



**THE SEASON OF CREATION:  
LEARNING FROM THE CREATURES  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 AT 1 P.M.**

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## Welcome

*Steven Mackison*

Opening Song: “Le Coucou” (from Carnival of the Animals) – *Camille Saint-Saëns*

## ✠ 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 all, you fashioned a world  
brimming with life in all its majesty and mystery:  
land, air, and sea all teem with beings that reflect your glory,  
with ourselves, made in your image.  
Show us the way to repent  
of all that is left wanting in our relationship with creation.  
Mend our ways with all living things,  
that we may be reconciled with you and with all that is.  
This we pray in the name of the one who knew this world as one of us,  
and brought us closer to you and to each other,  
Jesus Christ the Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

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

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living thing that moves of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them saying “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 1.20-25

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 104.10-31

*Priest:* You send the springs into the valleys;  
they flow between the mountains.

*All:* **All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.**

*Priest:* Beside them the birds of the air make their nests  
and sing among the branches.

*All:* **You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;  
and the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.**

*Priest:* You make the grass grow for flocks and herds  
and plants to serve your people;

*All:* **That they may bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden our hearts,**

*Priest:* Oil to make a cheerful countenance,  
and bread to strengthen the heart.

*All:* **The trees of God are full of sap,  
the cedars of Lebanon which God has planted.**

*Priest:* In which the birds build their nests,  
and in whose tops the stork makes a dwelling.

*All:* **The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats,  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.**

*Priest:* You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

*All:* **You make darkness that it may be night,  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.**

*Priest:* The lions roar after their prey  
and seek their food from God.

**All:**           **The sun rises, and they slip away  
and lay themselves down in their dens.**

*Priest:*       Your people go forth to their work  
and to their labour until the evening.

**All:**           **O God, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

*Priest:*       Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.

**All:**           **There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.**

*Priest:*       All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

**All:**           **You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

*Priest:*       You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

**All:**           **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

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

## **Second Reading**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon  
by St. Francis of Assisi.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,  
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,

by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,

So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,

through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

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Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

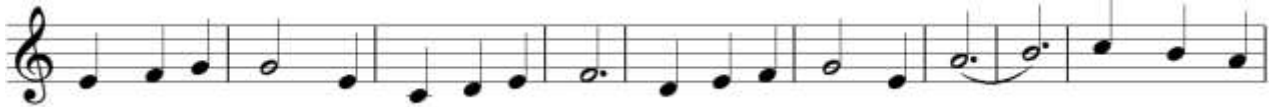
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Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,

And serve Him with great humility.

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #414 vv 1, 5, 3 (Common Praise) "God of the sparrow"



1. God of the spar-row God of the whale God of the swirl-ing stars How does the  
5. God of the neigh-bour God of the foe God of the prun-ing hook How does the  
3. God of the rain-bow God of the cross God of the emp-ty grave How does the



crea-ture say Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise  
crea-ture say Love How does the crea-ture say Peace  
crea-ture say Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks

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## 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 Matthew.

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

(Jesus said) "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather

into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 6.25-33

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

**Homily:** Sylvia Keesmaat

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made. Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected to everything that is.

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

*Leader:* In gratitude let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* **We give you thanks, O God.**

*Leader:* God whom we love, we stand before you with open and humble hearts. In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us - mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans, forest, meadows, trees, flowers.

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

*Leader:* In gratitude let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* **We give you thanks, O God.**

*Leader:* God of love, show us our place in this world, as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth. They came forth from your hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love, and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

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

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord:

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

*Leader:* Saving God, we give thanks for all human beings on the earth, created from dust, yet crowned with glory, those we know and those who are strangers; those near to us and those far away; all of us beautiful, all of us flawed.

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

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord:

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

*Leader:* God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air, on which our lives depend moment by moment. In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete dependence on our beloved Mother Earth who nurtures us and sustains our every breath.

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

*Leader:* In gratitude let us pray to the Lord:

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

*Leader:* Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth, yet, we acknowledge that we in the developed world, have often wasted the gifts of the earth, taking more than our share, leaving our sisters, brothers, and siblings in other places in poverty and need. Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth, so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us, but generations to come after us. In gratitude let us pray to the Lord.

**All: We give you thanks, O God. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #355, vv.1,4 (Common Praise) “All creatures of our God ...”



1.All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us sing, al-le-  
4.Earth ev - er fer-tile day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our way, O



lu - ia, al-le - lu-ia! Bright burn - ing sun and gold-en beams, pale  
sing now, al-le - lu-ia! All flowers and fruit that in you grow, God's



sil-ver moon that gent-ly gleams, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le-  
glo-ry let them al - so show; al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le-



lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Presider: Steven Mackison*

### The Prayer Over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of truth,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Make us worthy servants,  
strong to follow in the pattern  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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:* We praise you and we bless you,  
holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, stars; and earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.  
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not abandon us.  
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels and every creature under heaven,  
lifting our voices to glorify you now 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:* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal your grace,  
you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

*Priest:* Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick,  
and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself,  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon  
the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*Priest:* On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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.  
Again, he gave you thanks, then 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."

*Priest:* Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, as a living sacrifice to you.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the body and blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,  
the body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us with the ever blessed Virgin Mary,  
St. Francis, and all your saints, from every tribe and language, people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, 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:* The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

*People:* **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

*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*

“Our Prayer” – *Brian Wilson*

*Virtual Choir*

“The Silver Swan” – *Music by John Musto, Poetry by Orlando Gibbons*

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist  
remain in your steadfast love,  
and show in our lives  
the saving mystery that we celebrate.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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*

## Concluding Hymn: #419 vv 1, 2 (Common Praise) “Let All Creation Bless the Lord”

1. Let all crea - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is ring - ing. Sun,  
2. All liv - ing things up - on this earth, green fer - tile hills and moun - tains, sing  
moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing,  
to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe  
wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night,  
wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame  
cold, and heat: ex - alt the God who made you.  
flocks and herds: ex - alt the God who made you.

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## The Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

**Priest:** Go forth to serve the Lord of all creation. 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.

### Thanksgiving Flipgrid

Week 3 of Season of Creation follows the theme of *gratitude*. We are inviting everyone to post a short video response (1 minute or less) on this theme: one thing you are grateful for this season.

You can access the video three ways:

1. At [Flipgrid.com](https://flipgrid.com) by entering the join code CCFB2CB3
2. By clicking <https://flipgrid.com/ccfb2cb3> directly
3. By scanning a QR code:



You will need: the free Flipgrid app (if on a device — no need if you're on a computer!), and a Google or Microsoft email to protect against spam. You don't need to have a Flipgrid login. Parents or family members, one email is enough to upload multiple videos!

As people share their videos, you will be able to see their responses like a digital quilt of gratitude. Hope to see you there!

### Bringing the 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 the 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.

### **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](#).

## **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.