



every child matters



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

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Prelude: Invention 9 – *J.S. Bach*

Jill Daley

✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Kyrie – *Mass for Three Voices (William Byrd)*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Vibrant God, your creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow,
your peoples reveal the beauty of diversity.
We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed.
We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system.
We mourn today for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.
Celebrate the hope and joy of every child.
Tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger.
Build the bonds of solidarity to ensure “never again”.
In the name of the one who was child among us. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Kim Mouldsdale

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will

be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 17.1-7

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 25.1-8 – *George Black*

Refrain



The paths of the Lord are love and faith-ful-ness.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **Refrain**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **Refrain**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Scott Werry

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of

you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Philippians 2.1-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #588 (Gather) “Blest are You”



1. Blest are you who made the u - ni - verse, You who see be - yond our
2. Through your good-ness we have bread to eat, Seeds that died to bring life
3. Through your good-ness we have wine to drink, Fruit of vine-yard, work of
4. Here the stran - ger is a wel - come guest Here all hun - gers shall be
5. Blest are you who made the u - ni - verse, You who see be - yond our



death. Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with ev-'ry
new. As the sep-'rate grains be - come one loaf, Gath - er us as one in
hands. Let the fruits of all we cel - e - brate Spread your love to ev-'ry
fed. Come, and know the one who brings you life In the break-ing of the
death. Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with ev-'ry



breath, Blest be you with ev-'ry breath.
you, Gath - er us as one in you.
land, Spread your love to ev-'ry land.
bread, In the break-ing of the bread.
breath, Blest be you with ev-'ry breath.

Text: Berakhot and Didache; Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them, blessed them and went on his way.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 19.13-15

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

Homily: Jim Boyles

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: The Road Home – *Stephen Paulus*

Virtual Choir

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?

All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,

Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;

There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

~Michael Dennis Browne

Hymn: #638 (Gather) "Eye Has Not Seen"

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has rea-dy for
those who love him; Spi-rit of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor-row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin-gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev-er
Lord, for-give the weak-ness of our faith, and bear us up with-
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we re-turn in
near, re-flect-ed in the fac-es of all the poor and
- in your peace-ful word.
love what love has made.
low-ly of the world.

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for
those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Verse 4



4. We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ever new the music rings to Je - sus, Living
Song of God.

TEXT: 1 Cor.2:9-10; para. Marty Haugen (1950-), alt. MUSIC: Eye has not seen; Marty Haugen (1950-); © 1982 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

The Prayers of the People

Pamela Thomson

Leader: Creator God, we come before you seeking your will in our lives. We pray for the church. As we strive to preach the Gospel of the Redeemer, open our ears that we may hear your Spirit whispered in the wisdom of elders and in the traditions of our indigenous neighbours.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for the world you have created. Tame our wills to seek only what we need and transform our desires that we may see all that lives as neighbour, to be cherished as you would have us love you and one another.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for the sick and suffering, the lonely and lost, the abused and neglected, and for all who are ill at ease, in our lives and in creation. Help us to heal all that we have hurt, especially all pain and anguish that comes from the legacy of Residential Schools.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for those who have died, especially those who died alone, abandoned, or unloved, and those whose stories have never been told.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort all who mourn this day, and reassure them of a new life where peace abounds. We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: Great Spirit, we thank you for the earth in all its abundance, for life in all its beauty and diversity, and for your love which surpasses all understanding.

Please give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving or add them over in the chat box

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Steven Mackison

Priest: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: **Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

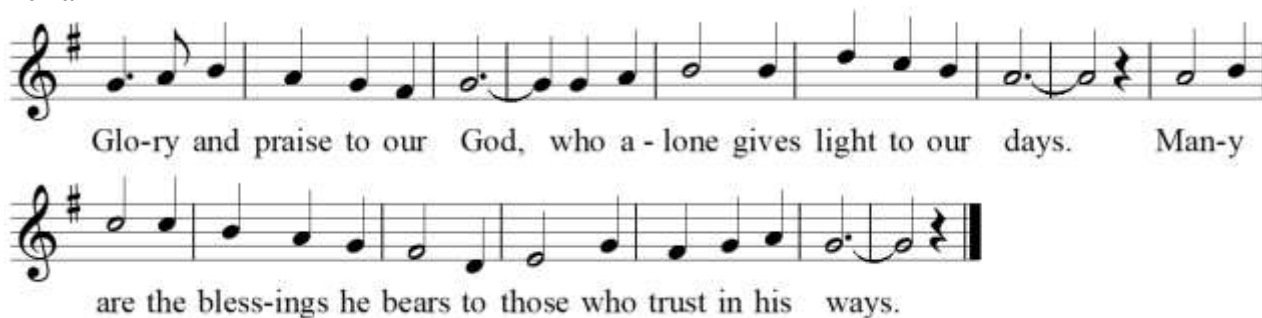
The Doxology

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: #522 (Gather) “Glory and Praise to our God”

