



Proper 27C  
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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**Presider:** Liska Stefko

**Welcome**



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**Land Acknowledgement**

**Opening Hymn:** #585 (Common Praise) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the  
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the  
3. As we wor - ship grant us vi - sion till your



weight of hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for -  
hun - gry cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for  
love's re - veal - ing light in its height and depth and



sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com -



voice a - lone, but heart; con - se - crat - ing to your  
sick and freed the soul, by your Spir - it send your  
pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to ar - dent  
pur - pose ev - ery gift which you im - part.  
pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

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## The Gathering of the Community

Liska Stefko

*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

Liska Stefko

*Priest:* Lord, help us to know ourselves and call us to answer and serve; through Jesus Christ, the Master of the Table. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading:

Abigail Young

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Lamentations 3.19-26

*A moment of silence is observed*

On the willows there, we hung up our lives,  
for our captors there required of us songs and our tormentors' mirth.  
Saying: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."  
But how shall we sing, sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?  
On the willows there, we hung up our lives.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Second Reading:**

*Abigail Young*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed), for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

2 Timothy 1.1-14

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "If you on - ly have faith just like a lit - tle seed of mus - tard: this is what Je - sus has said. If you on - ly have said. You will be a - ble to tell this moun - tain: Move a - way! Move a - way! You will be way! Move a - way! and then the moun - tain will move a - way, will move a - way, will move a - way. And then the moun - tain will move a - way." The score includes first and second endings, a repeat section marked "Repeat ad lib", and a final section marked "Last time".

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 mus - tard: this is what Je - sus has  
 said. If you on - ly have said. You will be  
 a - ble to tell this moun - tain: Move a -  
 way! Move a - way! You will be  
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 move a - way, will move a - way, will move a -  
 way. And then the moun - tain will move a - way.

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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.**

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 17.5-10

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

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Homily:** Liska Stefko

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## Prayers of the People

Laura Boast

*Leader:* Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness. May we learn to trust you more fully, and dedicate ourselves more completely to you, as we live out our lives day by day.

*A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or in the chat box.*

*Leader:* We give thanks to you O Lord,

*All:* **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Leader:* Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails. Inspire us to respect the whole of nature as precious and beautiful. Save us from envy and excess, and teach us to be content with what is enough. Support those who advocate for climate justice and give us the will and the wisdom to do our part.

*A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or in the chat box.*

*Leader:* We give thanks to you O Lord,

*All:* **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Leader:* O great God, bring your light to the nations. So many suffer because of war, violence, hatred and sin. Bring wisdom to those who negotiate for peace. Inspire us to bring practical help to those in need. Bring truth to the public discourse, and raise up for us leaders who serve and work for the common good.

*A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or in the chat box.*

*Leader:* We give thanks to you O Lord,

*All:* **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Leader:* Healer divine, you know all those on our hearts and minds who need your healing touch. Comfort the vulnerable and the fearful. Be close to the gravely ill and the dying. Give strength and wisdom to the caregivers. Bring peace, comfort and healing to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

*A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or in the chat box.*

*Leader:* We give thanks to you O Lord,  
*All:* **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Leader:* God who sustains us, give us grateful hearts. Help us to see you in all that is beautiful in creation and in our lives. We thank you for our lives, and the way you provide for our needs: for human love and kindness; for refreshment and joy; for the legacy of our faith, passed down to us from those who have gone before. Above all we thank you for the gift of your presence with us through the sacrifice and love of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Leader:* We give thanks to you O Lord,  
*All:* **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Leader:* Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Liska Stefko*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All:* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn: #502 (Gather) "Come to the Water"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the wa-ter.  
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the wa-ter.  
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the wa-ter.  
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the wa-ter.



And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:  
And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:  
And let all who are wea-ry, let them come to the Lord:  
Bring the ones who are lad-en, bring them all to the Lord:



With-out mon-ey,                   with-out    price.                                   Why should you  
 With-out mon-ey,                   with-out    strife.                                   Why should you  
 All who la-bour,                   with-out    rest.                                   How can your  
 Bring the children                   with-out    might.                                   Eas - y the



pay the price,                   ex-cept for the Lord?  
 spend your life,                   ex-cept for the Lord?  
 soul find rest,                   ex-cept for the Lord?  
 load and light:                    ? come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55.1,2, Matthew 11.28-30; John Foley, SJ (1939- ). Tune: John Foley, SJ (1939- ) © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music.

## The Lord's Prayer

Liska Stefko

*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

Liska Stefko

*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

Liska Stefko

*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.

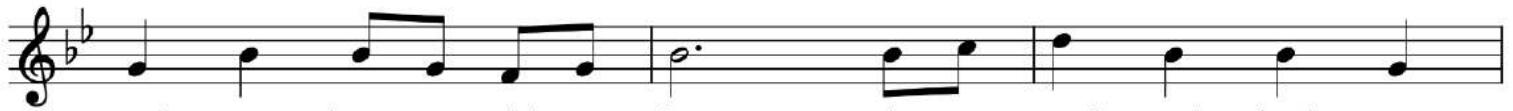
## Announcements

### Concluding Hymn: "The Reign of God"

Redeemer Music Team



1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears  
2. The reign of God can - not be found In  
3. The reign of God is like a pearl On  
4. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May,  
5. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From  
6. The reign of God is come in Christ; The



weeds a - long with wheat; The good and bad are  
far - off, for - eign land Till in fa - mil - iar  
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that  
yet un - no - ticed, grow; From deep with - in it  
ti - ny seed will spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry  
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.  
face and place We find it close at hand.  
pre - cious pearl, Go out and buy that field.  
ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.  
feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.  
kin - dling hearts, The reign of God is here!

Text: Matthew 13:24-33, 44-49, Mark 4:26-34; Delores Duffner, OSB, b.1939, © 1995, 2003, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: MCKEE; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949).

## The Dismissal

Liska Stefko

*Priest:* Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**Sunday October 5 (Proper 27C)**

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

**Sunday October 12 (Harvest Thanksgiving)**

**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)