



THE SEASON OF CREATION:
LEARNING FROM A LIFE OF GRATITUDE

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Prelude: License to Kill – *Bob Dylan*

✠ 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.**

Glory to God – *John Bell*

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

First Reading

Jean Bubba (Pre-recorded)

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 – *George Black*



- (1) Praise to you, O God, for your goodness,
 - (2) your mercy endures for ever!**
 - (3) Praise to you, God of gods,
 - (4) your mercy endures for ever!**
 - (5) Praise to you, Monarch of monarchs,
 - (6) your mercy endures for ever!**
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- (1) You only do great wonders,
 - (2) for your mercy endures for ever.**
 - (3) By your wisdom you made the heavens,
 - (4) for your mercy endures for ever.**
 - (5) You spread out the earth upon the waters,
 - (6) for your mercy endures for ever.**
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- (1) You created grät lights,
 - (2) for your mercy endures for ever.**
 - (3) The sun to rule the day,
 - (4) for your mercy endures for ever.**
 - (7) The moon and the stars to govern the night,
 - (8) for your mercy endures for ever.**

Second Reading

Abigail Young

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

Sequence Song: See Me, Feel Me - *Peter Townshend*

The Gospel

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

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: “Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir” – BWV 29 (J. S. Bach)

Virtual Choir

Sei Lob und Preis mit Ehren

Let there be glory, praise and honour

Gott Vater, Sohn, Heiligem Geist!

to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Der woll in uns vermehren,

who wants to increase in us

Was er uns aus Gnaden verheißt,

what he promised to us in his mercy,

Daß wir ihm fest vertrauen,

so that we firmly trust in him,

Gänzlich verlassn auf ihn,

rely completely on him,

Von Herzen auf ihn bauen,

in our hearts build on him,

Daß unsr Herz, Mut und Sinn

so that our heart, courage and mind

Ihm tröstlich solln anhangen;

may depend on him for comfort;

Drauf singen wir zur Stund:

therefore we sing at this hour:

Amen, wir werden's erlangen,

Amen, we shall achieve this,

Glaubn wir aus Herzens Grund.

we believe from the bottom of our heart.

Hymn: “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” – *Taizé*

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to
God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your
voic-es, the Lord is near. In the

The Prayers of the People

John Sutton

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 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 Song: "One" – U2

One love
One blood
One life
You got to do what you should
One life
With each other
Sisters, brothers
One life
But we're not the same
We get to carry each other, carry each other

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.

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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.

