



THE SEASON OF CREATION:
LEARNING FROM A LIFE OF GRATITUDE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 AT 8 A.M.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Please rise as you are able

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us in your image to care for your world.
Give us grateful hearts for all your blessings,
and the wisdom and compassion to discern your will,
that the whole human family, today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: The Summer Day by Mary Oliver.

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 136.1-9

Priest: Praise to you, O God, for your goodness,
your mercy endures for ever!

All: **Praise to you, God of gods,
your mercy endures for ever!**

Priest: Praise to you, Monarch of monarchs,
your mercy endures for ever!

All: **You only do great wonders,
for your mercy endures for ever.**

Priest: By your wisdom you made the heavens,
for your mercy endures for ever.

All: **You spread out the earth upon the waters,
for your mercy endures for ever.**

Priest: You created great lights,
for your mercy endures for ever.

All: **The sun to rule the day,
for your mercy endures for ever;**

Priest: The moon and the stars to govern the night,

All: **for your mercy endures for ever.**

Psalm Source: Book of Alternative Services, adapted by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

Second Reading

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of

God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Philippians 4.4-9

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

The Gospel

Please rise as you are able

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 17.11-19

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

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.
God, the beginning and end of all things,
in your wisdom and care you watch unceasingly over all creation;
we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people
your will may be done, God of all creation.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life;
for farmers and agricultural workers,
for farmers markets and roadside stands,
for factory workers and grocery store staff;
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other,
enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for governments and aid agencies,
and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation.
By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts
and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty,
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill,
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes,
those ill from the coronavirus, and all who are known to us.
We pray for all who care for them.
Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Creator of all:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider: Steven Mackison

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything on heaven and earth is yours.
"All things come from you, and of your own do we give you". **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honour your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world
around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Priest: Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

Priest: On the night before he died for us,
our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

As witnesses to Christ’s sacrifice,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**People: So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Prayer After Communion

Priest: God our Creator,
you feed your people with the bread from heaven;
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
that we may come to that place
where your people hunger and thirst no more
and your creation is restored to its full glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth with a grateful heart for all that you have been given. Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

[Online Donation](#)

Ministry Updates

Season of Creation

Season of Creation continues through October. Information about all of the worship services and events can be found [online](#). As with our current worship guidelines, attendance at any of the in-person services will require pre-registration.

The Creation Matters group at Redeemer has been working over the past few months to make Season of Creation a meaningful and thoughtful time of worship and learning.

Bringing Season of Creation Home

Fast fashion. Single-use plastics. Our use and abuse of water. The lavish, ephemeral beauty of chrysanthemums in bloom, crying out to be noticed. The butterflies you see less of every year. The skunk underneath your porch, doing what skunks do best.

As we move toward the end of Season of Creation, starting October 18, Learning@Redeemer and Creation Matters will offer a “30-day challenge” – a series of daily invitations to respond faithfully to the Earth’s call for gratitude, solidarity, justice and healing.

Each day, a member of the Redeemer community will offer a meditation on our place in Creation, and how we might answer the Earth’s call.

Please join us! If you would like to receive these daily meditations and calls to response by email, send a message to [David Townsend](#). David will put you on the distribution list.

Sunday Services in the Church/Staying Connected Meeting

Due to rising COVID-19 case counts, we have found it increasingly difficult to provide enough staff and volunteers to manage all of the worship services in the church according to the necessarily high standards we have set. Therefore, beginning this Sunday, we will no longer be offering the 1 PM service or the Fourth Sunday at 4 PM. However, we will still offer services – like Rock Eucharist – pre-recorded and posted to our website and YouTube channel. We believe this is the best way to balance staff and volunteer workload but still provide a breadth of worship with the integrity and excellence we have come to know and love. Moreover, at 12 noon on Sunday, October 18 we will have a Staying Connected meeting to reflect upon our experience.

Bishop's Company Cabaret

In place of this year's dinner, there will be a free evening of online entertainment on Friday, October 16 at 8 PM with guest speaker the Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Registration is available on [Eventbrite](#), the Bishop's Company [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. Requests for donations will be made throughout the evening. This event is open to everyone.

Worship with Your Wealth: Responsible Investing for Creation Care

Join Peter Bennett for this presentation on socially responsible investing. Responsible investment refers to the incorporation of environmental, social and governance factors into the selection and management of investments. After reviewing and considering this concept using both scripture and the history of the church's role in responsible investing, guidelines on how to choose responsible investments will be presented.

There are many ways that we can learn to "live in the family of earth". A desired outcome of this workshop is to inform and guide the participants to use their investments to achieve environmental and social goals.

Two sessions will be offered: [Monday, October 26 \(7-9 PM\)](#) and [Tuesday, October 27 \(2-4 PM\)](#). There will be a maximum of 20 participants at each session and registration is required through the links provided above.

Peter Bennett is a long-time member of the parish and holds the Responsible Investment Specialist designation from the Responsible Investment Association. The workshop is not designed to solicit or recommend products or services.

Zoom link details will be provided closer to the date for registrants.

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](#).

The Common Table

Thank you to all who made this year's Yorkville run such a success. \$63,177 was raised to support the Common Table.

Our bell tolls at noon on Wednesdays to raise awareness of overdose deaths in our city. Each toll represents one person who is loved and who mattered. We honour the lives we have lost and stand in solidarity with the poor who are forgotten and neglected.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, hear our prayer.

Flowers in Memory or Thanksgiving

As we come together for worship in the church building again, it is possible for flowers in memory or in thanksgiving to be placed on the reredos. If you would like to dedicate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, the cost is \$75/vase (or \$150 if you wish to contribute the cost for both vases). Please contact [Marjorie](#) for details.

Parking Update

For many years members of the parish have parked at the Bedford Road Green P parking lot and had their parking receipt stamped for free parking on Sunday mornings. At this time, it seems that the parking lot is unstaffed. We expect this is done out of an abundance of caution for the health of staff who work at the parking lot. This means free parking can no longer be offered at this time. We will provide updates as often as they are available.