Refrain



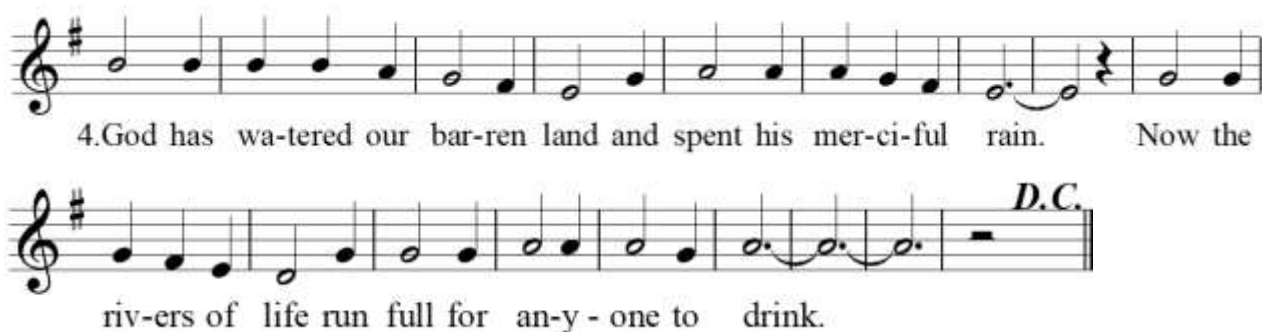
Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days. Man-y
are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3



1. We, the daugh-ters and sons of him who built the val-leys and plains,
2. In his wis-dom he strength-ens us, like gold that's test-ed in fire.
3. Ev-'ry mom-ent of ev-'ry day our God is wait-ing to save,
Praise the won-ders our God has done in ev-'ry heart that sings.
Though the pow-er of sin pre-vals, our God is there to save.
Al-ways read-y to seek the lost, to an-swer those who pray.

Verse 4



4. God has wa-tered our bar-ren land and spent his mer-ci-ful rain. Now the
riv-ers of life run full for an-y-one to drink.

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

Floral Dedication

The two vases of flowers in the chancel are placed to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Doris and Robert Hunter, and in loving memory of Pat and Rev'd Duncan MacLean, and Norman Brown by Avery MacLean and her family.

Season of Creation

Sunday, September 27, 4:00 p.m. is the launch service for *Season of Creation*, a month-long journey of worship and special events. The theme this year is ***All My Relations: Learning to Live in the Family of Earth.***

Through scripture, music, poetry, and secular writings, we will explore the Indigenous worldview that all of life is interrelated.

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of KAIROS: Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, who will preach on the launch service's theme, ***Earth Song.***

Please join us: it will be joyful!

This service will be pre-recorded; for the link, please visit our website theredeemer.ca

What's in a Worldview: From Creation Stories to Trickster Tales (Saturday, October 3 – 9 AM to Noon)

This [workshop](#) will be presented by Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Chair on Truth and Reconciliation at Lakehead University, with Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, Adjunct Professor, Trinity College, Toronto School of Theology, as responder.

Through reflection and storytelling, Cynthia will relate an indigenous understanding of the relationship of human beings with the rest of creation. Sylvia will respond by reflecting on the ways indigenous wisdom could inform the Western settler church's historical understanding of the biblical worldview that places human beings "in charge" of the rest of creation.

During the workshop, participants will have opportunities to ask questions and reflect on their own awareness of their relationship to the earth. A desired outcome of this workshop is for the participants to leave informed and inspired, and with their imaginations and hearts open to the concept that we are all related in this family of earth, “We live because everything else does.”

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

Reconciliation Mural Zoom Conversation (Wednesday, September 30 @ 7 PM)

ISWG hopes that everyone has had an opportunity to visit [their page](#) on Redeemer’s website to view the mural vision and concept brief documents and to see answers to frequently asked questions.

What comments or questions do you have about the mural? You are invited to a Zoom conversation on Wednesday, September 30 from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP to iswg.redeemer@gmail.com.

Marginalia

“Marginalia” are the marks you scribble around the border edges of pages of a book. Redeemer’s series by this name is a sort of “Sunday School for grown-ups” and meets on Zoom on **Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM**. Our October series is “Rewilding Faith: Learning from Old Testament Theologies of Creation”. The schedule for the balance of 2020 is on the [Learning@Redeemer](#) page of our website. Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence leads the conversations. To be added to the list for Zoom login details, please contact Nate at nwall@theredeemer.ca.

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