



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



THE SEASON OF CREATION - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SISTER WATER:
USEFUL, HUMBLE, PRECIOUS AND PURE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

Land Acknowledgement

Dialogue

The service begins with the following on-screen dialogue

Me: Look how dark the sky is right now. It’s raining hard.
 Old Woman: It’s Creator loving all of us in the family of Earth today.
 Me: She loves us every day, though, right?
 Old Woman: Yes, but when it rains she’s reminding us big time.
 Pouring down her love, soaking us with love.
 So we won’t be thirsty and afraid.
 Me: How did you know I was afraid?
 Old Woman: I just knew.
 Me: I wasn’t afraid and thirsty after that.

Opening Hymn: #502 (Gather) “Come to the Water”



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the wa-ter. And let
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the wa-ter. And let



all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey,
 all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey,



with-out price. Why should you pay the price, ex-cept for the
 with-out strife. Why should you spend your life, ex-cept for the



Lord?
 Lord?

✠ 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: Gracious God,
present everywhere, may your love, like water,
pour over our thirsty spirits,
cleansing, refreshing, and renewing us.
Be present as we seek to know you, to love you,
and so respond to your unconditional love for us.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55.1, 10-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 104.10-31

Refrain



You send the springs into the valleys;
they flow between the mountains.
All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,
and the wild asses quench their thirst. **Refrain**

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests
and sing among the branches.
You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works. **Refrain**

You make grass grow for flocks and herds
and plants to serve mankind;
That they may bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden our hearts,
Oil to make a cheerful countenance,
and bread to strengthen the heart. **Refrain**

The trees of the Most High are full of sap,
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
In which the birds build their nests,
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 22.1-5

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclimation

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.**

But Jesus had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

John 4.4-15

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

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear friends,
the Creator calls us this morning to come to the water,
to buy precious wine and milk, without money, without price.
Therefore, let us turn humbly to God in faithful prayer.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Creator of all,
we are grateful that from your communion of love
you created a planet to be a home for all.
By your holy wisdom you made the earth to bring forth a diversity
of living beings that filled the soil, water and air.
Each part of creation praises you in their being,
and cares for one another in our place in the web of life.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: With the psalmist we sing your praise that in your house,
“even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young.”
We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways
that honour the dignity of each creature
and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We confess that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits.
Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth’s capacity
to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost.
Species are lost and systems fail.
Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life
and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict,
migrating in search of peace.

Animals flee fires, deforestation, and famine,
wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: In this Season of Creation,

we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts,
as in the waters of our birth and baptism.

Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community.

Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant
and call to care for our common home.

In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know
that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth,
and safeguard a home for all.

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

Leader: Creator, as we come to the living water,

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We offer these prayers in the name of the One
who came to proclaim good news to all creation,
Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Redeemer.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #588 (Gather) “Blest Are You”



1., 5. Blest are you who made the u - ni - verse, You who see be - yond our
2. Through your good-ness we have bread to eat, Seeds that died to bring life
3. Through your good-ness we have wine to drink, Fruit of vine-yard, work of
4. Here the stran - ger is a wel - come guest Here all hun - gers shall be



death. Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with ev-'ry
new. As the sep-'rate grains be - come one loaf, Gath - er us as one in
hands. Let the fruits of all we cel - e - brate Spread your love to ev-'ry
fed. Come, and know the one who brings you life In the break-ing of the



TEXT: Berakhot and *Didache*; Marty Haugen, b.1950.
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, b.1950. 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

breath, Blest be you with ev-'ry breath.
you, Gath - er us as one in you.
land, Spread your love to ev-'ry land.
bread, In the break-ing of the bread.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

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The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Loving God,
join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son,
that our service may be stamped with his humility
and bear the image of his obedience;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We praise you and we bless you,
holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, stars; and earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not abandon us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with saints and angels and every creature under heaven,
lifting our voices to glorify you now as we say:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

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

Priest: On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave you thanks, then gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant,

Priest: which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Communion Hymn: #584 (Gather) "Healing River"



1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and



wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks



land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your



wa - ters, And wash the blood from off the sand.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

TEXT: Fran Minkoff.
MUSIC: Fred
Hellerman; arr. by
Michael Joncas, b.
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Prayer After Communion

Priest: God of all goodness,
who gave to your servant Francis
a will to be the servant of all,
grant us in our service of your gospel
to hold back nothing of ourselves for all creation
that Christ may receive the whole of our lives
into the habitations of light and glory;
through the same 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: #774 (Gather) "Shall We Gather at the River"



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,

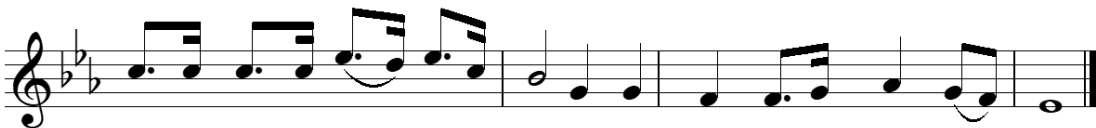


With its crys - tal tide for ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Announcements

The Dismissal

Andrew Kuhl

Deacon: Go in peace to serve the Lord of all creation. 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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Ministry Updates

Rock Eucharist at 7 PM

Join us tonight at 7:00 PM as we relaunch our Rock Eucharist bringing together the music and lyrics of an iconic artist with readings of scripture and the prayers of our tradition. Tonight's service will feature the music of Indigenous singer-songwriter icon Buffy Sainte-Marie. Register for the in-person service [here](#), or attend on [Zoom](#).

Season of Creation

The theme for this week's in person and Zoom services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM will be *Sister Water: Useful, Humble, Precious and Pure*. The Rev'd Susan Haig, Associate Priest, will be our preacher.

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*.

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.

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” 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