



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Dialogue

The dialogues from each Sunday in the Season of Creation are shared on the screen.

Opening Song: "Trees" (Eriks Esenvalds/Joyce Kilmer)

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

✠ 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: Lord God,
Creator and sustainer of all life,
you call us to care for all you have brought into being.
Help us to respond to your call to be keepers and healers of the Earth,
that through sacrifice, we may mend our relationship with creation,
and renew our relationship with you.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, there was neither shrub nor plant growing on the earth, because the LORD God had sent no rain; nor was there anyone to till the ground. Moisture used to well up out of the earth and water all the surface of the ground. The LORD God formed a human being from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living creature. The LORD God planted a garden in Eden away to the east, and in it he put the man he had formed. The LORD God made trees grow up from the ground, every kind of tree pleasing to the eye and good for food; and in the middle of the garden he set the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 2.4b-9

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 8 *(George Black)*

Refrain



O God our gov - er - nor, _____ how ex - alt - ed is your name in all the world!

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**

O God our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens. **Refrain**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger,
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses. **Refrain**



O God our gov - er - nor, _____ how ex - alt - ed is your name in all the world!

Who are we that you should be mindful of us?

Who are we that you should seek us out?

You have made us but little lower than the angels;
you adorn us with glory and honour. **Refrain**

You give us mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under our feet;
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field, **Refrain**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O God our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world! **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 4.7-15

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

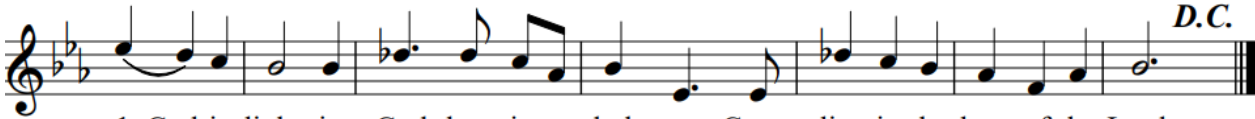
Sequence Hymn: #629 (Gather) “God is Love”

Refrain

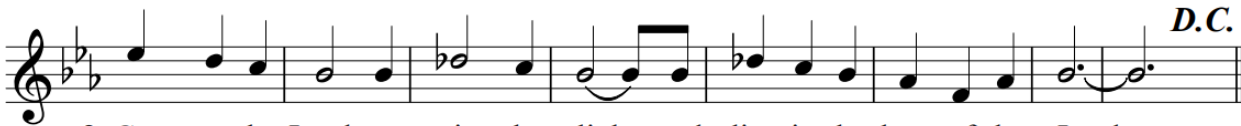


God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.

Verses



1. God is light, in God there is no dark-ness. Come live in the love of the Lord.



2. Come to the Lord, re - ceive the light, and live in the love of the Lord.

TEXT: 1 John 1:5, 3:2, 4:15, Psalm 33:6, Galatians, 3:28; David Haas, b.1957. MUSIC: David Haas, b.1957. 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

(Jesus said) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 15.1-4, 7-13

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

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator,
Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit who breathes into us,
always and for everything, saying, “We thank you, Lord.”

For the beauty and wonder of creation, the primal elements of earth, water, air,
and for all creatures, great and small, with whom we share this beautiful planet.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind,
those who serve the common good and love their neighbour as themselves,
revealing the image of Christ.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For our daily food, for abundant harvests,
resources to share, for our homes, families and friends.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For minds to think and hearts to love, for the courage to fight for what is right,
the strength to say we are sorry, and the liberty to weep.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For health, strength, and skill to work, for leisure to rest
and play and reflect, to realize our dreams

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, for those who care for the sick, the elderly, the prisoner, the refugee.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For all who seek peace, justice, and truth, especially those preparing for the Global Climate Summit in Glasgow, those who pursue the path to healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For the people and situations that have been a blessing in our lives this week, we give thanks.

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For those who have died, as we offer their names silently, aloud, or in the chat.

