

All Saints Day

Spiritual Communion

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 9 AM

Church of the Redeemer

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Presider: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #111 (Sing a New Creation) "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

Redeemer Music Team

1. In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness
2. Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing,
3. Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing
4. God of Hag - ar, God of Sar - ah,

long be - fore the first light shone,
you are cons - tant, firm, and sure,
on - ly in your match - less grace,
God of no - mad A - bra - ham,

you, O God, bey - ond all mer - it,
faith - ful to your cov - enant prom - ise.
send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
God of Mir - iam, God of Mos - es,

worked a won - der faith makes known:
 Trust - ing you, we live se - cure,
 Word made flesh in time and space:
 Fier - y Pil - lar, great I AM:

in your mer - cy, in your mer - cy,
 sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing prais - es
 Friend and Sav - iour, Friend and Sav - iour,
 lead us home - ward, lead us home - ward

you em - braced us as your own
 long as heart and breath en - dure,
 in whose life we glimpse your face
 to the love - feast of the Lamb

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM. Melody plainsong, Mode 8 (12th cent. ?); adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

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.**

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Holy God,
giver of blessing to hungry and hated,
you overturn tables of privilege and greed.
Teach us a new way of being
beyond reward,
beyond revenge,
so that we may do to others
as we would have them do to us;
through Jesus Christ, who prays for all who crucify him. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Laura Boast

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever--forever and ever."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Daniel 7.1-3

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 149 (George Black)

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain



Hallelujah!

Sing to God a new song;

sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **Refrain**

Let them praise God's name in the dance;

let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

For God takes pleasure in all people

and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds. **Refrain**

Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples. **Refrain**

To bind their rulers in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgement decreed;
this is glory for all faithful people.
Hallelujah! **Refrain**

A moment of silence is observed.

Second Reading:

