

Proper 22C
Spiritual Communion
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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: Beth Benson

Welcome



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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #310 (Common Praise) "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2. Our God is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
3. Thus, all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud
4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our
your prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my
and glo - ry; let all who own his power proclaim a -



God of our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my
peace and joy and bless - ing. As with a par - ent's
voice un - wear - ied rais - es. Be joy - ful in the
loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol

soul is filled and ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled;
 ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the chos - en band:
 Lord, my heart; both soul and bo - dy bear your part:
 from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ a - lone:
 to God all praise and glo - ry.

Text: Johan Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897). Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART. Melody *Kirchegesänge*, Berlin, 1566; arr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Gathering of the Community

Beth Benson

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

Beth Benson

Priest: Inviting God,
 laying open your table to those without status or power,
 and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted:
 overturn our tables of power
 and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;
 through Jesus Christ, the one given for all

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Jeremiah 2.4-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

Oh, that my people would listen to me, and walk in my ways!

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob
I am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." **Refrain**

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices. **Refrain**

Oh that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes. **Refrain**

Those who hate me would cringe before me,
their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy them with honey from the rock. **Refrain**

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Beth Benson

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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you

would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

Homily: Beth Benson

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Deb Hinton

Leader: O Creator God, you shaped our souls and set their weave. You formed our bodies and gave us breath. Infill us now by the breath of your spirit that we may open ourselves to you this day in prayer.

Leader: Fill us with your life-giving Spirit.

All: **Fill us Gracious Lord.**

Leader: God of vision, we pray for the continued renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. Give us grace to see you in your good creation; in all our human companions; in the traditions and wisdom passed down to us through the ages. May we discern you in all that we see and faithfully serve you in all that we do.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: Fill us with your life-giving Spirit.

All: **Fill us Gracious Lord.**

Leader: God who speaks, may we hear you this day. Unstop our ears to systemic injustice, violence, and sin both in our own hearts and around the world. Help us to really listen to others and as we listen, help us to respond by sharing your love in word and deed.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: Fill us with your life-giving Spirit.

All: **Fill us Gracious Lord.**

Leader: God who loves, help us hold on to you as you hold on to us. Give us the faith, trust, hope, and peace that comes from living our lives close to you. Wrap your loving arms around all who suffer in mind body and spirit. Bring us close. Keep us safe, now and for all eternity.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat box.

Leader: Fill us with your life-giving Spirit.

All: **Fill us Gracious Lord.**

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is necessary to have you present so that we do not forget you. You know how easily we abandon you.

Stay with us, Lord, because we are weak, and we need your strength, so that we may not fall so often.

Stay with us, Lord, for you are our life, and without you, we are without fervour.

Stay with us, Lord, for you are our light, and without you, we are in darkness.

Stay with us, Lord, to show us your will.

Stay with us, Lord, so that we hear your voice and follow you.

Stay with us, Lord, for we desire to love you very much, and always be in your company.
Stay with us, Lord, for as poor as our souls are,
we want to be a place of consolation for you, a nest of love.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Beth Benson

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

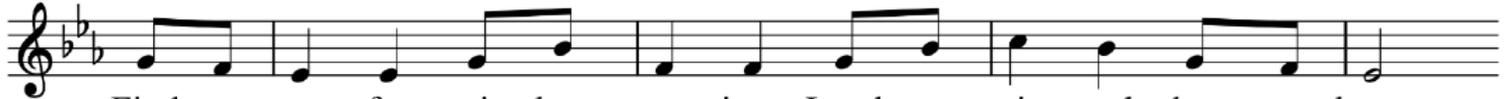
People: **And also with you.**

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!

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

Beth Benson

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

Beth Benson

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. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vour of life, O peo - ple:
 Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
 King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice:
 King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:



Life in the King - dom of God!
 Shine for the King - dom of God!
 Grow in the King - dom of God!
 Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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The Dismissal

Beth Benson

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Sunday August 31 (Proper 22C)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday September 7 (Season of Creation 1)

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)