

Year B            September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021            Season of Creation 4  
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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**      Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

John 17.17

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN    PASS IT ON

**1**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on

**2**

What a wondrous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

**3**

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

#### 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:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

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

#### PSALM 124

**2ND READING:** James 5:13-20

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

#### HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

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**      **The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

#### 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 # 384 PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

1  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
health and salvation:  
All ye who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

2  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so  
gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not see  
how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here  
daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

4  
Praise to the Lord, who, when  
tempests their warfare are waging,  
who, when the elements madly  
around thee are raging,  
biddeth them cease,  
turneth their fury to peace,  
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5  
Praise to the Lord, who when  
darkness of sin is abounding,  
who when the godless do triumph, all  
virtue confounding,  
sheddeth his light,  
chaseth the horrors of night,  
saints with his mercy surrounding.

6  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in  
me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now  
with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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 # 502 - You Are the Salt for the Earth

Hymn # 420. Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & DOXOLOGY      *(Please stand.)***

Celebrant      Let us pray,  
Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church,  
so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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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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      Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All      Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



**The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of family and friends  
From Walsh Family**