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday July 13 (Proper 15C)

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)