

Year B September 19th, 2021 Season of Creation 3
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INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewyan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Sentence God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2
Thessalonians 2.14

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 403 LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly to raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us onto the end of our days. Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.	God's law still enforces the stars in their courses and causes the sun in its splendor to shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean in praises combine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

THE GREETING

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known**

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Source of all life, we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation made manifest in the environment that surrounds us; strengthen us in the mission of stewardship and care towards nature, the work of your hands, encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (Reading Sheet Available)

1ST READING: Proverbs 31:10 -31

Reader The word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God

PSALM 1

2ND READING: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Reader The word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ

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

HOMILY **Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat**

THE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please sit stand or kneel as you are able.)

This is Christ's commandment: to love one another as he loved us. With contrite spirits and respect for all humanity, let us pray to God that we may learn to care for not only our brothers and sisters, but for all God's creation shown forth in the wonder of nature that maintains our common life. Have compassion on all who suffer from trials and pain, especially the victims of natural disasters caused by our own greed and negligence. Grant them their needed relief and the help of your children in their daily struggles.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Kindle the hearts of the leaders in your Church; Reveal in them the example of your Christ, who revered and cared for the fullness of your creation.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Inspire all civil authorities to dedicate their resources and efforts to the building of a better world for all your people. May they govern with respect and balance toward nature through policies that seek to relieve the environmental calamity that surrounds us.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Have mercy on your children suffering from illness, granting them healing and comfort from their afflictions. Equip us to serve all who are ill as we would serve Christ.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Bring to your glorious presence all those faithful who have departed this world with faith in Jesus Christ. Grant them eternal rest in the company of the apostles, martyrs, and all your saints.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Receive the prayers we now offer you as a sign of our immense gratitude for the many blessings you have given us, and above all for the life in nature that continues to flourish despite our carelessness. Grant that we may return your love in acts of charity and compassion toward the world that you created and all of its creatures.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Creator of all, whose Son came to reconcile all creation to you: inspire in us a reverence for your creatures in this world and accept the prayers that we now offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. **(Silence is kept.)**

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

(The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

OFFERTORY HYMN # 500 SISTER LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

1. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God, for you are the source of all life. Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us through the environment that you established in creation. You rule the universe with balance and generosity, for which all creation never ceases to praise you. Joining with the company of heaven and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas, we joyfully praise your holy name, singing (saying)

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: O God, our creator, you placed us in this world, but did not leave us to live alone. You surrounded us with your wondrous creation that we might live in harmony with it, taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life. Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people, yet we strayed from your path. We judged ourselves powerful and mighty, planting destruction between us and nature, and creating a world of inequity, imbalance, and discontent. Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance and new life, yet we chose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error. In the fullness of time and in your infinite mercy, you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life. He taught us to live in unity with you, opening the doors to a new creation: one reconciled to you and sustained by your love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. Having given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying, "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the wondrous mystery:

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

And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ we may fill the world with your love, renewing it with the gift of your Gospel. Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us and restoring the balance of nature. Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden, worthy of respect and care. Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle to preserve the environment and the diversity of life within it. And, at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom, where in the company of St. Paul all your saints, we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ. By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD # 3

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People: **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Hymn # 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Hymn # 85 Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & DOXOLOGY

(Please stand.)

Celebrant Let us pray,
Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

1
O Lord, my God, when I in awesome
wonder
Consider all the works thy hands hath
made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling
thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe
displayed; **Refrain**

2
When through the woods and forest
glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the
gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3

But when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

4

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill
my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how
great thou art!" **Refrain**

Celebrant
All

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!