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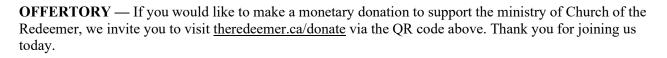
SEASON OF CREATION: WHAT HAVE WE HEARD? SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, AT 9:00 A.M. The Church of the Redeemer: 162 Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4 office@theredeemer.ca • Tel: (416) 922 4948 • www.theredeemer.ca

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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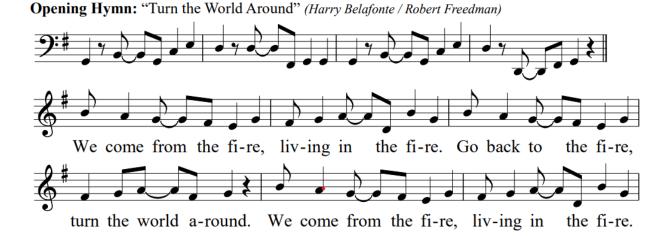


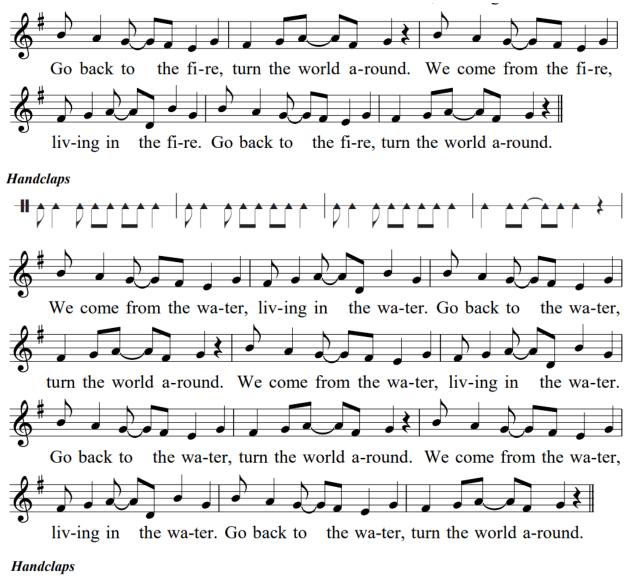
Welcome

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Land Acknowledgment

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H The Gathering of the Community

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- *Priest:* Blessed be the One who creates all things.
- *People:* The Holy One's love is new every morning.
- *Priest:* This is the day the Creator has made.
- *People:* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

✤ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: The First Story of Creation

Murray Bryant

Within beginning Eloheme molded waters above and ground below. And the earth was helter-skelter; darkness over the face of Abyss. And the Breath of Eloheme she nestled tremulous over wavelets.

Eloheme called out, "Light—be!" and brilliance bloomed into being. Eloheme beheld the light created, and knew that light as goodness. Eloheme traced the divide across, between the light and the darkness. Eloheme called to light: "Be Day!" and to darkness called: "Be Night!"

Of this evening and of this morning there now was for the first: Day.

And Eloheme spoke; a Firmness firmed and came between waters and waters. Eloheme arched the Firmness and separated the waters; The Waters below the Firmness from the Waters that were Above.

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And it was so; so Eloheme called it: "Heavens!"Of this evening and of this morning there now was: Second Day.

And Eloheme spoke: "Assemble! Gather you, Waters under Heavens, together as one.
And Dry Land! Appear." and it was so.
Eloheme called Dry Land: "Earth!" and the Under Waters: "Seas!"
So Eloheme saw Goodness.

Eloheme spoke: "Earth: Green with Grassy-growth and bear Forest children and fruiting fruit;Fruiting of fruit over the Earth, each in their own image."And went forth Greeny-grass on the Earth, bearing fruitfully offspring of itself;And went forth Forest on the Earth bearing fruitfully offspring of itself.So Eloheme saw Goodness.

Of this evening and of this morning there now was: Third Day.

And Eloheme spoke: "Lights come into; come into Heavens' Firmness;For marking between Day and Night, for signifying seasons and days and years.And become lights in Heavens' Firmness for lighting over the Earth," and it was so.

Eloheme crafted the two Great Lights: the Greater Light reigning over the Day; And the Lesser Light reigning over the Night and all the Stars. Eloheme gave them to Heavens' Firmness to be light over the Earth, And to reign over Day and Night, and to separate Light from Darkness. So Eloheme saw Goodness.

Of this evening and of this morning there now was: Fourth Day.

And Eloheme spoke: "Waters! Be teeming; swarm a swarming of living souls.
And flying fly; fly birds above the Earth, across the face of Heavens' Firmness!"
So Eloheme created the great sea monsters and all living souls teeming
Who swarm in the waters, all according to their myriad kind.
And all winged-wings of their kinds; *and Eloheme saw Goodness.*

And Eloheme gave them Blessing and toward them Eloheme said:

"Bear fruit! multiply! fill Sea's waters! and birds; multiply multitudes in Earth!"

Of this evening and of this morning there now was: Fifth Day.

