



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



SEASON OF CREATION:

LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF THE SEA
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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

Moderator

Land Acknowledgment

Paige Souter

Opening Hymn: “Let All Who are Thirsty Come” (Taizé)

Redeemer Music Team

Let all who are thirst - y, come. Let
all who wish, re-ceive the wa-ter of life free-ly. A -
men, come, Lord Je-sus. A - men, come, Lord Je-sus.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

Deacon: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: **The Holy One’s love is new every morning.**

Deacon: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: The First Story of Creation (Parts 4 and 5)

Henry Krol

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.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 46 Paraphrase: “God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

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1. God is our re - fuge and our strength, in straits a pre - sent aid;
 2. Though hills a - midst the seas be cast; Though wa - ters roar - ing make,
 3. Un - to the ends of all the earth wars in - to peace he turns:
 4. Be still, and know that I am God; a - mong the na - tions I
 5. Our God, who is the Lord of hosts, is still up - on our side;

There fore, al - though the earth re - move, we will not be a - fraid.
 And trou - bled be; yea, though the hills, by swell - ing seas do shake.
 The bow he breaks, the spear he cuts, in fire the char - iot burns.
 Will be ex - al - ted; I on earth will be ex - al - ted high.
 The God of Ja - cob our re - fuge for ev - er will a - bide.

And what if I were to sing
to water
like a farmhand crooning to the milk cow?

And what if I were to thank
water – more space
than matter – for permitting me
to float on its skin?

Water, I am 90% you.
I might as well sing
myself a gurgling lullabye.

I wonder at the whales –
their songs and skins immersed in the sea –
who cannot live if beached.
Birthing calves in water,
brine in their blood;
whalesongs the waves they disappear in.

Then I'll sing to you, water,
for if I don't, you won't
flow through me but catch
death in baleen, my throat.

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation: #198 (Gather)

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Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

Music: Mass of Remembrance, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 4:35-41

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

Homily: Alanna Mitchell

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

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Profession of Faith

Paige Souter

Deacon: Together, let us profess our faith as we say:

All: **We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Christina Chang

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.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #567 (Common Praise) "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose
2. O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and
3. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose breath were
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, pre -



arm re - strains the rest - less wave, who bids the might - y
hushed their rag - ing at your word, who walked a - cross the
fash - ioned sea and sky and earth; who make the storm - y
serve their lives in dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest,



o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed bounds to keep: we
surg - ing deep and in the storm lay calm in sleep: we
cha - os cease and gave us life and light and peace: we
flood and flame, pro - tect them by your ho - ly name, and



cry, O God of maj - es - ty, for those in per - il on the sea.
cry, O Lord of Gal - il - ee, for those in per - il on the sea.
cry, O Spir - it strong and free, for those in per - il on the sea.
to your glo - ry let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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The Lord's Prayer

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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.

The Doxology

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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.**

Announcements

Paige Souter

Departing Hymn: #584 (Gather) “Healing River”

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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 wa-ters, And wash the
ground. O heal-ing riv-er, send down your wa-ters, O heal-ing
rise. O heal-ing riv-er, send down your wa-ters, O heal-ing

blood, from off the sand.
riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
riv - er, from out of the skies.

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve God’s Creation. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Sunday, October 22 - Voices of the Sea

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Season of Creation Taizé

Sunday, October 29 - Harvesting the Season of Creation

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Season of Creation Rock Eucharist
Featuring the music of Johnny Cash