



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



THE SEASON OF CREATION – THANKSGIVING:

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF SOIL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 AT 11:15 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Dialogue

The service begins with the following on-screen dialogue

Old Woman: Come and help me plant the garden.
 Me: You plant a garden every year, right?
 Old Woman: Of course! It's our job as human beings.
 Me: Our job? Why?
 Old Woman: We have to grow our food in the soil Creator has given us. That's our job. If it wasn't for the good soil, the rain and the sun, we would die. Our food is a gift Mother Earth gives to us, so we work with her.
 Me: That's good to know.
 Old Woman: So, come out and help me plant.
 Me: I went to the garden.

Opening Hymn: #354 (Common Praise) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I make faith's af - firm - a - tion: thus far by thy help I've
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
 come, and I hope, by thy com - pas - sion, safe - ly to ar - rive at
 be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to



praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious me - a - sure, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
 home. Je - sus sought me when a st - ran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of
 thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



- bove; O the vast, the bound - less trea - sure of my God's un - chang - ing love.
 God; he, to re - scue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 love; take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

TEXT: Robert
 Robinson
 (1735-1790),
 alt. MUSIC: A
 Repository of
 Sacred Music:
 Part Second,
 Harrisburg,
 1813.

✠ 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,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea,
and the rhythm of the seasons.
As we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives 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 Genesis.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field
was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not
caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would
rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed
man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the
man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and
there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow
every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of
the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man
and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37.1-10 Paraphrase (*arr. John L. Bell*)

Do not be vexed or envy those obsessed with doing wrong.
Their fortune is like fields of grass whose growth cannot last long.
Trust in the Lord, do what is right; take root in God's good ground.
Delight in God, for in God's will your heart's desire is found.
Give God your trust, and let the Lord direct your future way.
The justice of your cause shall rise and shine as clear as day.
Do not be jealous or dismayed should evil folk succeed.
Wait patiently for God who comes in quietness to your need.
Better the pennies of the poor than wicked people's gain.
God breaks their power, but humble folk will never live in vain.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 8.18-26

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

(Jesus) entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 19.1-10

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

Homily: Sylvia Keesmaat

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Siblings in Christ,
today we bodily approach God’s throne bringing our prayers
and petitions being thankful for His compassion, forgiveness, and love.
We pray our hearts be always grateful for God’s boundless
and bountiful blessings.

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

Leader: Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Faithful God,
may we live together in Christ's love by the Holy Spirit's power
to bring your light to our world.
We pray we create equitable spaces for all to discover your unfailing love
through Jesus' teachings.

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

Leader: Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Sovereign God, as your Kingdom is in heaven,
may it be on Earth proclaiming your peace
that transcends all barriers, borders, and boundaries.
We pray that conflict, war, and violence around the world
does not overshadow the beauty of your creation.
We pray for Mayor Tory, Premier Ford, and Prime Minister Trudeau and
leaders around the globe that they seek justice for all to live peaceable lives.

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

Leader: Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Creator God, you are Creator of all.
In your hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to you.
The seas are yours; you made them, and your hands formed the dry land.
Through your boundless and bountiful provision, you placed us on the Earth
as your ambassadors, stewards, and representatives
to preserve and protect all life on Earth.
In this Season of Creation, may we honour your creation
big and small, visible, and invisible.

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

Leader: Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for transformational healing with our Indigenous peoples and the sacred land on which we gather to worship.
We acknowledge our wrongdoings through the residential school systems and the loss of many Indigenous lives.
Sovereign God may your truth guide us as we rebuild and restore the shattered lives of our First Nations peoples so we may live in harmony and peace.
A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for healing in our communities and ask that you continue to strengthen us to live in hope and look forward to the day when we can embrace each other and be reunited with our families, friends, and loved ones.
A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We remember all those who lost their lives to disease, sickness, and violence; those near and far from us, those known to us and those not known.
Rest eternal grant unto them and may light perpetual shine upon them.
Caring God, comfort those that mourn and fill their hearts with your unending presence.

Loving God, may we stand bold in Christ's liberty to wholly trust your compassion and promises, knowing you will hear and answer us when we offer our prayers to you who sees and knows us.
With unwavering faith, we confidently pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #445 (Common Praise) “God the Creator”



1. God the Cre - a - tor, you in love made me who once was
2. O Christ the Sav - iour, you in love called me who once was
4. And with the peo - ple sum - moned to - geth - er to be the



noth - ing but now have grown. I bring the best of all my life
no one lost and a - lone. I pledge to go wher - ev - er you
church in which faith is sown, I make my prom - ise to live for



TEXT: John L. Bell (1949 -).
MUSIC: Melody Gaelic trad.; arr.
The Iona Community (Scotland).

of - fers; for you I share what-ev - er I own.
sum-mon, mak-ing your will and pur-pose my own.
Je - sus and let the world know all are his own.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Sung by the Choir



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-



- low; praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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 truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation 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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honour your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world
around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Priest: Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

Priest: On the night before he died for us,
our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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,
and when he had given thanks,
he 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.”

As witnesses to Christ’s sacrifice,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, 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: 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 Giving and Receiving of 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.

For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion – not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste – but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Communion Song: “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” (arr. Elizabeth Poston)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: God our Creator,
you feed your people with the bread from heaven;
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
that we may come to that place
where your people hunger and thirst no more
and your creation is restored to its full glory;
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.**

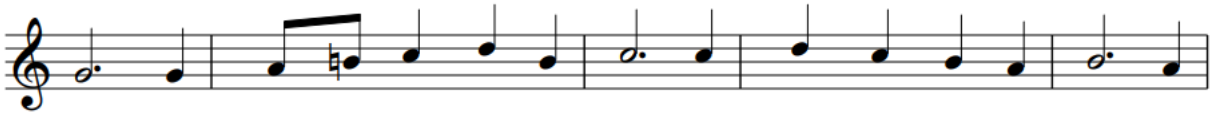
Hymn: #399 (Common Praise) “Now Thank We All Our God”



1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es, who
3. All praise and thanks to God e - ter - nal now be giv - en, to



won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joic-es; who from our moth-er's
Spir - it and to Word, who reign in high-est heav-en: our ev - er faith-ful



arms hath bless - ed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and
God, whom heav - en and earth a - dore; for thus it was, is now, and



TEXT: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. MUSIC: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

still is ours to-day.
shall be ev - er-more.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Andrew Kuhl

Deacon: Go forth with a grateful heart for all that you have been given. 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.

[Online Donation](#)

Ministry Updates

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 Friday's edition of eNews.

Season of Creation

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*.

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 \$14,985, 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.

A Life-Giving Story: How to Read the Bible

Bible Study Course with Sylvia Keesmaat, “A Life-Giving Story: How to Read the Bible” continues this Sunday evening on Zoom. 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 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.

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.

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 by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin