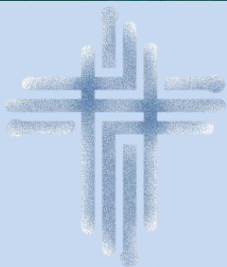




IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



THE SEASON OF CREATION:

THE AIR WE BREATHE – THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Dialogue

The service begins with the following on-screen dialogue

Me: I get worried about the state of the Earth.
Human beings are making a mess of things.

Old Woman: I know. We can trust Creator. She's not scared.

Me: But what can we do?

Old Woman: Breathe the good air deeply. Pay attention to all your relations.
Keep on walking lightly and loving everything.
No matter how bad things get. Just breathe.

Me: Is that all?

Old Woman: It will be enough.

Me: I practiced breathing after that.

Opening Song: "White Dove" (*Clela Errington*)

White dove flying over troubled waters
White dove flying over troubled waters
And we are the white dove
And we are the troubled waters

✠ 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: Holy One,
your breath is our life.
As we gather in the presence of your Spirit,
fill us with the hope that will sustain our lives
and transform our wills;
so that we may breathe in time with the rhythms
of the world you have entrusted to our care.
This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Redeemer.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Esdras.

The Lord knows everything that people do; God knows their imaginations and their thoughts and their hearts. The Lord said, "Let the earth be made," and it was made, and "Let the heaven be made," and it was made. At God's word the stars were fixed in their places, and God even knows how many there are. The Lord searches the abyss and its treasures, and has measured the sea and its contents, confining the sea in the midst of the waters. By God's word the earth is suspended over the water, and the heaven is spread out like a dome and made secure upon the waters; God has put springs of water in the desert, and pools on the tops of the mountains, so as to send rivers from the heights to water the earth.

God formed human beings and put a heart in each body, and gave each person breath and life and understanding and the spirit of Almighty God, who surely made all things and searches out hidden things in hidden places.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

2 Esdras 16.54-62

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 104.1-6, 24, 29, 30

Refrain



Praise our God, O my Soul
My God, how excellent is your greatness!
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.
You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
And spread out the heavens like a curtain. **Refrain**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
You make the clouds your chariot, and ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers
And flames of fire your servants. **Refrain**

You have set the earth upon its foundations,
So that it never shall move at any time.
You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;
The waters stood higher than the mountains.
O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Refrain**

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
You sent forth your spirit, and they are created;
And so you renew the face of the earth. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from Embers, by Richard Wagamese.

From our very first breath we are in relationship. With that indrawn draft of air, we become joined to everything that ever was, is and ever will be. When we exhale we forge that relationship by virtue of the act of living. Our breath commingles with all breath, and we are part of everything. That's the simple fact of things. We are born into a state of relationship and our ceremonies and rituals are guides to lead us deeper into that relationship with all things. Big lesson? Relationships never end; they just change. In believing that lies the freedom to carry compassion, empathy, kindness, love and respect into and through whatever changes. We are made more by that practice.

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 John.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

John 3.1-8

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

Homily: Nate Wall

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear friends, we have heard this morning that God has given each of us breath, life and understanding; and the spirit of Almighty God.

Breath and Spirit. Life and understanding. Let us first come in silence aware of the Spirit of God breathing in and through us.

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

Leader: God, who made all things and searches out hidden things,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Creator, we live in gratitude for the air, for the atmosphere, for the wind. The soft air of spring, the heavy humid air of summer, the crisp and cool of autumn, the biting frost of winter.

Leader: The gentle breeze after a soft rain and the wild fury of the hurricane.
The wild and untamed power of the wind of your Spirit
that goes wherever she wills.

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

Leader: God, who made all things and searches out hidden things,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Creator, how deeply grateful we are for the gifts of the Earth
that nourish and sustain us every moment of our lives.
For the gifts given by water, soil and air; for our kin, the living plants,
the non-human creatures with whom we share this fragile Earth;
for human relationships, and family and friends.
Each of us has much for which we are grateful this morning
and we remember them before you now.

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

Leader: God, who made all things and searches out hidden things,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Creator, we are each keenly aware of the harm
we humans have done to our Mother, the Earth.
Sometimes we inwardly lament, mourning with helpless sorrow,
wanting to bring love and healing to her, but not knowing how.
Have mercy on us, forgive and strengthen us for this task ahead of us.

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

Creator, you are always working to bring hope.
Remind us always of the relentless resiliency of the life you have breathed
into the Earth, this home we love.
Remind us to notice the countless ways your wild and unpredictable Spirit
inspires humans who love this planet to courageously push back
against the powers of greed and destruction.
Each of us are aware of individuals and groups, government initiatives
and non-profits, at home and around the world, working relentlessly
for life on Earth, to change the destructive trajectory.
Help us to support, to join in, to celebrate these manifestations of your love.
Remind us of hope, and that hope matters.