And Eloheme spoke: "Bring out Earth! bring out living souls of myriad kind; Beasts and creatures and wildness,"

and it was so.

So made Eloheme wildlife of the Earth; all the beasts of the Earth;

All the crawling creatures of the soil; each after their myriad kind.

So Eloheme saw Goodness.

Eloheme spoke: "Make We humanity in our Figure and with our Shape, For shepherding Sea's fish, and all Heavens' birds, For Earth's standing beasts, and all who crawl upon Her!"

So by Eloheme's form was humanity molded; by Eloheme's figure were shaped male and female. And Eloheme gave them Blessing, and toward them Eloheme said: "Fruit! Multiply! Fill the Earth! Reign over Sea's fish and Heavens' birds; Reign over Earth's beasts and all crawling creatures." And Eloheme spoke: "Behold! I give to you all Earth's greening, And of all fruiting forests will be eating for you, And of all Earth's beasts, and all Heavens' birds, And of all which crawls and which has living souls, And all greening-grass for nourishment," and it was so. Eloheme saw all creation and, behold!

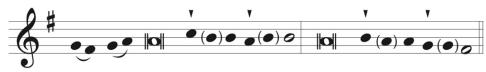
it was of exceeding goodness!

Of this evening and of this morning there now was: Sixth Day.

So completed were Heavens and Earth, and all the myriad heavenly bodies. Eloheme completed on the seventh day the craftsmanship which was crafted. And Eloheme rested that seventh day from all the working which was worked. And Eloheme gave Blessing to that day and consecrated this the Seventh Day, For on that day was cessation from all the working that by work Eloheme had worked. So these are the birthings of Heavens and Earth; these are their creating.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 8 (Plainsong)



O <u>God</u> our <u>Gov</u>ernor, * how exalted is your <u>Name</u> in <u>all</u> the world!

Out of the mouths of <u>infants</u> and <u>children</u> * your majesty is praised a<u>bove</u> the <u>hea</u>vens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the <u>work</u> of your <u>fing</u>ers, * the moon and the stars you have <u>set</u> in their <u>cour</u>ses,

Who are we that you should be <u>mindful of us?</u> * who are we that you should <u>seek</u> us out?

You have made us but little lower <u>than</u> the <u>angels</u>; * you adorn us with <u>glo</u>ry and <u>hon</u>our;

You give us mastery over the <u>works</u> of <u>your</u> hands; * you put all things <u>under our</u> feet;

All <u>sheep</u> and <u>ox</u>en, * even the <u>wild</u> beasts <u>of</u> the field,

The birds of the air, the <u>fish</u> of <u>the</u> sea, * and whatsoever walks in the <u>paths</u> of <u>the</u> sea.

O <u>God</u> our <u>Gov</u>ernor, * how exalted is your <u>Name</u> in <u>all</u> the world!

Second Reading: The Wild Geese (Wendell Berry)

Murray Bryant

Horseback on Sunday morning, harvest over, we taste persimmon and wild grape, sharp sweet of summer's end. In time's maze over fall fields, we name names that went west from here, names that rest on graves. We open a persimmon seed to find the tree that stands in promise, pale, in the seed's marrow. Geese appear high over us, pass, and the sky closes. Abandon, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way, clear, in the ancient faith: what we need is here. And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye clear. What we need is here.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #95 (SANC) "We're Bound on a Journey"



The Gospel

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Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One day, while Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralysed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you.' Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, 'Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'-he said to the one who was paralysed-'I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.' Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, 'We have seen strange things today.'

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 5:17-26

Homily: Suzanne Rumsey

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

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The Prayers of the People

Leader: God our Creator, you called forth the Earth and all living beings and they are good. Open our heart's ear to hear the voices of your creation. To hear their longings and groanings, their joys and pain. May the sacredness of the Earth echo in our souls.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator,

All: Help us to listen.

Leader: In this Autumn season, the land, the soil, the plants and its creatures begin to prepare for a time of rest. May we hear their cry for healing and may we be bearers of comfort and restoration.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator,

- All: Help us to listen.
- *Leader*: The rippling water and its creatures who call it home sing to us of their beauty, refreshment, and purity. May the soundings of the seas, the gurgling of creeks, the flow of ground water, and the drops of rain help us to remember their sacred nature and may we be bearers of comfort and restoration.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator,

All: Help us to listen.

Leader: The sky, home of feathered creatures, is painted with brilliant hues of blue and white drawing us into the cosmic life of the universe. May we breathe deeply restoring respect for the air that sustains us and may we be bearers of comfort and restoration.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator,

- All: Help us to listen.
- *Leader*: For too long we have been deaf to the cries of the Earth and have not learned to walk gently upon it. For the times we have failed to listen to the voices of creation and the times we have not responded in love, forgive us.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator, *All:* Have mercy.

Leader: We have ignored the cries of the human family who bear the greatest burden of environmental destruction and climate change. For the times we have failed to listen to the voices of the poor, the marginalized, and refugees, forgive us.

In stillness and silence, we offer our prayers.

