



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 AT 11:15 A.M.

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## Land Acknowledgement

### Entrance Song: “Come All You People” (*John Bell*)

Come all you people,  
Come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord.

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

*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:* Vibrant God, your creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow,  
your peoples reveal the beauty of diversity.  
We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed.  
We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system.  
We mourn today for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.  
Celebrate the hope and joy of every child.  
Tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger.  
Build the bonds of solidarity to ensure “never again”.  
In the name of the one who was child among us.

*People:* **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Pamela Thomson*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three

years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

James 5.13-20

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

*A moment of silence is observed*

### **Psalm 124** (*George Black*)

**Refrain:**



Our help is in the name of our God, who made hea - ven and earth.

If God had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;  
If God had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us; **Refrain**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **Refrain**

Blessed be God!  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of God,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**

### **The Gospel**

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of

me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 9.38-50

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

**Homily:** The Venerable Valerie Kerr

[\(Click here for an introduction to Valerie\)](#)

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Tony Crosbie*

*Leader:* As we gather together in prayer, we are reminded of the words of James. In today's writing, he exhorts the people to pray, whether in need, or in rejoicing. In his words, "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." You are invited to add your own thanksgivings and petitions silently, aloud, or in the chat box during the pauses.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* We pray for the church throughout the world.  
We pray that Christians throughout the world remain true to their baptismal vow to resist evil in all its forms.  
We remember the persecuted and the martyrs in countries hostile to the word of God.  
In our own church we pray for all clergy and people as we seek to reopen our doors safely and to find fresh expressions of worship.  
We are mindful of our painful legacy of abuse and mistreatment of our Indigenous siblings.  
We remember especially those who died

*Leader:* or survived their time in residential schools.

We pray that we might be reconciled with our Indigenous siblings in Christ as they build a church that is faithful to their culture and traditions.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world.

We pray for the peacemakers, both elected and nonelected, who search for solutions in a world mired in conflict.

We pray for NGO and elected leaders who are preparing for the Climate Conference in Glasgow this November.

We give thanks for the gifts of your creation.

Keep us mindful of our responsibilities as stewards of you.

We pray for our own Season of Creation that begins this week.

We pray for victims of hunger, war, or natural disasters, remembering especially refugees worldwide who search for hope, for security, for opportunity.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* We pray for Canada.

We give thanks for all who offered themselves as candidates in last week's federal election. We pray for all who have been elected, that they may serve the common good.

We pray especially for Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, and John our Mayor. We give thanks for the abundant harvest we enjoy, that it may be shared justly.

We pray for clean water and adequate housing in those Indigenous communities that lack those basic rights.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* In our own community we pray for the Common Table

and its ministry of service, advocacy, sanctuary, and support.

We remember all who are in need, especially those whom we name who are sick or have other needs.

*Leader:* We give thanks for our pastoral care team,  
our medical personnel and all family members  
who support their loved ones who are suffering.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All:* **Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* We remember St. Michael, whose feast day we celebrate this week.  
We give thanks for all your servants who have died.  
We remember the example they set in their earthly lives for us who follow.  
Comfort those who mourn. Bring healing, bring peace.

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

*Leader:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All:* **Who has made heaven and earth.**

*Leader:* In the rhythm of life, September brings new beginnings or transitions.  
We pray for our children, for their teachers, for those leaving home  
for university or college, starting a new job, or transitioning to retirement.  
We give thanks that in all the changes and uncertainties,  
you are with us, lifting us and challenging us  
with the guidance of your Holy and life-giving spirit.  
All these prayers we offer in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Priest:* Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

*All:* **Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;  
bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord enriches you with grace, and nourishes you with many blessings;  
the Lord defends you in trouble and keeps you from all evil;  
the Lord accepts your prayers, and absolves you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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



*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:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

*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 our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along our journey,  
lifting us up from the dust  
even when we have fallen short of your glory.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent angels  
to whisper your message of love without measure.  
In every age, you sent your prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
and our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire,  
which you have entrusted to our fragile wills and restless hearts.

In the fullness of time, you sent your son  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and the despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.



*Priest:* In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and offered it for all, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim this truth:

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

*Priest:* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom, to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise  
with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*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:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People:* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

## Invitation to Spiritual Communion

*Priest:* Dear friends,  
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.  
Many are made one.

*The following prayer is said by all, during this prayer the elements are elevated, in offering to the people.*

*Priest:* We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

*All:* **we welcome your presence in us,  
and together proclaim our love for you;  
with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,  
with the saints we worship you,  
with the angels we adore you,  
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.  
Come to us, though many,  
and make us one in you. Amen.**

## Prayer of Reception

*A time of stillness is kept to allow the community to make their spiritual communion offering this prayer in silence*

*One:* Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment,  
giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present  
to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.  
Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in dark places;  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where  
there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
And this all, in love for you. Amen.

## Communion Hymn: #146 (More Voices) "The Kingdom of God (Taizé)



The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spir-it.



Come, Lord, and o-pen in us the gates of your king-dom.

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## Prayer After Communion

*Priest:* Creator God,  
strengthen the unity of your Church,  
so that we who have been fed with holy things  
may fulfil your will in the world.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Steven Mackison*

*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**

## Hymn: #381 (Common Praise) “Praise My Soul”



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your tri - bute bring;  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish; blows the wind and it is gone;  
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le -  
but, while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on: al - le -  
sun and moon bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le -



TEXT: Ps. 103; para. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Gerald Manning (1943- ) ©.

- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the high e - ter - nal one.
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise with us the God of grace.

