



Proper 33C
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: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



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Opening Hymn: #755 (Gather) "Today I Awake"

Redeemer Music Team



1. To - day I a - wake	and God is be - fore me.	At
2. To - day I a - rise	and Christ is be - side me.	He
3. To - day I af - firm	the Spir - it with - in me	At
4. To - day I en - joy	the Trin - i - ty round me,	A -



night, as I dreamt,	God sum - moned the day;	For
walked through the dark	to scat - ter new light.	Yes,
wor - ship and work,	in strug - gle and rest.	The
bove and be - neath,	be - fore and be - hind;	The



God nev - er sleeps but pat - terns the morn - ing With
 Christ is a - live, and beck - ons his peo - ple To
 Spir - it in - spires all life which is chang - ing From
 Mak - er, the Son, the Spir - it to - geth - er They



slith - ers of gold or glo - ry in gray.
 hope and to heal, re - sist and in - vite.
 fear - ing to faith, from bro - ken to blest.
 called me to life and call me their friend.

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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: God, who is faithful when all the foundations crumble:
 in the time of crisis, as holy places fall and nations stumble,
 give us the conviction to bear witness to your love,
 whatever the cost;
 through Jesus Christ,
 your Word and Wisdom. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will

hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Isaiah 65:17-25

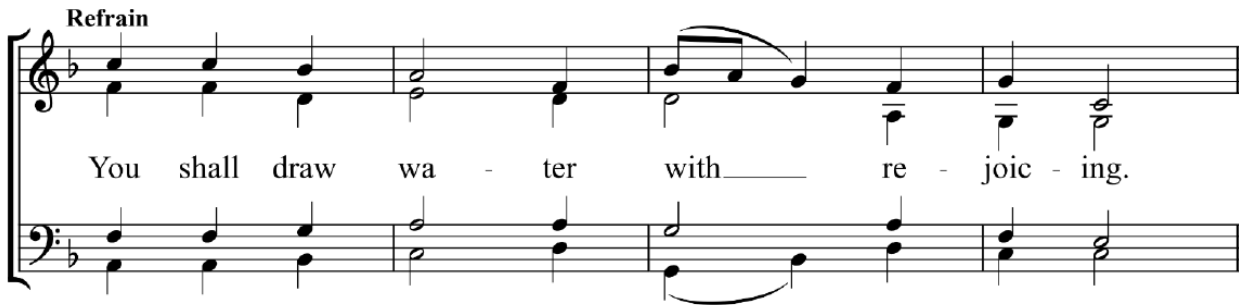
All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Canticle 3: Song of Thanksgiving (*George Black*)

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Refrain



You shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing.

Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Most High is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and God will be my Saviour.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation. **Refrain**

And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Most High and call upon God's name;
make God's deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that God's name is exalted. **Refrain**

Sing the praises of the Most High, for God has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

A moment of silence is observed.

Second Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

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.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 21:5-19

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Deb Hinton

Leader: Creator of all peoples and nations,
we hold up before you the leaders of our world,
those gathering at COP 33 in Belem,
those who have the power to end the sound of weeping
and the cries of distress
in Sudan, in Gaza, in Ukraine.
We pray for our leaders, that their choices
will mean houses for all to inhabit and fruit enough for all.
We pray for those who lead businesses and not-for-profits,
and those in leadership in this community,
that their leadership will create healing and joy.

here we pause to name those in leadership

Leader: Creator God,

All: **bring the new heavens and new earth in our midst.**

Leader: Suffering Saviour,
we hear the sounds of weeping, the cries of distress.
We see the children hungry, the people wounded,
the houses demolished, the olive groves and vineyards destroyed.
On our own streets we see those without housing.
We often don't see all those who are hungry,
those who are lonely, those longing to be fed with delight and joy.
Give us an imagination for peace and a vision for community,
that we might work to end violence and be a people of welcome.

*here we pause to name those people and places
that are suffering in our world and in our community*

Leader: Creator God,
All: bring the new heavens and new earth in our midst.

Leaders: Healing Spirit,
we hold before you those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.
Bring comfort and healing we pray,
and solace to those grieving the loss of health
or the loss of loved ones.

*here we pause to name those in need of healing,
those grieving and those who have died.*

Leader: Creator God,
All: bring the new heavens and new earth in our midst.

Leader: Bringer of new life,
we hold up before you the
Indigenous peoples, earth-keepers,
financial experts, scientists, politicians, and activists
who are meeting in Belem to call the world to account
for the sake of all living creatures, all our relations.
May the vision of a healthy, vibrant home for all creatures
shape their deliberations and decisions,
so that your vision of cities of delight and joy, vineyards and homes,
and long abundant life may indeed come in our time.

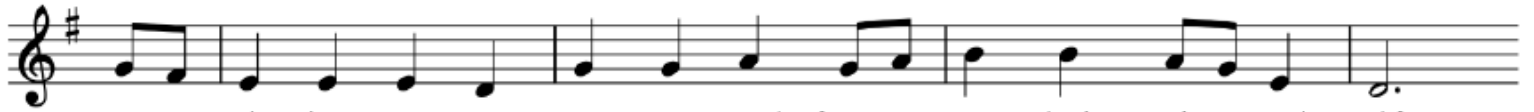
here we pause to pray for the creation and all our creaturely relations

Leader: Creator God,
All: bring the new heavens and new earth in our midst. Amen.

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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



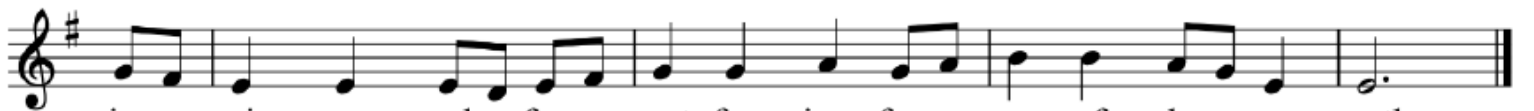
1. Our cit - ies cry to you, O God, from out their pain and strife;
 2. Yet still you walk our streets, O Christ! We know your pre - sence here,
 3. Your peo - ple are your hands and feet to serve your world to - day;
 4. O heal - ing Sav - iour, Prince of Peace sal - va - tion's source and sum,



you made us for your - self a - lone, but we choose em - pty life.
 where hum - ble Christians love and serve in god - ly grace and fear.
 our lives, the book our cit - ies read to help them find your way.
 for you our bro - ken cit - ies cry—O come, Lord Je - sus, come!



Our goals are pleas - ure, gold, and power; in - just - ice stalks our earth;
 O Word made flesh, be seen in us! May all we say and do
 O pour your sov - ereign Spir - it out on heart and will and brain:
 With truth your roy - al di - a - dem, with right - eousness your rod,



in vain we seek for rest, for joy, for sense of hu - man worth.
 af - firm you God in - car - ate still and turn sad hearts to you!
 in - spire your church with love and power to ease our cit - ies' pain!
 O come, Lord Je - sus, bring to earth the cit - y of our God!

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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: #536 (Common Praise) "Singing Songs of Expectation"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Sing-ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward goes the pil - grim band,
2. One the light of God's own pres - ence o'er his ran-somed peo - ple shed,
3. One the strain the lips of thou-sands lift as from the heart of one;



through the night of doubt and sor - row march - ing to the prom - ised land.
chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the con - flict, one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the guid - ing light:
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which nev - er tires,
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e - ter - nal shore;

