

Harvest Thanksgiving

Spiritual Communion

Sunday, October 11, 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: Lor Maroney

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



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Opening Hymn: #137 (SANC) "Called to Faith"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. Called to faith, your peo - ple gath - er, Christ our broth - er,
2. Called to hope, your peo - ple serve you as they reach out
3. Called to love, your peo - ple chal - lenge all that si - lenc -



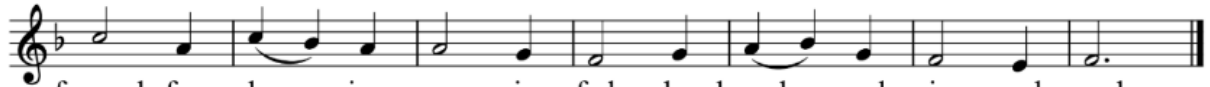
in your name, know - ing need of one an - oth - er,
through your grace, seek - ing out your mis - sion's pur - pose,
es your song: pre - ju - dice and greed and mal - ice,



fac - es dif - ferent, hearts the same, grow - ing in your
be - ing Christ in ev - ery place, work - ing for sha -
weak ex - ploit - ed by the strong. Serv - ing Je - sus



ho - ly like - ness, o - pen, heal - ing, Spir - it-spurred, fam - ilies
lom and jus - tice, learn - ing how to sim - ply share so your
in self - giv - ing, choos - ing your will, not our own, we will



formed for lov - ing ser - vice, fed by bread and wine and word.
will may be en - act - ed as we ask in dai - ly prayer.
tru - ly be your peo - ple so your king - dom can be grown.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Lor Maroney

Deacon: 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

Lor Maroney

Deacon: God, whose word is engrained
in all we eat and drink:
free us from the greed
that destroys the roots of life;
teach us to eat the living bread
in whom all hungers are satisfied
by the life that gives of itself,
Jesus Christ, the living Word.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions. **Refrain**

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **Refrain**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might. **Refrain**

You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **Refrain**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth. **Refrain**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. **Refrain**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Murray Bryant

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

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

Led by Redeemer Music Team

The Gospel

Lor Maroney

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 17.11-19

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Henry Krol

Leader: Creator God, we gather in gratitude for the delights that we experience in creation. For the scent of the pine trees, the sparrow’s song in a city park, the chickadee’s sidelong look, the scent of flowers on the evening air, the light streaming through the window.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator of all lands and nations, we rejoice in the diversity of mountains, rivers, valleys, deserts, lakes and forests that have birthed the many creatures and peoples of this world. We savour the many songs, dances and languages that celebrate your world and its creatures. We grieve over those places where your earth and your creatures are being destroyed: Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine, the tar sands, and all the mines feeding the hunger of our technology.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

Leader: Show us how to halt this destruction, that these places might offer up praise to you once again.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator of abundance, we offer up our thanks for the ways your creation sustains us: for the savoury tastes that feed our hunger, the comforting textures that surround our skin, the rough walls that protect us from wind and cold. We pray for those who do not have access to the abundance of creation, for those tasting only emptiness, those without adequate clothing or shelter, those whom the wind and rain too intimately embraces.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

Leader: Increase our gratitude, so we might extend creation's bounty to all.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator who entered into our bodily life, we are grateful for all the ways we can enjoy your creation: beautiful colours, moving sound, comforting touch, evocative scents. We pray for those for whom bodily life brings only pain, for those who experience grief in the sounds and scents that remind them of loss, those who lament the loss of other creatures, and of their loved ones.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: So work your healing in us all, that all of our life might break forth in praise.

For all your gifts

All: **we offer thanks.**

The Peace

Lor Maroney

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

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #425 (Common Praise) “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Led by Redeemer Music Team

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re -
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,

God of love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee,
flect thy rays; stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
ev - er blest, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,

o - pening to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Car - ing for us

sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
like no oth - er, all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Text: Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), alt. Music: HYMN TO JOY. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867).

The Lord's Prayer

Lor Maroney

Deacon: 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

Lor Maroney

Deacon: 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

Lor Maroney

Deacon: 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: #435 (Gather) “Sing it to the Mountains” *Led by Redeemer Music Team*

Refrain

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into three main sections: a Refrain, a first verse, and a second verse. The Refrain consists of three lines of music. The first verse consists of two lines of music. The second verse consists of two lines of music. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your
voic - es, lift your hearts. This is the day our
God has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my God. You have an-swered my
plea. You have saved my soul from death.

You are my strength and my song. **D.C.**

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. **D.C.**

3. This is the day that our God has made.
Let us be glad and re - joice. Now all death has turned to life.

Sing of the glo - ry of God. **D.C.**

Deacon: Go forth with grateful hearts in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

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

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Collect of the Day: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Readings: New Revised Standard Version – Updated Edition

Prayer over the Gifts: Common Worship, Church of England

Prayer after Communion: Common Worship, Church of England

Prayers of the People: Sylvia Keesmaat

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday October 11 (Harvest Thanksgiving)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday October 14

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

Sunday October 18 (Proper 29A)

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)

4:00 PM – Rock Vespers featuring the music of Dolly Parton
(in the Church and Youtube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

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