Proper 33A

Spiritual Communion

Sunday, November 15, 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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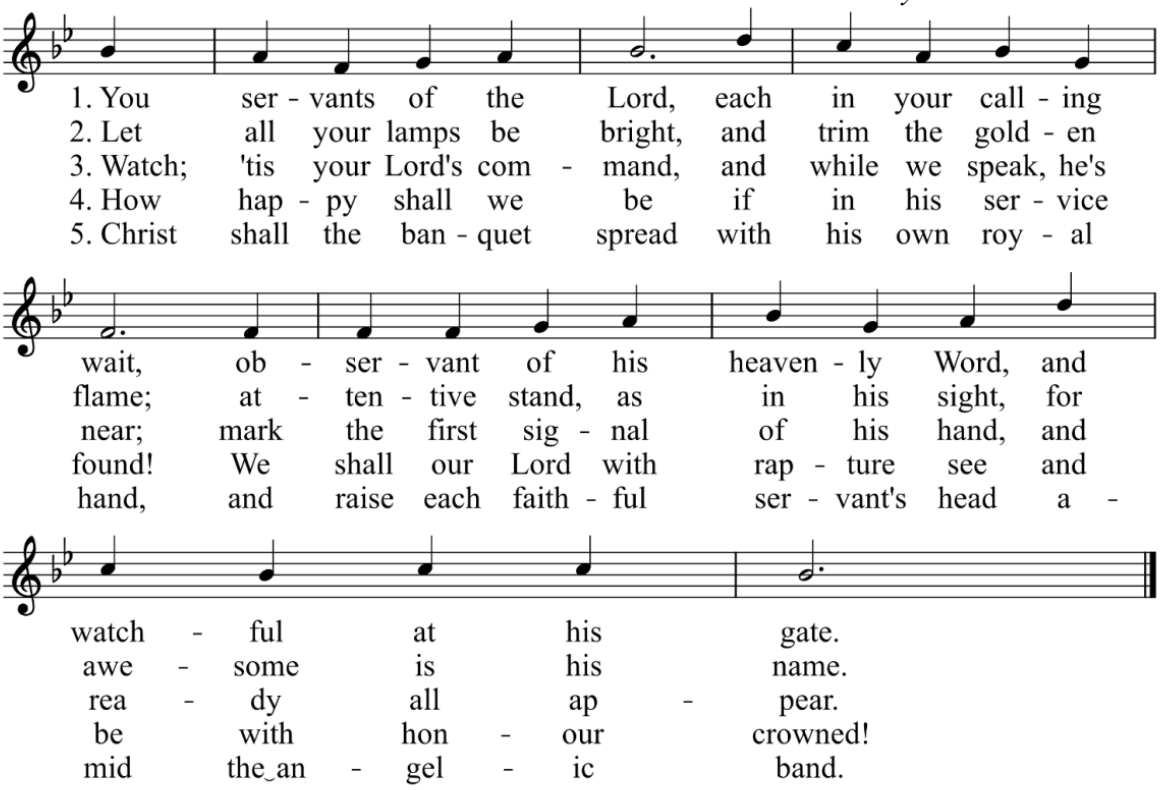
Welcome

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: #93 (Common Praise) “You Servants of the Lord”

