



THE SEASON OF CREATION: HOLY EUCHARIST
HUMILITY, AWE, AND WONDER
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Prelude: Mūžīgo pakalnu ilgošanās (The Longing of Eternal Hills) – *Rihards Dubra*

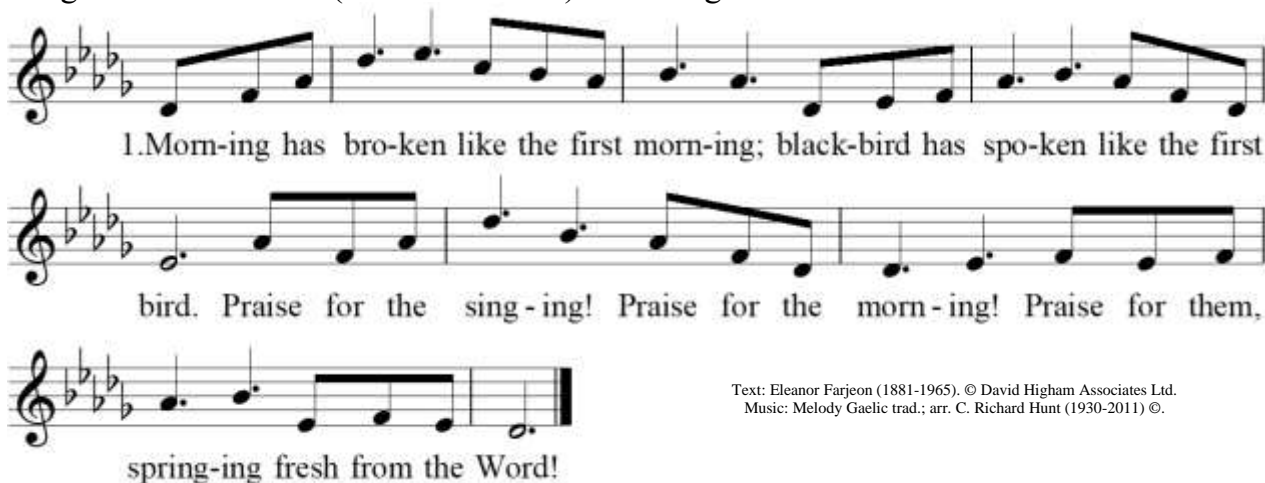
✠ The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Song of Praise: #3 v.1 (Common Praise) “Morning Has Broken”



1. Morn-ing has bro-ken like the first morn-ing; black-bird has spo-ken like the first
bird. Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the morn-ing! Praise for them,
spring-ing fresh from the Word!

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Music: Melody Gaelic trad.; arr. C. Richard Hunt (1930-2011) ©.

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

First Reading

Heather Bennett

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 – *George Black*

Michael Broder

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Praise God from the heavens;
sing praise in the heights.
Sing praise, all angels,
sing praise, all you heavenly host. **Refrain**



Sing praise, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Sing praise, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

Let them praise your name, O God;
for you commanded, and they were created.
You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Refrain**

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

Sequence Hymn: #407 (Common Praise) “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works”



1. Ma - ny and great, O God, are your works, mak-er of earth and sky.
2. Grant un - to us com-mun-ion with you, O star-a - bid - ing one.



Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fin-gers spread the
Come un - to us and dwell with us; with you are found the



moun-tains and plains. Lo, at your Word the wa-ters were formed; deep seas o-
gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, e - ter-nal



bey your voice.
life in you.

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The Gospel

Susan Haig

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

We pause for music and meditation

In tonsured fields the mitred stooks
line up in winnow-ward procession.
Congregations of green-vestured
corn make whispering confession.

Evangelizing seeds translate
the earth to scripture writ in furrows
(each tract proclaimed by whistling winds,
acclaimed by clapping wings of crows).

Beneath the branching vaults and nave
of pillared pines swells up a spring
in pooling rocks: a shady stoup
is there, perpetually baptizing.

And choiring birds sing antiphons
as in a chantry or a shrine
or sip communally at bowing
bushes seeped with berry wine—

as if in nature's liturgy,
creation's office of thanksgiving,
each in its way finds orisons
for saying, thank you for my living.

~Cori Martin

Hymn: #426 (Common Praise) "The Spacious Firmament on High"



1. The spa-cious fir-ma-ment on high, with all the blue e-
2. Soon as the eve-ning shades pre-vail, the moon takes up the
3. What though in sol-emn si-lence all move round the dark ter-
the-real sky, and span-gled heavens, a shin-ing frame, their
won-drous tale, and night-ly to the lis-tening earth re-
res-trial ball, what though no re-al voice, nor sound, a-
great O-rig-i-nal pro-claim. The un-wea-ried sun from day to day does
peat the sto-ry of her birth; while all the stars that round her burn, and
midst their ra-diant orbs be found; in rea-son's ear they all re-joice and
his Cre-a-tor's power dis-play, and pub-lish-es to ev-ery land the
all the plan-ets in their turn con-firm the tid-ings, as they roll, and
ut-ter forth a glo-rious voice, for-ev-er sing-ing as they shine, "The
work of an al-might-y hand.
spread the truth from pole to pole.
hand that made us is di-vine."

Text: Joseph Addison (1672-1719). Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809);
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The Prayers of the People

Mary-Jane Wilson

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 add them over in the chat box.

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 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: # 357 (Common Praise) “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”



1. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing: my God and King! The
2. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing: my God and King! The



heavens are not too high, his praise may thith - er fly; the earth is not too
church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but a - bove all, the



low, his prais - es there may grow. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing: my
heart must bear the long - est part. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing: my



God and King!
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Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

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

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.