



**THE SEASON OF CREATION: HOLY EUCHARIST
HARVESTING THE SEASON:
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

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Welcome: *Steven Mackison*

Prelude: "Solsbury Hill" – *Peter Gabriel (Virtual Choir)*

✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting: *Susan Haig*

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.**

Haitian Kyrie



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je vous prie. — Ky - rie — e - le - i - son,

— Ky - ri - e e - lei - son! —

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Lord God,
 Giver and sustainer of life,
 You call us to responsibility and to care for your creation:
 Help us to respond to your call to be keepers and healers of the Earth
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Karen Turner (Pre-recorded)*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Job.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
 Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?
 Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are;
 Now *I* will ask the questions and *you* will answer me!

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 If you know the answer, tell me!
 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Who stretched the measuring line across it?
 Into what foundation were its pillars sunk?
 Who laid its cornerstone
 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
 ‘Or who held back the sea with gates
 when it burst out from the womb?
 When I made the clouds the earth’s garment,

and wrapped it in darkness;
when I put boundaries around the waters,
and locked the gates in place,
saying, “This far shall you come, and no farther.
This is where your mighty waves stay”?

‘Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,
and told the dawn its assignment for the day,
was to take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and shake the wicked out of it?

‘Have you travelled as far as the source of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Answer me, if you know all this.
How does one get to the source of the light,
and where does darkness come from?

‘Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
Or do you know where I store all the hail?
Which road do you take to the lightening fork?
Where on earth does the east wind finish its blowing?

Who lays a channel for the downpour,
Or prepares a path for the thunderbolt,
To bring rain to an uninhabited land, and deserts void of life,
Enriching the wasted and desolate place,
And making the ground put forth grass?

Does the rain have parents?
Who has begotten the dewdrops?
From whose womb did the ice come forth?
Who gives birth to skies full of hoarfrost?
The Lord said to Job, “If you have something to say, speak up!”
Job answered, “I am of small account; what can I say?
I put my hand over my mouth.
I have no answer.
I will say nothing more.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Job 38.1-13, 16-19, 24-29; 40.1-5

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Paraphrase of Psalm 139.1-12



1.O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2.You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis-
3.Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4.Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5.For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are be-
cern my pur-pose from a - far, And with love ev - er - last - ing you be-
known its meaning through and through. You are with me be-yond my un-der-
search for shel - ter from your light. There is no-where on earth I can es-
life with-in my moth - er's womb. For the won-der of who I am, I



fore me: Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
siege me: In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
stand - ing: God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture too.
cape you: E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
praise you: Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Second Reading: *Nancy Luno*

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain

will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-6

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #635 (Common Praise) “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - our of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.
sign: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.
pare: come, Ho-ly Spir - it, come.

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The Gospel: *Steven Mackison*

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.**

Jesus said: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew

and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 7: 24-29

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: “Change the world” – *Eric Clapton*

Hymn: #623 (Common Praise) “A Mother’s Labour Bears Her Child”

Verses



1. A moth-er's la - bour bears her child. She shares cre - a - tion's ag - o - ny. The
2. A moth-er's bod - y nour - ish - es her child she com - forts at her breast; and



wa - ter's break an - tic - i - pates the hour of her de - liv - er - y.
Je - sus feeds us of him - self, in his own life our liv - ing blessed.

Refrain



And by the la - bour of the cross our moth - er Christ has brought to



birth in - to his own e - ter - nal life the sons and daugh - ters of the earth.

The Prayers of the People: *Tony Crosbie*

Leader: Let us pray to God our creator.
Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth.
We praise you for your care
in creating a universe which proclaims your glory.
Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all,
and let your light shine upon our world.

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

Leader: God of Life:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the vastness of the universe
and the mysteries of space.
We pray for all scientists and astronomers
who extend the boundaries of our knowledge.
As we contemplate the wonder of the heavens,
confirm us in the truth that every human being is
known and loved by you.

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

Leader: God of Life:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the beauty of the earth,
for the diversity of land and sea,
for the resources of the earth.
Give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all.

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

God of Life:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the warmth of the sun,
the light of the moon, the glory of the stars.
We praise you for the formations of clouds,
the radiance of dawn and sunset.

Save us from wasting or abusing the energy
on which all life depends.
Open our eyes to behold your beauty,
and our lips to praise your name.

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

God of Life:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the teeming life of the seas and rivers,
and the flight of the birds.
Help us to protect the environment
so that all life may flourish.

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

Leader: God of Life:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant us grace to treat all animals with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honour the delicate balance of nature.

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

Leader: God of Life:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the human family.
We exult in its diversity and giftedness,
we repent of its sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us,
through Christ who came to remake us
by his death and resurrection.

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

Leader: God of Life:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator of all, you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son 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 Hymn: #662 (Common Praise) “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a section mark (§) above the first measure. The second staff has a section mark (§) above the first measure. The third staff has a section mark (§) above the first measure and the words "Last time" above the final measure of the first phrase. The fourth staff has a section mark (§) above the first measure. The fifth staff has the words "To beginning at §" above the final measure. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy. You shall go".

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy. You shall go

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Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

The Dismissal

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Priest: Go forth that you may step gently and live simply, with respect and love for all that God has made. Alleluia!

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

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Ministry Updates

Season of Creation

Today marks the end of Season of Creation. Our thanks to the Creation Matters group at Redeemer who worked so hard to make it a meaningful and thoughtful time of worship and learning.

Zoom Coffee Time

As we near the end of all the Season of Creation activities the planning group would like to find out what worked well for you and invite suggestions for next year.

One of the planning group members will be in each Zoom Coffee Break Out group to remind you of the question and to keep notes. Look forward to your insights.

If you would rather not participate in such a structured Zoom Coffee you can return to the main area where you can connect with others.

With gratitude from the Season of Creation Planning Group.

Bringing Season of Creation Home

Starting last Sunday, October 18, Learning@Redeemer and Creation Matters began offering 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 offers 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.

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.

Reconciliation Mural

What do you think about a mural that would hang on the cement section of the west wall (along Avenue Road)? What questions do you have about this proposal? If the proposal is approved by the parish at a vestry meeting this fall and if then approved by the City of Toronto’s Heritage Committee and then the StArt programme jury which reviews and funds murals, the painting would be done by Joseph Sagaj, a prominent Indigenous artist.

You are invited to join a Zoom conversation with your questions and comments on **Thursday, October 29, 7 to 8 PM**. RSVP at the following e-mail address: iswg.redeemer@gmail.com

Please visit the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group’s page on the church’s [website](#) for the following information that may answer some of your questions: 1) Mural Vision - a detailed proposal about the mural; 2) Concept Brief which includes concept drawings of where the mural would hang as well as summaries of two consultations with members of Redeemer and one with members of the Indigenous community in Toronto. These consultations were opportunities to do some creative thinking about what the mural might look like; 3) Frequently Asked Questions/FAQs.

The Common Table: 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 November series is “Utopia Now : The Politics of the Sermon on the Mount ”. 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, 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.