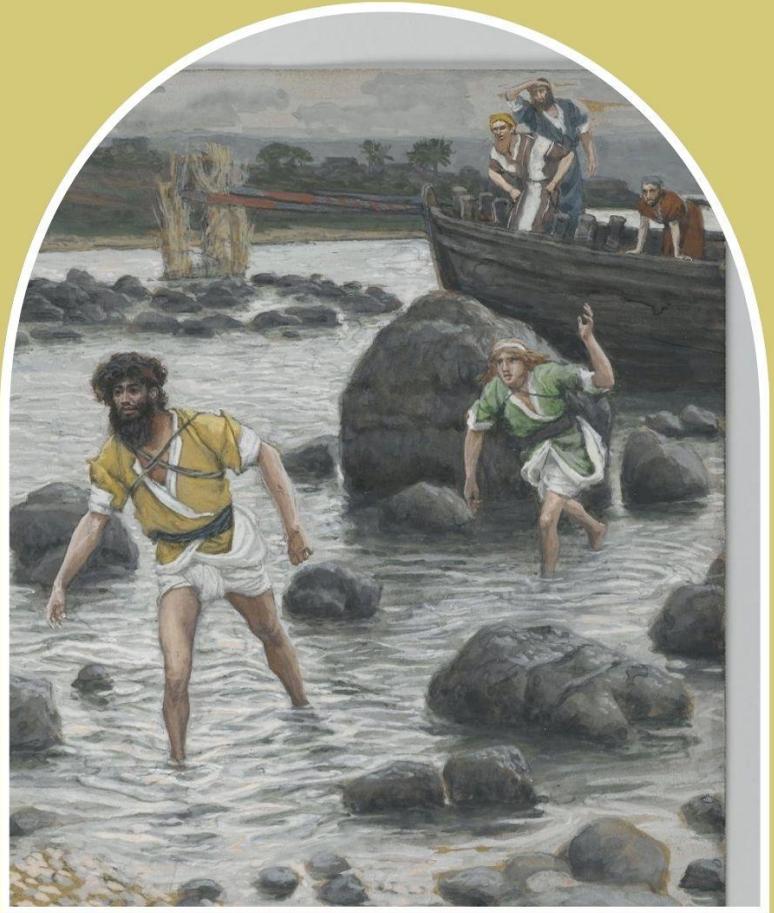


The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Spiritual Communion
Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 9 AM
Church of the Redeemer

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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

Moderator

Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Guest Homilist: The Rev'd Canon Chris Brittain is the Dean of Divinity and Margaret E. Fleck Chair in Anglican Studies at Trinity College in the University of Toronto. He teaches in the areas of Political Theology, Ethics, Anglican Studies, and Disaster Studies. He has served as a priest in three different dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada, and in three provinces of the Anglican Communion. In the early 2000s, he served as a deacon at the Church of the Redeemer and was very involved in what has grown into The Common Table.



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Opening Hymn: #510 (Gather) "I am the Light of the World" *Led by Redeemer Music Team*

Refrain



"I am the light of the world." says the Lord.



"They who follow me will have the light of life."

Verses



1. "A - rise," says the Lord, "Have no fear with -
2. ' "Walk in the light; there is no cause to
3. ' "Lis - ten to my words; they are from one who



in you; for in my pres - ence there will be no
stum - ble; I have come to light the path be -
sent me: for you, my friends, are called to share God's



D.C.
dark - ness. I am the light of the world."
fore you. I am the light of the world."
glo - ry. You are the light of the world."

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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.**

Priest: When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:

All: **To find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.**

The Collect of the Day

Liska Stefko

Priest: God of all people,
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.
May his dawning light give hope to the broken,
the persecuted, the alien, and the excluded,
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near
and turn to follow him; through Jesus Christ, the morning star.
Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

Isaiah 9.1-4

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 27.1, 4-9



GOD IS my light and my salvation; *
-- / whom then shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life; *
of whom then / shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in your house all the / days of my life;

To behold your fair beauty, O God *
and to seek you / in your temple.

For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter; *
you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me / high upon a rock.

Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies / round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make / music to my God.