Led by Redeemer Music Team



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

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Liska Stefko

Priest: O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:
give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them,
so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word
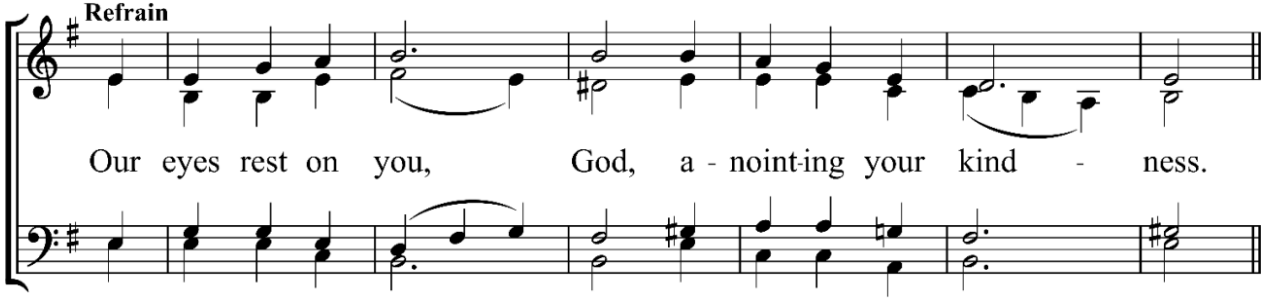
First Reading: *Elli Howard*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Judges.
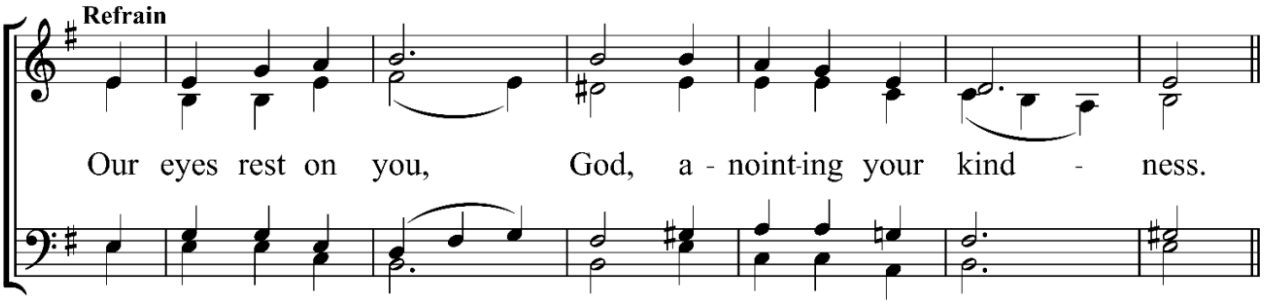
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Judges 4.1-7
All: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 123 *(George Black)* *Led by Redeemer Music Team*



To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to you, our God,
until you show us your mercy. **Refrain**



Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud. **Refrain**

Second Reading *Elli Howard*
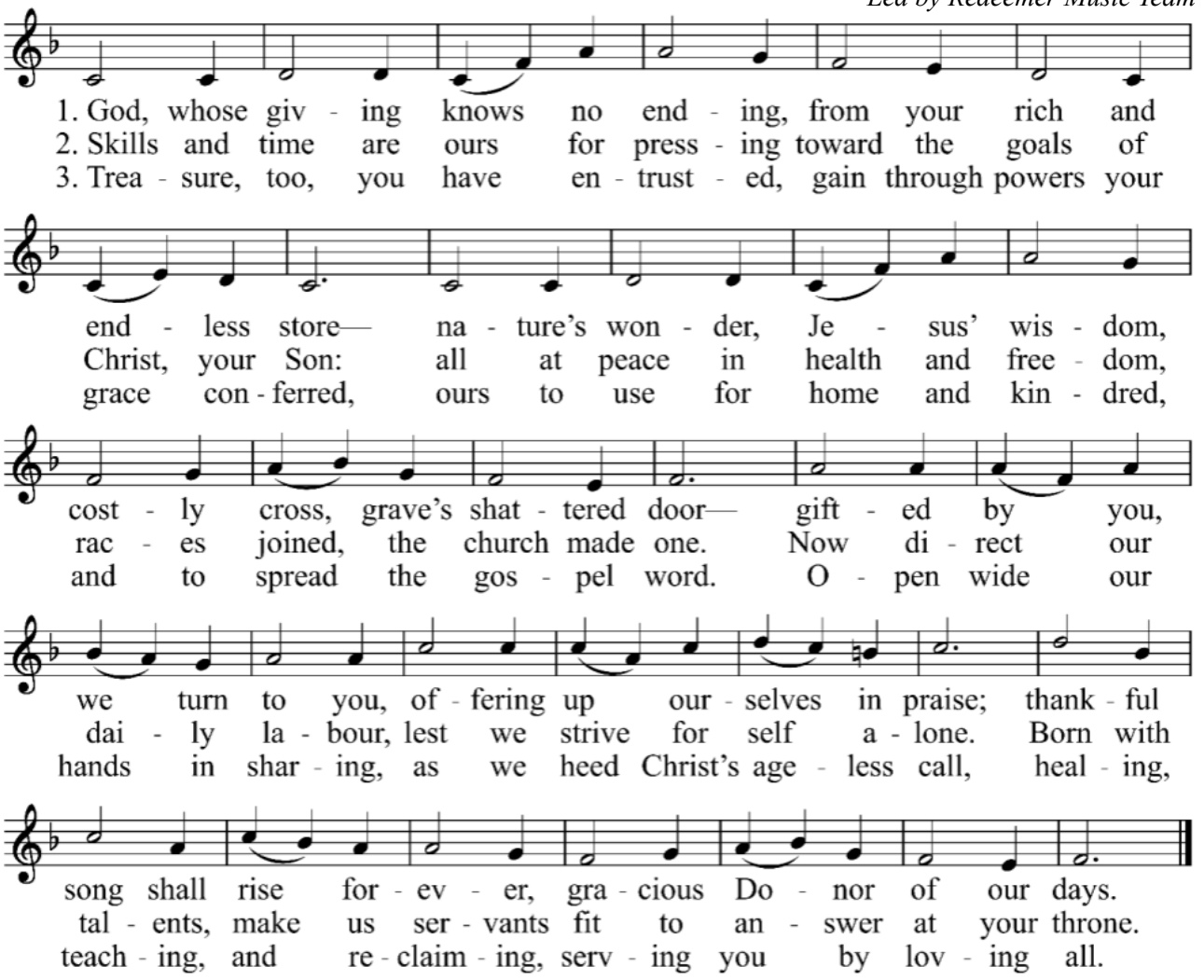
Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
All: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #601 (Common Praise) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Led by Redeemer Music Team



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

Jesus said, “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Priest: The Gospel of Christ. Matthew 25.14-30
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *A moment of silence is observed.*