For all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

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

Leader: For all your gifts,

All: We thank you, Lord

Leader: All these prayers and thanksgiving we offer to you, the source of all beauty, the creator of all.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: We have wounded your love.

All: **O God, heal us.**

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

All: **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

All: **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Leader: Eternal Spirit,

All: **living God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be
is known to you.**

**In the very secret of our hearts
you know all that rises to trouble us.**

Living flame, burn into us.

Cleansing wind, blow through us.

Fountain of water, well up within us;

that we may love and praise

in deed and in truth. Amen.

Leader: O God of mercy,

you forgive our past sin,

you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life,

you shape us for glory.

O God of mercy, we thank you. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #699 (Gather) "We Have Been Told"

Refrain



We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice a - live in our hearts;



"Live in my love with all your heart, as the Fa-ther has loved me, so

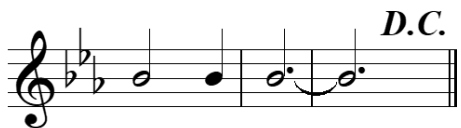


I have loved you."

Verses



1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and all who live in me will



bear great fruit."



2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com - mands, no long - er slaves,

3. "No great-er love is there than this:to lay down one's life,



I call you friends."
for a friend."

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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: Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.
In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.
Your Spirit frees us to live as children in our Father's house.
We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven
singing words of your unending glory:

Sanctus

Sung by the Choir

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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!

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Priest: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the children of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine, that,

Priest: overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the saints, apostles, and prophets,
and of all our kindred living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

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: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Priest: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

People: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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: “Reflections on Air” (Kamuel Castillo)

*This trio was commissioned by the Creation Matters team as part of our Season of Creation.
Special thanks to our guest musicians: Tim Crouch, Flute, Anthony Thompson, Clarinet, and Kevin Harris,
Bassoon.*

For more information on Kamuel, his bio is [available before the Ministry Updates](#).

Prayer After Communion

Priest: God of our hope,
in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
be a blessing to all you have created..
This we ask in the name of 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: #717 (Gather) "Free at Last"

Refrain



Free at last, free at last, I thank God I'm free at last; Free at last,



free at last, I thank God I'm free at last. (O) free at last.

Verses



1. 'Way down yon-der in the grave-yard walk, I thank God I'm free at last,
2. On a my knees when the light passed by, I thank God I'm free at last,



Me and my Je-sus goin' to meet and talk, I thank God I'm free at last. (O)
Thought my soul would rise and fly, I thank God I'm free at last. (O)

Text: African-American spiritual. Music: African-American spiritual.

Announcements

The Dismissal

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

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

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

Kamuel Lathaniel Castillo

Toronto born budding composer Kemuel Lathaniel Castillo is in his second year of Centennial College's three-year advanced diploma in the MIAP (Music Industry Arts and Performance) program with a focus on composition. He began playing the trombone in grade eight and throughout high school where he studied with David Archer, principal trombonist for the Toronto Ballet. Kemuel graduated with the English award from Victoria Park Collegiate Institute for excellence in English. In grade eight, Kemuel joined the Hannaford youth program playing principal trombone in the community band for two years. In grades eleven and twelve, Kemuel played in the symphonic band and performed at OBA (Ontario Band Association) and at spring and winter music nights. In addition, Kemuel won the Black history awards for his brilliant performance. Kemuel enjoys practicing trombone, listening to gospel, jazz, and world music; he also likes improvising and composing original music for brass and woodwind instruments.

[Click here](#) to return to the service.

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.

All Souls Service

On All Souls, we remember those whom we have loved and see no more. This year, the service will be at 7:00 PM on **Sunday, October 31**. All are invited to submit, [by email to Ann](#), names of those to be included in this year's service. Please include a pronunciation guide if there is any question about how to say their name.

Tuesday Meditation Group

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin begins again on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 for a half an hour, starting at 12:15 PM in the chancel. All are welcome to join for a peaceful mid-week reflection. Registration/contract tracing will be completed at the door. If you have any other questions, please contact [Lilian](#).

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 \$22,285, 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!

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