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

Leader: God, who made all things and searches out hidden things,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We have celebrated once again in this season of creation that all of life is connected, that we are kin to all other life.
We are slowly learning that when one part suffers, we all suffer.
As we sit in silence before you, give us strength to allow ourselves to feel the pain, the anguish of the Earth and her creatures, human and non-human, those we know and those we don't.
We are each aware of those who are ill, grieving, discouraged and dying.
We bring those on our hearts today to you now,
asking for your mercy and healing.

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

Leader: God, who made all things and searches out hidden things,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Compassionate Creator, as we pray for the needs of our hurting world, remind us that we are deeply rooted in a magnificent natural world that not only meets our physical needs every moment of every day, but also heals our soul. Right now help each of us to imagine a place of beauty and peace outside our walls, in the creation that surrounds us, where we can sit quietly in our imagination for a moment, breathing in and out, bringing lightness and relief, and strength to continue the journey.

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

God of all comfort, we trust your promise to hear us when we lift our hearts to you in prayer, and in loving faith we boldly pray these things in the name, and for the sake, 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: #489 (Gather) "The Stars Declare God's Glory"



1. The stars de - clare God's glo - ry; The vault of heav - en springs Mute
2. The dawn re - turns in splen - dour, The heav - ens burn and blaze, The
3. So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments To make the sim - ple wise; More
4. So or - der too this life of mine, Di - rect it all my days; The



wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand In all cre - at - ed things, And
ris - ing sun re - news the race that meas - ures all our days, And
sweet than hon - ey to the taste, More rich than an - y prize, A
med - i - ta - tions of my heart Be in - no - cence and praise. My



through the si - lenc - es of space Their sound - less mu - sic sings.
writes in fire a - cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.
law of love with - in our hearts, A light be - fore our eyes.
rock and my re - deem - ing Lord, In all my words and ways.

TEXT: Psalm 19; Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-), © 1981, Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: David Haas, (1957-), © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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: Holy God, Lover of creation,
 we give you thanks and praise
 for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
 and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
 When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
 you do not abandon us.
 Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
 through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
 to confront our sin
 and reveal the vision of your new creation.
 Joining in the song of the universe
 we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus (Land of Rest)

Sung by the Choir

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: Land of Rest; adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Priest: Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
 to share our fragile humanity.
 Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
 you open the path from brokenness to health,
 from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
 to reverence for you.
 Rejected by a world
 that could not bear the Gospel of life,
 Jesus knew death was near.

Priest: His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, “Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said “Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

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

Priest: Breathe your Holy Spirit
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our soul and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

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 Hymn: #834 (Gather) "Taste and See"

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Taste and see,



taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will nev - er stop thank-ing my God with my words of praise. My
2. Join the sing-ing in praise of our God; tell the world of the Name. I
3. Look to God and be ra - diant with joy; you will nev - er know shame. The
4. God of jus - tice, rain down on the poor, giv-ing hope to their days. Come



soul will boast, will boast in the Lord. The
cried to the Lord: "Have mer - cy on me." God
weight of your bur - den is light to the Lord. With
vis - it your peo - ple, each child of the earth; come



low - ly will hear me and be lift - ed in praise.
calmed all my fears and then set me free.
ten - der com-pas - sion God will call you by name.
vis - it us now and bring us to a new birth.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Creator God,
you set the tree of life at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church;
grant that we who have been nourished at this table
may ever strive to work for the good of all creation;
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: #513 (Gather) "This Little Light of Mine"



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine, This lit - tle light of mine
2. Ev -'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine, Ev -'ry - where I go,
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine, Je - sus gave it to me,



I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Ev -'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,



Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Jean Bubba

Leader: What is it you wish to know, oh mortal one?
Do you think you must ascend to the highest heaven
or descend to the deepest pit?
Do you not know that Wisdom has pitched a tent in your midst?
Ask the four-legged, and they will mentor you,
or the winged-of-air, and they will school you;
Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish of the sea inform you.
Who does not know that the Gracious Host has done this?
In the Blessed One's reach is the heart of every creature,
the breath of every living thing.
Brother Sun declares the Beloved's glory.
His voice goes out o'er all the earth,
his words to every inhabited place.
Sister Moon and stars pour forth speech
to brighten the night in splendour and counsel.
Now hear the blessed promise of old, made new in your hearing:
May you go out in joy and be led back in peace,
the hills bursting in song, the trees in applause!. Alleluia!

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

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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 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 \$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.

Learning@Redeemer: Be You 2

Running on the success of the Small Group Learning Initiatives at Redeemer, "Be You" is back and wants you! Coming together as a group on Zoom, participants will share and learn by each other while celebrating and exploring God's mission, deepening our faith; learning to live as disciples of Jesus and mutually support one another.

To receive the Zoom link, [please click here](#) and register by November 1. For more information visit the [website](#) or contact Craig Spielmacher at craig_spielmacher@yahoo.ca.

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