All Saints Day



Spiritual Communion

Sunday, November 1, 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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Presider: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Your support of the ministries of the Church of the Redeemer allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road. Donations can be made through the QR code. Thank you for your gift and for joining in worship today.

Opening Hymn: "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



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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: God of all people, from every tribe and language; you called true witnesses who sang your praise, lived your grace and worked for peace. May we share their faith and live by their example, so that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Catherine Emerson

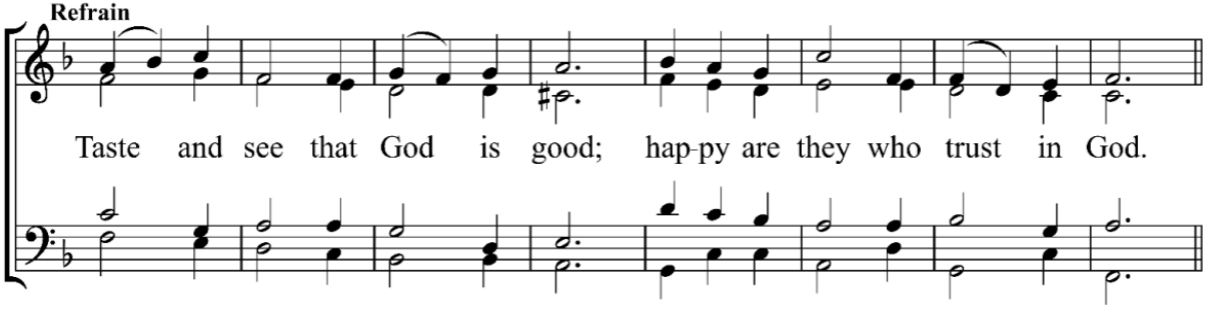
Reader: A Reading from the Revelation of John the Divine.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Revelation 7.9-17

All: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 34.1-10, 22 *(George Black)* *Led by Redeemer Music Team*



I will bless God at all times;
my mouth will always be praising my Maker.
I will glory in the Holy One;
let the humble hear and rejoice. **Refrain**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;
let us exalt God's name forever.
I sought my God, and was answered
and delivered from all my terror. **Refrain**

Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and was heard
and saved from all my troubles. **Refrain**

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,
and will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good;
Happy are they who trust in the Holy One. **Refrain**

Fear God, all you saints,
and you will lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.
You, God, ransom each faithful servant,
and none will be punished who trust in you. **Refrain**

Second Reading *Catherine Emerson*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. 1 John 3.1-3

All: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Song of Praise: "Dios de los pobres" *(Carlos Meija Godoy)* *Led by Redeemer Music Team*

Vos sos el Dios de los pobres	You are the God of the poor.
El Dios humano y sencillo	The human and simple God.
El Dios que suda en la calle	The God that sweats in the street.
El Dios de rostro curtido	The God of the sunburnt face.
Por eso es que te hablo yo	And so I can talk to you.
Así como habla mi pueblo	Like I talk to my people.
Porque sos el Dios obrero	Because you're the worker God.
El Cristo trabajador	Christ the labourer

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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ. Matthew 5.1-12
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 *Heather Bennett*

Leader: United in the company of all the faithful
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Through faithful proclamation of your word may we be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy people.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
that we may find the way of freedom and life.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and to the dying;
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

We remember especially The Common Table, in thanksgiving for thirty years of faithful and transformative ministry.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Touch and heal all those whose lives are marked by pain and grief
that, raised from death to life in Christ,
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Remember in your mercy all those gone before us
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;
preserve us in your faith on earth,
guide us to your kingdom
and grant us your peace at all times.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

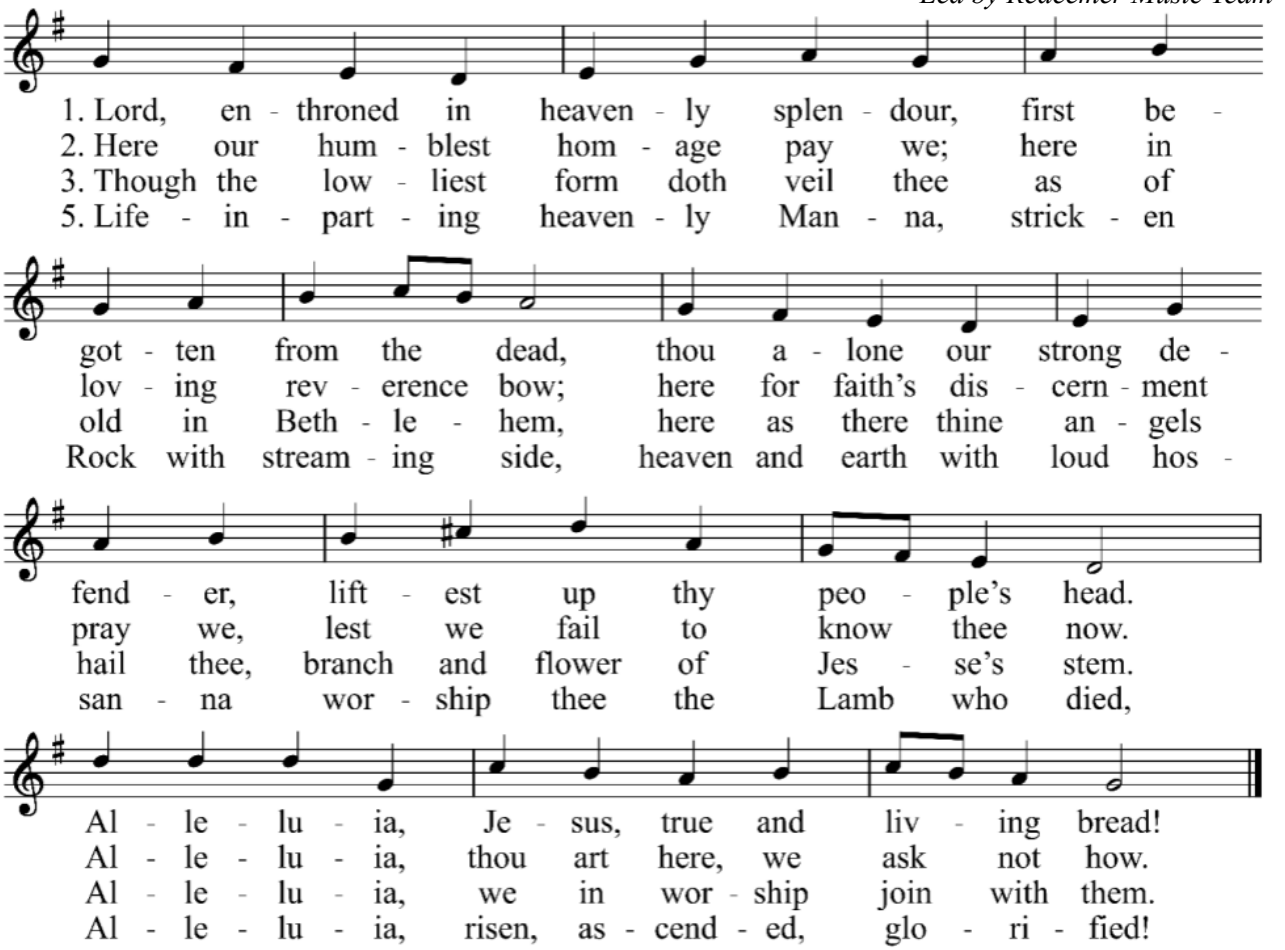
Leader: We give you thanks
for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.
All: **Blessing and glory and wisdom,**
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace *Steven Mackison*

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

Offertory Hymn: #84 (Common Prase) "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour"

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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, wherever you may be, I invite you in this moment to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people.

A silent prayer for reflection:

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.

Concluding Hymn: "When the Saints Go Marching In" *Led by Redeemer Music Team*

We are travelling in the footsteps of those who've gone before
and we'll all be reunited on new and sunlit shore
Oh when the saints go marching in. Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in
And when the sun begins to shine. And when the sun begins to shine
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the sun begins to shine
Oh, when the trumpet sounds a call. Oh, when the trumpet sounds a call
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number. When the trumpet sounds a call
Some say this world of trouble is the only one we need
but I'm waiting for that morning when the new world is revealed.

Dismissal *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday November 1 (Proper 29A)

7:00 PM – All Souls Requiem Eucharist (in the Church and Youtube)
8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday November 4

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

Sunday November 8 (Proper 31)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)
9:00 AM – Simple Gifts (in the Church)
10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)
8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER LEADERSHIP

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