Homily: Liska Stefko

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People *Heather Bennett*

Leader: Let us pray saying: we long for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Creator God. Hungry for a place of welcome. Hungry for a place where all are fed. We thank you for the ways that this community meets the hunger in our hearts and the hunger of our community.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Peacemaking God. Hungry for a world where bombs do not drop on schools and hospitals where children are safe on the streets and in school. Hungry for a world where no one spends their winter in a tent. We pray for those surrounded by violence. We pray for peace in our time, O Lord, for the nations and for creation.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Compassionate Saviour. Hungry for a city where there are homes for all who need them. Hungry for a community that creates circles of healing for those who have been wounded, those who are traumatized, those who no longer know how to trust. We are hungry for physical food, to fill the bellies of all who have too little. We pray for those living on our streets, those who come to the Common Table and Sanctuary and other shelters in our city. Help us to know how to meet these hungers.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Wounded Saviour. Hungry for healing as we struggle with physical infirmities. Hungry for healing as anxiety, grief, and fear fill our hearts. Hungry for your comfort in the night as the darkness surrounds us, and in the day as we realize our limits. Hungry for new life for those who have died. Hold us in your wounded hands, we pray.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so grateful, Comforting Spirit. Grateful for all the ways that you feed our hunger. Grateful for the ways that you surround us with a world of beauty and awe: with shooting stars, the song of birds, the beauty of coloured leaves, the stark shapes of fall. In the midst of our hunger, may we never forget the ways in which we have been fed by your generous and gracious hand.
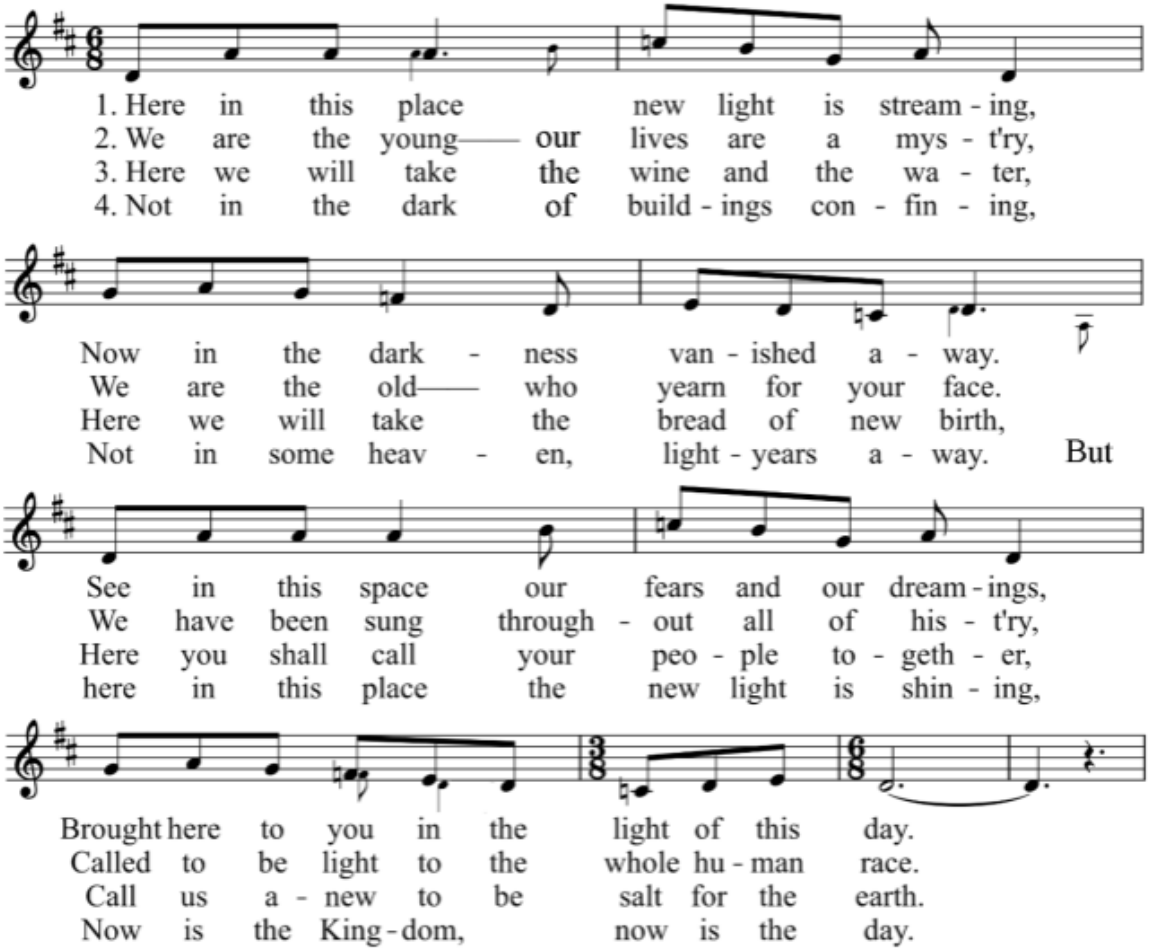
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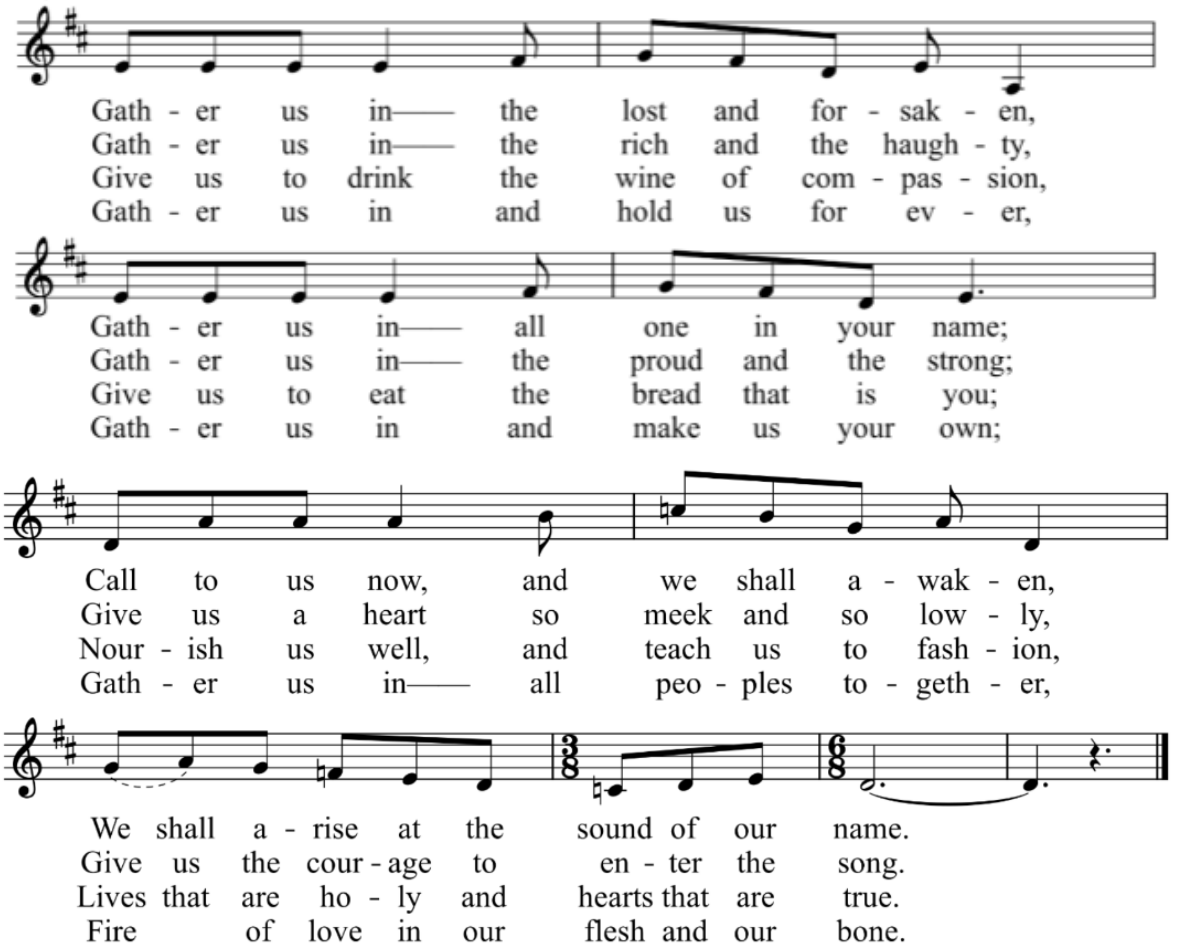
Leader: We are grateful for your wisdom, O Lord.
All: **We are thankful that you have fed us with your living bread. Amen.**

