



Reign of Christ  
Spiritual Communion  
Sunday, November 23, 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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**President:** Liska Stefko

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Opening Hymn:** #114 (Common Praise) “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3. Now re - demp-tion, long ex - pect - ed, see in  
4. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, high on



fa - voured sin - ners slain: thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful maj - es - ty; all who set at  
sol - emn pomp ap - pear; all his saints, on  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - viour, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his train:  
naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
earth re - ject - ed, thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine own:



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hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -  
 deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly  
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -  
 O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly! O come

lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 griev - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 quick - ly! Hal - le - lu - jah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick (1718-1755), Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: HELMSLEY. Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) and Martin Madan (1726-1790).

## 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:* Holy God, our refuge and strength,  
 you have redeemed your scattered children,  
 gathering them from all the corners of the earth  
 through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ,  
 in whom all things are held together.  
 Make us a just and righteous people,  
 worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace,  
 where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading:

Christina Chang

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the

land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Jeremiah 23.1-6

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Psalm 46:** *(George Black)*

*Redeemer Music Team*

Refrain

The God of hosts is with us; the Rock of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **Refrain**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **Refrain**

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
who has done awesome things on earth;  
who makes wars to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth." **Refrain**

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Second Reading:**

*Christina Chang*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in

him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Colossians 1.11-20

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Song: #154 (Sing a New Creation) "Jesus, Our Mighty Lord"**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness,  
2. Good shep - herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing,  
3. Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks - giv - ing,



the Ho - ly lov - ing Word, true source of glad - ness—  
in love your child - ren keep to life un - end - ing.  
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing:



your name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus throned on  
You are your - self the way: lead us then day by  
all who con - fess his name, come then with hearts a -



high: you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.  
day in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.  
flame, the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sav - iour.

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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.**

When the people came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the

other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 23.33-43

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

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Homily:** Anne Evers

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Liska Stefko*

*Priest:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Heather Bennett*

*Leader:* On this day, we celebrate the Reign of Christ and prepare for the beginning of a Christian year. A new year is often a time of accountability for all we have done, or not done. However, it is also a time of hope, a time for new beginnings, a time to look for possibility. There is no more poignant a petition than that offered by the condemned prisoner to Jesus. “Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom’. You are invited to add your prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud in the pauses.

*Leader:* We pray for your church throughout the world. Where we have strayed, forgive us. Where we are witnessing to Your Word in places of conflict, strengthen us. Where we see injustice, cruelty or oppression, give us a clear voice to speak Your Truth to power.

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

*Leader:* Jesus, remember us

*All:* **when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world. We pray for the governments and NGOs that attended COP 30 in Belem, Brazil. You created this world, you entrusted our creation to our care. Give us the wisdom to separate fact from fiction and the courage to do all we can to restore and nurture the beauty and wonder of all you have created. We pray for peace and reconciliation among nations. We pray especially for victims of war, famine, tornado and tsunami, refugees and prisoners.

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

*Leader:* Jesus, remember us

*All:* **when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader:* We pray for our community. As winter approaches, the needs of the unhoused and the hungry becomes more and more acute. Empower us to bring together the various levels of government to implement solutions based on need and not on cost. Bring us together to support outreach ministry for all our neighbours who are marginalized. We ask your prayers for the ministry of this parish and for the financial resources that are required to meet the promises we have made to each other at our annual Vestry.

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

*Leader:* Jesus, remember us

*All:* **when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader:* In our own parish family, we pray for all who are sick, for those facing individual or family crisis, for those who seek a kingship of Jesus as shepherd. We give thanks for our pastoral care teams, for doctors, nurses, and other caregivers who minister to our needs.

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

*Leader:* Jesus, remember us

*All:* **when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader:* Jesus, today we remember your death on a cross and the redemption you have brought to us. We give thanks for the life and witness of all who have died. Comfort those who mourn, that their feet may be guided into the way of Peace.

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

*Leader:* Jesus, remember us

*All:* **when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader:* Shepherd king, we thank you for all the blessings you have provided, for the path to redemption you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, in whose name we pray.

*All:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Liska Stefko*

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

*All:* **And also with you.**



1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,  
 2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,  
 4. Our hope is your free - dom for both great and small,  
 5. All hon - our we give you, O help us to see,



in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,  
 when we shun our neigh - bours yet cling to our rights.  
 to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.  
 your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.



in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,  
 Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,  
 We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,  
 And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,



de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.  
 we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.  
 af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.  
 to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your King - dom to raise.

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## 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



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**

*Liska Stefko*

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Sunday November 23 (Reign of Christ)**

**4:00 PM** – Transgender Day of Remembrance  
(in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

### **Sunday November 30 (Advent 1)**

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

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

**4:00 PM** – Advent Carol Service (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)