Laura Boast

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

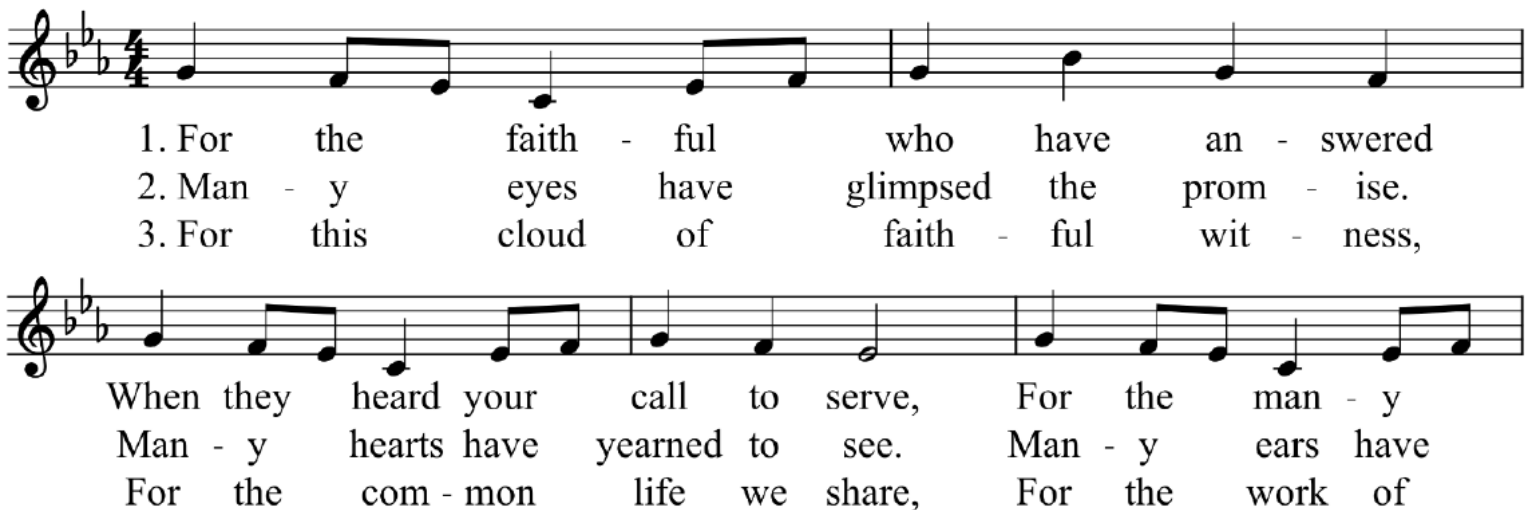
Ephesians 1:11-23

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

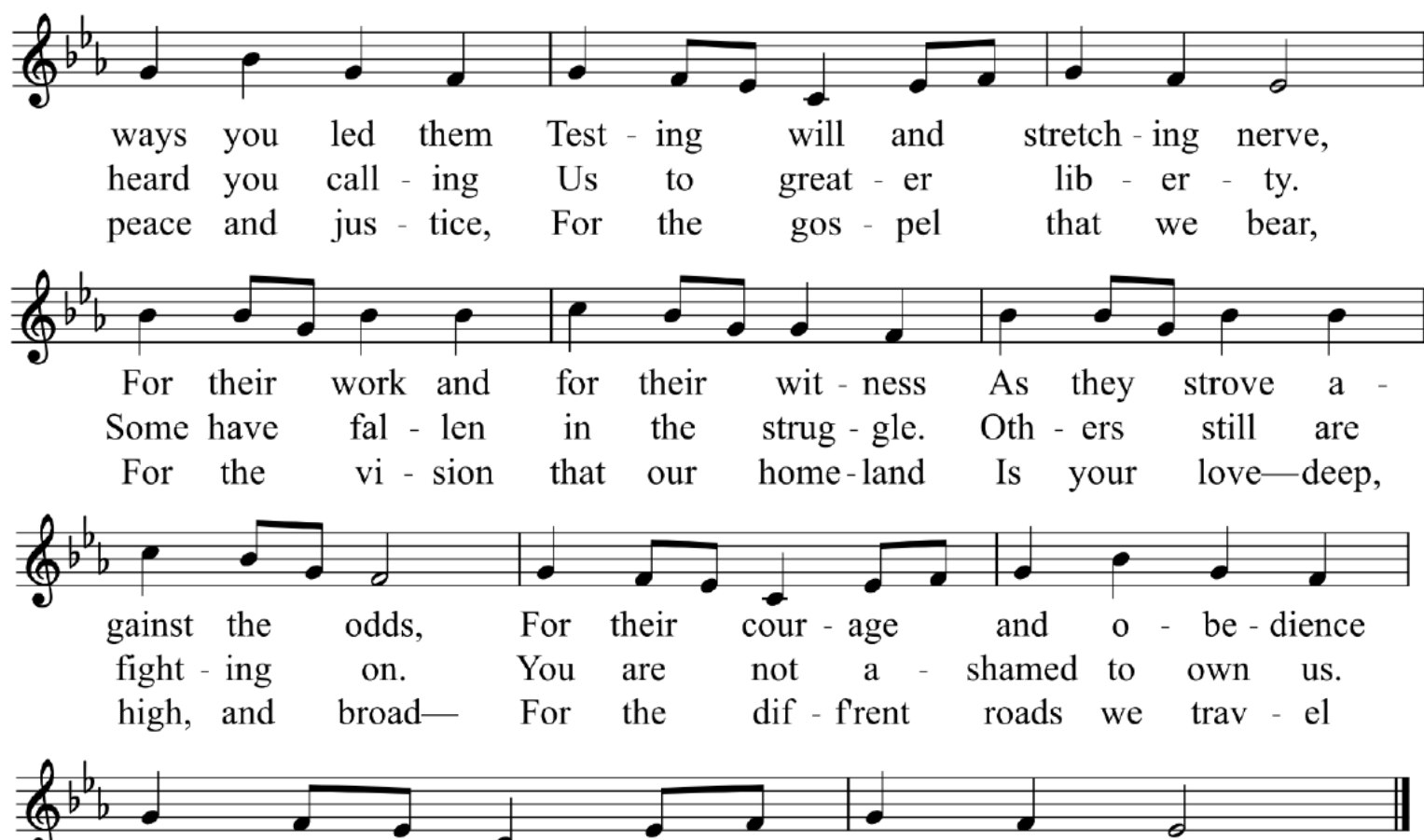
Sequence Song: "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

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1. For the faith - ful who have an - swered
2. Man - y eyes have glimpsed the prom - ise.
3. For this cloud of faith - ful wit - ness,

When they heard your call to serve, For the man - y
Man - y hearts have yearned to see. Man - y ears have
For the com - mon life we share, For the work of



ways you led them Test - ing will and stretch - ing nerve,
heard you call - ing Us to great - er lib - er - ty.
peace and jus - tice, For the gos - pel that we bear,
For their work and for their wit - ness As they strove a -
Some have fal - len in the strug - gle. Oth - ers still are
For the vi - sion that our home - land Is your love—deep,
gainst the odds, For their cour - age and o - be - dience
fight - ing on. You are not a - shamed to own us.
high, and broad— For the dif - frent roads we trav - el
We give thanks and praise, O God.
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The Gospel

Liska Stefko

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.**

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 6.20-31

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

A moment of silence is observed.

✠ Holy Baptism

Steven Mackison

Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate and sponsor approach the font. The priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Hugo to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The priest asks the candidate when presented,

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Priest then asks the following questions of the candidate:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Candidate: I do.

The priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Hugo in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Catherine Emerson

Prayers are offered for the candidate

Priest: Let us pray for Hugo who is committing himself to Christ.

Leader: Deliver Hugo, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into the world in the witness of your love.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord
that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live into the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Steven Mackison

Water is poured into the font.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us join with Hugo who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

The priest pours water upon the candidate, saying,

Priest: Hugo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The priest anoints the candidate upon the forehead, making the sign of the cross, saying,

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The priest prays over the newly baptized.

Priest: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Hugo your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: **Amen.**

The Giving of Light

A lighted candle is given as the priest says,

Priest: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All: **Let your light so shine before others
That they may see your good works
And glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #608 (Gather) "Be Not Afraid"

Redeemer Music Team

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in fore-ign lands and all will un-der-stand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not _____ a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest. _____

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, _____ you shall not drown.

If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed.

If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

know that I am with you _____ through it all. _____ **To refrain**

3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

And if wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be-cause of me,

bless - ed, _____ bless - ed _____ are you! _____ **To refrain**

The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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

Departing Hymn: #165 (Sing a New Creation) "Shout for Joy!"

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1. Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
2. No more doubt - ing, no more sense - less dread;
3. Cel - e - brate with saints who dine on high,
4. Praise the Mak - er, praise the Mak - er's Son,



heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
wit - nes - ses that love can nev - er die.
praise the Spir - it— Three yet ev - er One;



Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth;
all the won - der heaven has kept in store
"Hal - le - lu - jah!"—thus their voic - es ring:
praise the God whose food and friends a - vow



God the Spir - it fills us with new worth.
now is ours to keep for ev - er - more.
noth - ing less in gra - ti - tude we bring.
heaven starts here! The king - dom beck - ons now!

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The Dismissal

Liska Stefko

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Sunday November 2 (All Saints Day)

4:00 PM – All Souls Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday November 9 (Proper 32C)

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)