



**THE SEASON OF CREATION: HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**HUMILITY, AWE, AND WONDER**  
**LEARNING OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 God,  
out of the overflowing of your love  
you created all things with rich variety and great beauty,  
and entrusted us with responsibility for them;  
grant that we might so value all that you have given into our care  
that we may strive to sustain its blessings for all people for all time;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

“And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Proverbs 8.22-36

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 148.1-6

*Priest:* Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens;  
sing praise in the heights.

**All: Sing praise, all angels,  
sing praise, all you heavenly host.**

*Priest:* Sing praise, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**All: Sing praise, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

*Priest:* Let them praise your name, O God;  
for you commanded, and they were created.

**All: You made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
you gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

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

## Second Reading

A Reading from Pale Blue Dot by Carl Sagan

*Video Clip*

“Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and

sinner in the history of our species lived there-on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wupToqz1e2g>

*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 John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 1.1-5, 14, 16

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

**Homily:** Nate Wall

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* Creator God, we stand before you in awe and wonder at the beauty and majesty of this work and this universe that you have shaped. We offer our praise and thanksgiving in response for your generosity, and as that you help us to live in ways that ensure that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations. God of all creation.

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

*Leader:* O God:

*All:* **Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* Creator God, we rejoice that, as human beings, we have been created in your image and likeness. But we also recognize that humanity alone cannot adequately reflect you. The whole diversity of the earth is needed to give us even a glimpse of your wonder and greatness. Help us to live in a sustainable way so that this marvelous diversity is respected.

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

*Leader:* O God:

*All:* **Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* Creator God, we live in a world where some of us throw out food while others go to bed hungry; where some have the modern amenities of life at their disposal and others struggle to find drinking water. May we learn to share with one another and, in this way, come to share in your generosity to all.

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

O God:

**All: Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* Creator God, the sun, the wind and the waves are your gifts for the flourishing of the whole community of life on earth. Help us to use them creatively to produce sustainable energy for all.

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

O God:

**All: Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* We pray for the United Nations, for all international, national and local leaders, that they may be guided by your Spirit to make wise decisions about our environment and climate change.

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

*Leader:* O God:

**All: Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* Creator God, you have blessed humankind with understanding, imagination and memory. Show us how to learn from past mistakes and plan for the future creatively and responsibly.

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

*Leader:* O God:

**All: Give us your love for the whole of Creation.**

*Leader:* Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of Your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives with you and with the Holy Spirit for ever.

**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:* You are blessed, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread  
which earth has given and which we have received from the silent soil.  
It is the bread of the earth, this silent earth bathed in morning light,  
this beautiful planet in the teeming galaxies of space: warm and well-lit for us.

*All:* **Blessed be God forever.**

*Priest:* You are blessed too, loving God, in the wine we have,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
In our earth of many blessings the vine was planted,  
its roots reaching down to that richness  
from which all nourishment, strength and health are drawn.

*All:* **Blessed be God forever.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*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:* We thank and praise you almighty Father.  
In wisdom you guide the course of the world  
and cherish us with tender care.  
We thank you that we can come in the name of Jesus your Son,  
the first born of creation.  
In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together.  
We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit  
to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.  
And so with the wonders of creation  
and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth  
we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

**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:* God of all creation,  
send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth,  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ:  
bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself,  
Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation  
and the covenant you made with your chosen people.  
Then he took bread, gave you thanks,  
blessed it and broke it, saying:  
‘Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body,  
which will be given up for you.’  
In the same way he took the cup  
and giving you thanks and praise,  
he gave the cup to his disciples and said:  
‘Take this all of you and drink from it,  
this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.’  
So we proclaim the mystery of faith.”

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

*Priest:* As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we celebrate the goodness of the earth,  
our companionship in this world  
and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives.  
We offer the cup of our humanity  
matured over the unnumbered centuries of the struggle  
that has gone into making this world;  
our living and dying, fears and hopes, futility and fidelity.



Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command: through him with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever 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:* Creator God, you set the tree of life at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church; grant that we who have been nourished at this table may ever strive to work for the good of all creation; 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 out into the world rejoicing,  
meet your Creator who awaits you there;  
delight in the richness and diversity of the world Christ died to save;  
and live in the power of the Spirit that renews all things. Alleluia!

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

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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 **today** we will have a Staying Connected meeting to reflect upon our experience.

## **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.

## **Common Table announcement: Update and Call for Volunteers**

The Common Table is unable to open up inside as of yet, since COVID numbers continue to climb and the risk of spread within our vulnerable population indoors is very high. So this winter, CT staff and volunteers will be putting on warm coats and spending lots of time outside. As you likely can see when you go out in your neighbourhood, street homelessness is drastically increasing during the pandemic. To respond to this need, we will be shifting to doing 2 days of actual street outreach, visiting encampments that are growing in Yorkville and close vicinity to the church, delivering food, supplies, and providing ongoing connections and support. Monday through Wednesday we will continue hot food service at the church outside the side doors, and Thursdays and Fridays we will be on foot in the community, packed with supplies.

We are excited for this new endeavour, but this is new for us! We need some things from you to help us succeed: your prayers, your support, and your hands. There are many volunteer jobs we need filled (both on site and at home positions).

Right now, we need:

- Home bakers and sandwich makers (this entails making food at home and individually package them and drop them off- we need to follow strict public health guidelines around this so contact Angie before you make anything!)
- Work from home special project volunteers- good computer skills a necessity
- Shoppers and donation delivery volunteers and organizers
- On site volunteers- working directly with the community (no kitchen help is needed at this time, those positions are full)

It takes a village – and we need the whole village right now! Please get in touch with Angie via email at [hockinga@theredeemer.ca](mailto:hockinga@theredeemer.ca)

## **Our Bell Tolls**

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.

## **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](#).

## **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, Give us your love for the whole of Creation.

## **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.