## Announcements

### The Dismissal

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. 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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## **Service Notes**

Archdeacon Val Kerr - Wolf Clan, Member of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte which is part of the Six Nations Confederacy.

I am a committed, friendly and hardworking person with a passion for social justice. In my current role as the Archdeacon of Truth, Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry for the Diocese of Niagara, I endeavour to teach the history of Turtle Island from the time of European arrival in this country. It is very important to me that people learn the real history of this country we call Canada. We need to face the truth, acknowledge that truth and then work towards reconciliation.

As a priest I served at St. George's, St Catharines for ten years, then at St John the Evangelist in Niagara Falls for three years and finally at All Saints Hagersville on a very part time basis while continuing in my primary role in truth and reconciliation.

I am a widow, a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, grandmother-in-law, great grandmother, sister, auntie and friend. I attended seminary at Huron University College in London ON where I graduated with my MDiv. My classes' first day of class started on 9/11 a day we will all remember well. Before seminary I worked in Palliative care for thirteen years. A position where I walked with patients and their families as they completed their earthly journey.

My wonderful family is my two sons, their wives, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. I believe strongly in life-long learning and hope I have passed the love of learning to my family.

[\*Click here to return to the bulletin\*](#)

## **Ministry Updates**

### **Staying Connected at 1 PM**

After the service, beginning at 1 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in this week's eNews.

## Season of Creation – EarthSong at 7 PM

Our annual Season of Creation begins **tonight at 7pm** with EarthSong. The service of music, readings, and prayer focuses on this year's theme, *In Earth's Life We Live*. The Rev'd Laurel Dykstra, Anglican priest and leader of [Salal + Cedar](#) in BC, will be our guest speaker.

Mark your calendar with all the [services and events](#) from **September 26 to October 17**. To register for in person services and events, email [office@theredeemer.ca](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca) or call 416-922-4948.

These events require advanced registration:

*Tuesday, October 5 at 7 PM on Zoom.* “Water First: Strong Communities. Safe, Clean Water.” Sam Murray, will discuss the work of Water First Training and Education Inc. – a Canadian organization dedicated to working with Indigenous communities to address local water challenges - and share her story of activism and environmental stewardship. Theo Lam, Redeemer senior youth member, will invite participants to ask questions and share their perspectives on living as a steward and advocate for clean water. Register [here](#).

*Saturday, October 16 from 1 – 3 PM, rain or shine.* All ages are welcome to join us at [The Common Table Urban Farm](#). *Be a Farmer or, An Artist for a Day*. Learn how to compost, clear vegetable plots and prepare the soil for winter. Or, using natural materials, create a piece of art. Dirty hands guaranteed! Register **by October 14**. Register [here](#), it is limited to 30 participants.

To register for either or both events, email [office@theredeemer.ca](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca) or call 416-922-4948.

## Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in this week's eNews.

## Reconciliation Mural Project

Redeemer has committed to supporting a beautiful and eloquent mural on our lower west wall by Joseph Sagaj (Ojibway from Neskantaga). The cost will be close to \$63,000. We hope that parishioners will donate at least one-half of that sum by the end of October. An anonymous parishioner has offered to match gifts up to \$31,500. We eagerly anticipate

having a preliminary design shortly. In the meantime, please go to our [website](#) for more detailed information.

Blessings to all those who have so graciously donated the \$7712.68, and thanks to those considering support for this outward sign of our commitment to Indigenous rights and dignity. Please consider making a donation to support this important public statement about reconciliation and “reconcili-action” with our Indigenous brothers, sisters, and siblings.

You can contribute by:

**Mailing a cheque to the church** (*note Indigenous Mural Project on the memo line*)

162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4

**Donate through CanadaHelps** (*select Indigenous Mural Project*)

**eTransfer**, designated to the Indigenous Mural Project, sent from your bank account to the **treasurer**.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project.

### **Becoming a Pilgrim Community at Redeemer**

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee continues to develop the idea of the Redeemer community embarking on pilgrimages. So we invite you to complete [this questionnaire](#) about your interest in pilgrimage. We hope to hear from you by Friday October 1.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with [Henry Krol](#).

### **A Life-Giving Story: How to Read the Bible**

Bible Study Course with Sylvia Keesmaat, “A Life-Giving Story: How to Read the Bible” begins this Sunday evening, 26 September, on Zoom, for six weeks. Rediscover why this story of God and the world has fired the imagination and given hope for faith-filled resistance throughout history. Go to [www.bibleremixed.ca](http://www.bibleremixed.ca) for more information and to register!

### **PWRDF's Mapping the Ground We Stand On - Virtual Workshop**

*Mapping the Ground We Stand On* is an interactive educational resource developed by the Primate’s World Relief & Development Fund/PWRDF in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action. The workshop on **Saturday, October 23 from 2:00 to 4:30 PM**, offers Indigenous and settler participants an opportunity to explore their historic and current place on the map of Canada and their relationship to one another.

The online version of the Mapping Exercise uses elements of animation, stories, videos, breakout rooms and plenary format to offer opportunities for learning and reflection on the concepts of Terra Nullius (Empty Land), the Doctrine of Discovery, and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. This experience enables individuals and groups to imagine what personal and collective journeys toward a just, respectful and healing relationship might look like.

The online workshop will be led by Suzanne Rumsey of PWRDF, a co-facilitator and with the help of an Indigenous elder. Register [here](#), it is limited to **20** participants. A Zoom link will be sent to participants several days prior to the workshop.

### **Pastoral Care Team Checking In**

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at [tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca).

### **Vaccinations**

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca).

### **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

### **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.



## **Future Ministry Updates**

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email [twilliams@theredeemer.ca](mailto:twilliams@theredeemer.ca) by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.