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; *
have mercy on / me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, O / God, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant / in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of / my salvation.

Second Reading:

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #577 (Gather) "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a



way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; Such a love as none can



strife; Such a life as kill - - eth death.
length; Such a strength as makes his guest.
part; Such a heart as joys in love.

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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 Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 4.12-23

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: The Rev. Canon Dr. Chris Brittain – Dean of Divinity: Trinity College

Prayers of the People

Laura Boast

Leader: God our saviour, who called your disciples to be the first-hand witnesses to your ministry. May we who have heard their message be inspired by your Spirit to meet you in awe and wonder. Help us by your Mighty Spirit to so reflect your glorious nature, that we may do our part to bring your kingdom on earth.

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

Leader: O great God, we seek your face.

All: **Bring us to light and life.**

Leader: In this time of economic and political change, we remember your promise to bring safety, shelter and peace. Give help to those who live in fear in the midst of war and violence. Bring aid to those who have lost their homes, their livelihood, and their loved ones. Inspire people to bring aid, medicine and the necessities of life to those in need. Bring truth to the public discourse and bless our leaders with wisdom and hope as they negotiate for the good of all.

A silence is observed, please add your prayers here either silently or in the chat.

Leader: O great God, we seek your face.

All: **Bring us to light and life.**

Leader: Help us to live lightly on this good earth, mighty God. Forgive our greed and hubris that has led us to this time of ecological crisis. Bless those who work to care for the earth and help us all to do our part.

A silence is observed, please add your prayers here either silently or in the chat.

Leader: O great God, we seek your face.

All: **Bring us to light and life.**

Leader: We lift up to your loving care all those in pain, sickness, fear, and want. Touch with your healing hand all those on our hearts and minds this day. Uphold all those who are near to death, and bring hope and respite to their caregivers.

A silence is observed, please add your prayers here either silently or in the chat

Leader: O great God, we seek your face.

All: **Bring us to light and life.**

Leader: Give us thankful hearts, generous God. We thank you for this day; for your generosity in meeting our needs; and for all that is beautiful and gracious in the world and in our lives. Especially we thank you for the legacy of our faith which has brought us in this hour into your nearer presence.

A silence is observed, please add your prayers here either silently or in the chat.

Leader: O great God, we seek your face.

All: **Bring us to light and life.**

Leader: Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of our troubled lives,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Liska Stefko

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

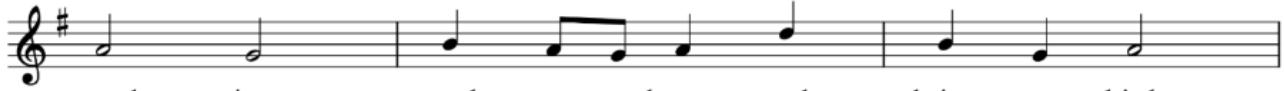
All: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #446 (Common Praise) “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

Led by Redeemer Music Team



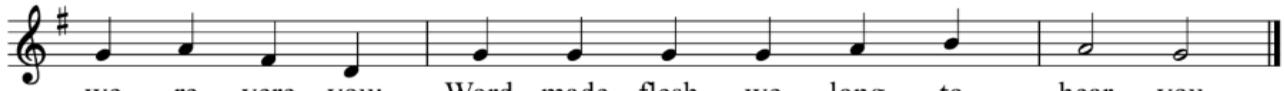
1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heaven de -
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre -
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal
4. Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all



scend - ing: touch our hearts and bring to birth
a - tion, Word that came from heaven to die,
blind - ness. Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
tell - ing; Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion; sav - ing Word, the
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing; Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pi - ty spo - ken; heal the world by our sin bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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The Lord's Prayer

Liska Stefko

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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

Please be seated

Departing Hymn: #432 (Common Praise) "Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. Je - sus calls us! O'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - iour



life's wild rest - less sea, day by day his
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday January 25 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

4:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Monday January 26 to Saturday January 31

12:15 PM – Midday prayer (on Zoom only)

Wednesday January 28

12:00 PM – Mid-week Eucharist (in the Church)

Sunday February 1 (Presentation of the Lord)

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

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

4:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through Youtube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)