The Peace *Liska Stefko*

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

Offertory Hymn: #744 (Gather) "Gather Us In" *Led by Redeemer Music Team*





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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,
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.

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.*

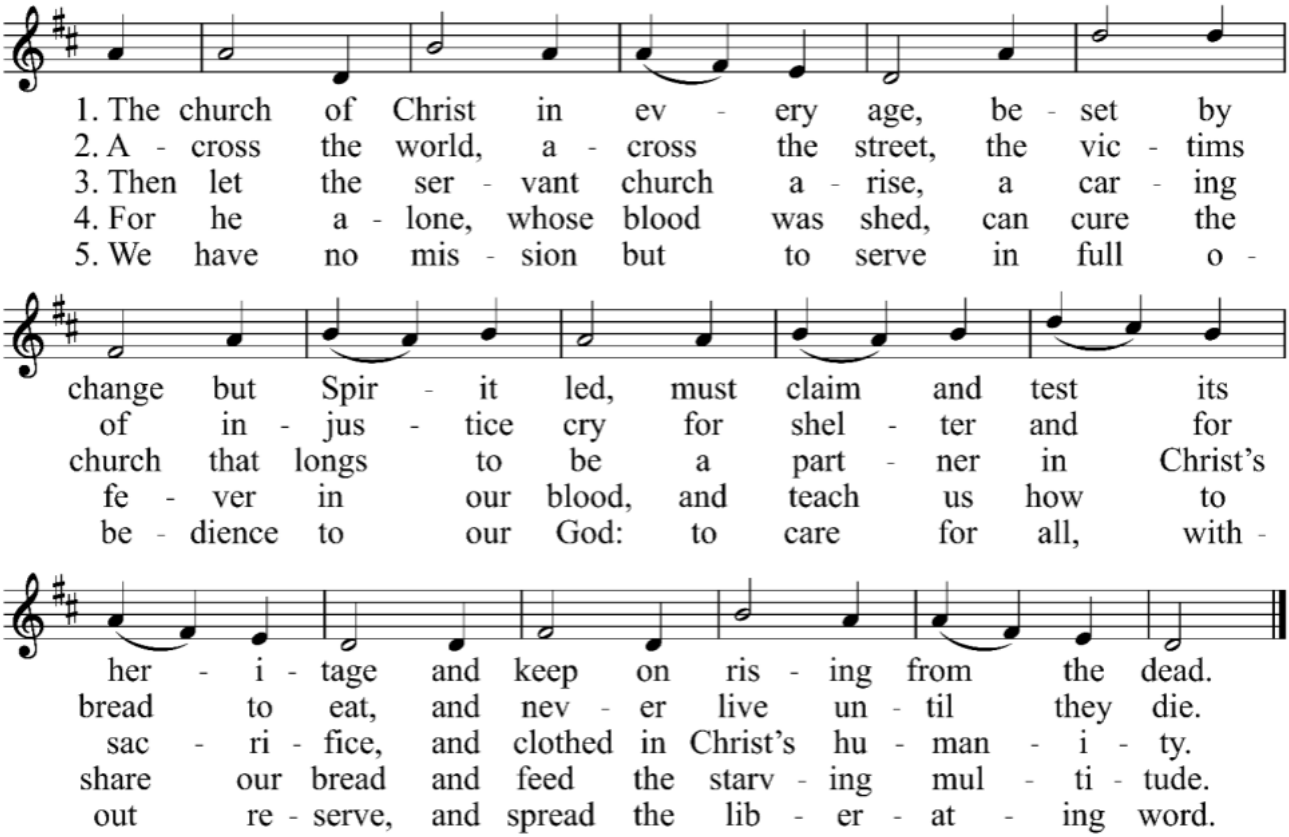
The Doxology *Liska Stefko*

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

Concluding Hymn: #584 (Common Praise) "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

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Dismissal *Liska Stefko*

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 15 (Proper 33A)

4:00 PM – Bach Vespers (Choir & Orchestra) featuring Cantata No.73
(God, as you will, let it be done with me)
8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday November 18

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

Sunday November 22 (Proper 34 - Reign of Christ)

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 – Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
(in the Church and through YouTube)
8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

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