Leader: God our Creator,

- All: Have mercy.
- *Leader:* God of All Life, through the voices of creation we hear your voice drawing us into your unfolding love. Open us to wonder and awaken us to the dream of the Earth. Teach us to befriend the Earth and our co-creatures. And inspire us to respond in love as we become bearers of comfort and restoration.

All: Amen.

Confession

Priest: Let us confess our sins as we say,

All: Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Priest: 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

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

1. My God made a world that chan ges that _ 2. My God made a world of for ests, of 3. My God made a world of ders. and won -God's 4. One day world change to blight, plants and may shifts tilts lifts; and and my des erts and swamps and fields; _ my God made the race; God hu man crea tures cease to grow; а God made world of а tain ges, moun ran God made tun dra buttes is lands, and and _ down the midst of tion, set in us cre - a world de night, de ing may scend in - to warm -_ and ti drifts: tal seas con nen my and hard Ca dian shield; streams na my _ re - fuse where can take or our place; my we all God that loves stroy ing so; then a void God made ets, а and com and God world of of made crea tures, а -God minds think God gave to with; us griev God will ing to start a - new,

Hymn: "My God Made a World That Changes"

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The Lord's Prayer

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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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

Steven Mackison

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: Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Healing

For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the clergy present privately in the chat.

The Doxology

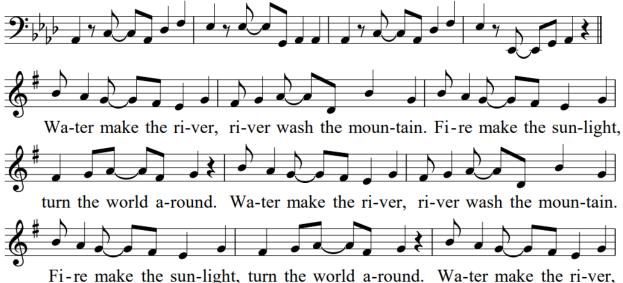
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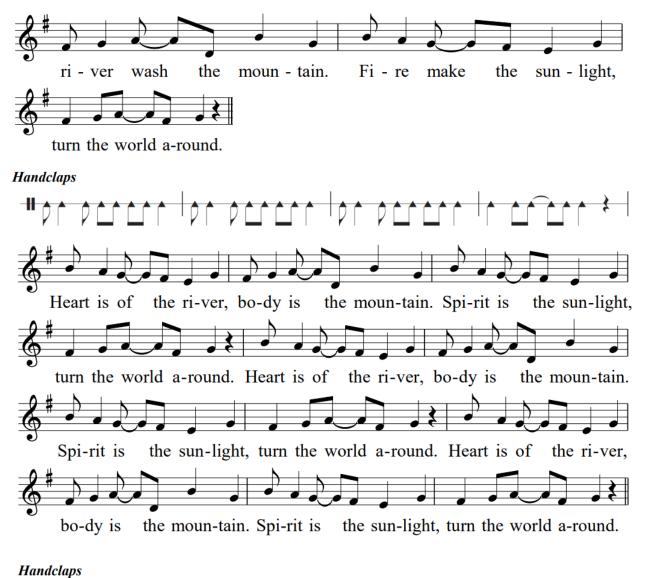
Priest: Glory to God,
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

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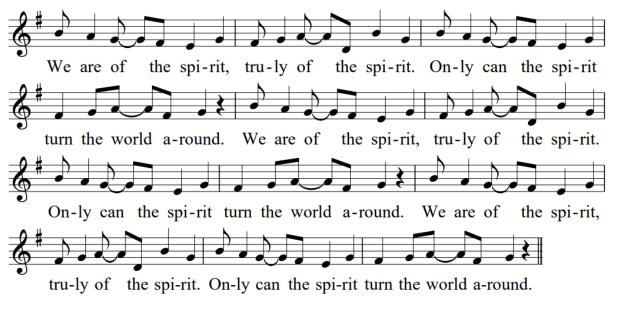
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Departing Hymn: "Turn the World Around" (Harry Belafonte / Robert Freedman)









Handclaps



The Dismissal

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- Priest: 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 the Creator. Alleluia!

We give thanks to Suzanne Rumsey for preaching this closing liturgy in the Season of Creation

Suzanne is originally from the Diocese of Kootenay, B.C., the traditional and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa (Tun-ah-hah) Nation. She joined PWRDF in 2001 as the Latin America and Caribbean Program Coordinator and in 2010 moved to her current position as Public Engagement Coordinator. Prior to joining PWRDF, Suzanne worked for a decade with the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA), one of the predecessor coalitions of KAIROS. She recently graduated from Trinity College, University of Toronto, with a Master of Theological Studies degree. She lives with her son Robin, a UofT student, in downtown Toronto.

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Sunday, November 5 – All Saints/All Souls

9 AM - Spiritual Communion (All Saints) on Zoom

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (All Saints) in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – All Souls Requiem Eucharist

8 PM – Compline on Zoom

Sunday, November 12

9 AM -Spiritual Communion on Zoom

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist in the Church and through YouTube

8 PM – Compline on Zoom