

Proper 16C Spiritual Communion Sunday, July 20, 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: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



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Opening Hymn: #418 (Common Praise) "Draw the Circle Wide"

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Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.

Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by





- 1. God the still point of the cir-cle, 'round whom all cre a tion turns;
- 2. Let our hearts touch far hor i-zons, so en com-pass great and small;
- 3. Let the dreams we dream be lar-ger, than we've ev er dreamed be fore;



let the dream of Christ be in us, o-pen ev-ery door.

The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

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 Steven Mackison

Priest: Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service,

and in the world to come, see you face to face;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

★ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will spare them no longer.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,"

says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many,

cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier

and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

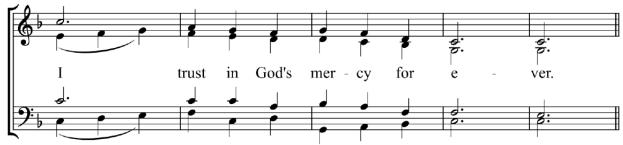
All: Thanks be to God.

Amos 8.1-12

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 52 (George Black)





You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.

You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the <u>truth</u>.

You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue. Refrain

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly,

topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

The righteous shall see and tremble,

they shall laugh at you, saying,

"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,

but trusted in great wealth and relied upon \underline{wi} ckedness." Refrain

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I give you thanks for what you have $\underline{\text{done}}$

and declare the goodness of your name in the presence of the godly. Refrain

Sequence Song: "We are Not Alone" (Pepper Choplin)

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We are not alone, God is with us.

We are never alone, for God is with us;

Now, through all our days, always.

For ever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.

We will press on, for God is with us;

Now, through all our days, always.

For ever and ever, we are never alone.

Our God is with us now.

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.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ. Luke 10.38-42

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Paige Souter

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: God, your name is creator. You have woven your nature into the very fabric of the universe. Open our eyes to your wonders and draw us ever nearer to you in worship and awe.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: We hope in your name

All: For your name is good.

Leader: Jesus, your name is Emmanuel. You broke into our mortal world in humility and love. As our lives

and the lives of all living things are marred by war, indifference, greed and sin, bring your gifts of justice and peace to all. Forgive us and heal us. We pray for Tony, Sharon, Georgi, Susan and John

as they begin the healing ministry to which they have been called.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: We hope in your name

All: For your name is good.

Leader: Divine One, your name is Shepherd. Walk with us through pain, sickness, anxiety, and loss.

Comfort and restore us by your mighty hand, and use us to bring your kingdom here on earth.

Leader: We hope in your name

All: For your name is good.

Leader: O God, keep us close.

Keep us in the spirit of amazement; keep us believing when we cannot see;

keep us hoping while we wait; keep us looking for your presence; and when we breathe our last,

keep us safe in your warm embrace. AMEN.

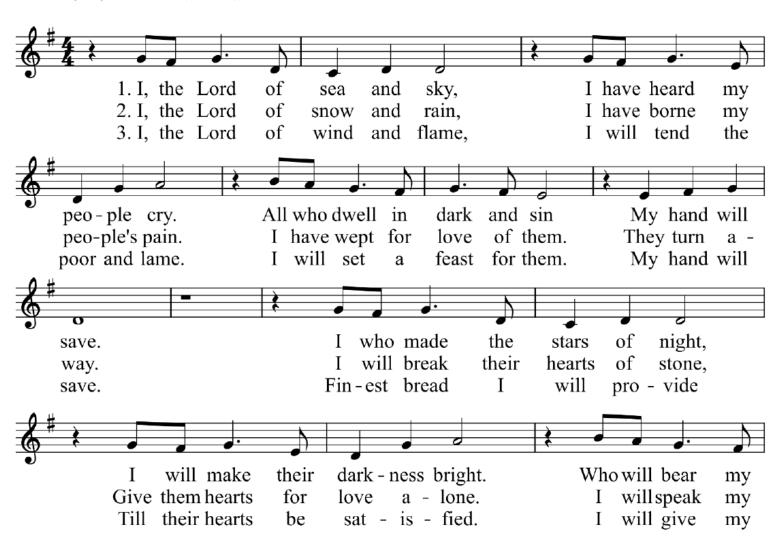
The Peace Steven Mackison

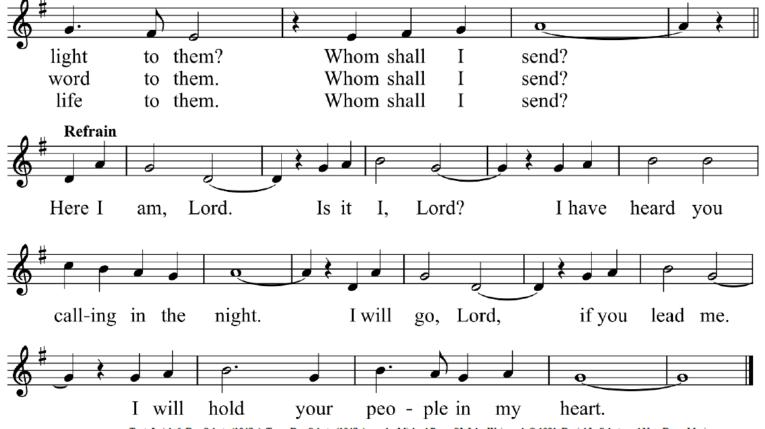
Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #686 (Gather) "Here I Am, Lord"

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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



The Dismissal Paige Souter

Priest: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Sunday July 20 (Proper 16C)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday July 27 (Proper 17C)

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)