

Trinity Sunday



Spiritual Communion Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 9 AM Church of the Redeemer

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OUR VISION

Becoming the Body of Christ at the corner of Bloor & Avenue Road and beyond

Guided by commitment to our shared values, we seek to become the body of Christ, nurturing a lively faith, a persistent hope, and an ever-expanding love for God's world.

We seek to – open our doors and hearts, embracing all who seek a sacred space. We offer worship in many forms, touching the hearts of those yearning for spiritual connection, in-person or online.

We seek to – listen deeply, hearing the stories of Jesus and of one another with open minds and hearts. Through faithful questioning, reflection, and shared learning, we grow together in wisdom and grace.

We seek to – serve with generous hospitality, gathering at the table with our physical and spiritual hunger. We walk alongside one another with compassion in the seasons and conditions of life, sharing our needs and thanks.

We seek to – embody Jesus' teachings that all people are God's children, worthy of love, and that all of creation is interconnected. Where structures or attitudes threaten or diminish, we advocate for justice, peace, equity and ecological responsibility.

We seek to – reach out in-person and virtually to the world around us. We dare to love in word and action so that others see something of God in their midst.

OUR VALUES

Compassion: meeting every soul with tenderness and dignity

Openness: welcoming questions, embracing differences, and following the movement of the Spirit

Respect: honouring each person's unique story and gifts, and the inherent worth of all Creation

Inclusion: making room for all to enter, find a place, and participate fully

Stewardship: nurturing respect for our resources and partnerships for long-term vitality



Christ has no body now but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world. Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Teresa of Avila (Adapted)

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

Who We Are

We are followers of Jesus: children, young adults, families, and seniors who come from a variety of backgrounds. We are long-time members and newcomers; people of deep faith and those still searching; people shaped by many traditions—and sometimes seeking a deeper sense of faith and community. We are not limited by ability, age, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, personal history or sexual orientation.

Where We Stand

Dwelling on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Church of the Redeemer stands at the crossroads, physical and virtual—of neighbourhoods and nations, of government, education, arts, culture, and commerce—in the heart of Toronto.

From this place we seek to live into our identity as the body of Christ: living our faith, offering hope, and sharing love for God's world.

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President: Steven Mackison

Welcome

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Opening Song: #56 (SANC) “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2. Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3. Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4. With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - iour's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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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 the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: O God,
your name is veiled in mystery,
yet you have made us and call us by name;
draw us more deeply into your divine life,
so that we may show forth in our lives
your justice, kindness and humility;
for you alone are holy, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Sylvia Keesmaat

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night- and the stars.

God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Genesis 1.1-2.4a

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 8 (George Black)

All sing refrain

Refrain

O God our gov - er - nor, how ex - alt - ed is your name in all the world!

O God our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens. **Refrain**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger,
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses. **Refrain**

Who are we that you should be mindful of us?
Who are we that you should seek us out?
You have made us but little lower than the angels;
you adorn us with glory and honour. **Refrain**

You give us mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under our feet;
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field, **Refrain**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O God our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world! **Refrain**

Second Reading:

Sylvia Keesmaat

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

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 the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 28.16-20

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: As we gather on this Trinity Sunday, you are invited to add your prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud for the gift of God's creation.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

***All:* and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that wherever your word is proclaimed, may they be words of peace and reconciliation. Give courage to your people who maintain presence in places where to proclaim your Word could bring oppression or danger. Where your Church has been the oppressor, we seek forgiveness. In our own church we pray for all who have been called to be ordained as deacon or priest.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

***All:* and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We pray for the world. We pray for leaders throughout the world, that they may be instruments of peace where war, oppression, or exploitation exists. Living in peace also applies to our relationship with your creation. We are reminded of our responsibilities as stewards of your creation in both the psalm and the chapter in Genesis but we also remember that God has given us all the tools we need to feed and nurture all the creatures on this earth.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

***All:* and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We pray for this community. We remember those who are in transition from their schooling, approaching retirement, moving to a new place or new opportunity. In our own cities, we pray for those offering themselves for service in the upcoming municipal elections. We pray for our ministries to the unhoused, the hungry, the refugee, the lonely. In an atmosphere of posturing and polarization, we come in peace and with open hearts to work together to raise up all of God's people.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

All: **and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We pray for those we know who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Give strength to those who care for them, publicly or in the privacy of home.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

All: **and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We give thanks for those who have died. We pray that they are at peace and that those who mourn will find peace in the loss of their loved ones.

A silence is observed. Please add your prayers silently or in the chat.

Leader: Live in peace

All: **and the God of love and peace be with you.**

Leader: We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, for the peace we enjoy with family, neighbour, and friend. We give thanks for the blossoms, the fresh grass, the opportunity to dip our toes in spring waters, to glint at the sun or gaze at a sunset. O Lord, our sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Steven Mackison

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

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #560 (Common Praise) “God, Whose Almighty Word”

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. God, whose al - might - y Word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2. Sav - iour, who came to bring on your re - deem - ing wing
3. Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4. Gra - cious and ho - ly Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed on your flight! Move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might, bound - less as o - cean's tide roll - ing in



gos - pel - day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind: now for all hu - man - kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light!
full - est pride: through the world far and wide let there be light!

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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: O Christ,
I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. 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.**

Concluding Hymn: #165 (SANC) "Shout for Joy!"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



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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Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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Sunday May 31

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday June 3

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

Sunday June 7

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

9:00 AM – Coffee Church (in the Church)

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

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