



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

St. Paul's Anglican Church
September 17th, 2023
Pentecost 16 /Season of Creation 3

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

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Common Praise (1998) or are printed in the leaflet
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Processional Hymn #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Welcome & Announcements

Sentence: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

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 the 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: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you;

Upcoming Seminars

Are You Prepared?
Conversation Starters in
End-of-Life Preparations
in two sessions
Moderated by John Sale

Session 1

Tuesday, September 19th 2:00 pm

- *Spiritually:* presenter Rev. Bonnie Skerritt offers guidance from a spiritual and liturgical lens
- *Funeral Home Services:* presenter Linden Mackey offers guidance on prearrangements and aftercare
- *Finances:* presenter Peter Misiaszek offers guidance on stewardship, benevolent giving and tax implications

Session 2

Tuesday, September 26th 2:00 pm

- *Legal Services:* presenter Tyler Wagg B.A., J.D. provides guidance on Estate Planning, the importance of having a Will and Powers of Attorney in place
- *Medically Assisted Dying:* presenter Alan Wotherspoon provides guidance on legal aspects, reasons one might choose MAiD
- *Hospice Services:* presenter Rev Canon Greg Physick provides guidance on the various services offered by our local hospice

Both sessions will be held in the Main Hall of St. Paul's
45 Russell St. W., Lindsay
Please pre-register by calling our Office at (705)324-4666
For more information, please speak with John Sale or
Rev. Bonnie Skerritt



Tea with the Vicar – our final Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 3:00 pm. Make sure to sign up while there's still room! Everyone at our previous four teas have really enjoyed sharing tea and a time of fellowship.

Special Guest speaker – On October 1st we will welcome Anthony Siegrist, Ontario Director of A Rocha Canada. A Rocha is an international Christian environmental organization focusing on faith and ecology. Having Mr Siegrist join us on the 1st is a wonderful way to wrap up the Season of Creation!

Next week's readings

Creation 4, Pentecost 17 – September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

A number of ministries are looking for additional helping hands this Fall. ***Please consider if you are able to join in!*** Looking for more information or wondering what each ministry does? Please speak with the Team Lead listed below:

- **Sidespeople – John Sale**
- **Lectors – Beverly Baxter**
- **Chancel Guild – Marg Brohm**
- **Choir – Diane Stecher**
- **Pastoral Visiting – Ethel Morris**
- **Refreshments – Donna Williams & Eileen Grace**
- **Stocking the Pantry – Gail Payne**

Healing Services will resume on October 15th

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading – Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty.

The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

2nd Reading- Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for

Harvest Thanksgiving – October 8, 2023

As we prepare for Harvest Thanksgiving, we would like to remind everyone that the Chancel Guild will decorate the Sanctuary with gifts of produce. More information on when to bring in offerings of produce will be provided in the coming weeks.

If you would like to offer Thanksgiving flowers, either in memory or thanksgiving of a special person, please clearly indicate this on your offering envelope. Flower donation envelopes are available under the Flower Chart in the Main Hall.

It's time once again for "The Tower of Tins"



Once again this year, St Paul's will hold a Thanksgiving food drive to collect tinned food for the Food Source.

This year we have been advised that all tinned food items are needed, especially protein, vegetables and pasta sauce. Please deposit your tins in the designated baskets in the Hall and by the Russell St entrances.

Our goal this year is to donate 500 tins.

Every tin we receive is greatly appreciated!

Tins and Thanksgiving produce will be picked up by the Food Source on Tuesday, Oct. 10th

Hymns during Communion

Hymn #391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father

Hymn #647 Spirit of The Living God

Hymn #74 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray,

All: God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology

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

Celebrant May God who established the dance of Creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church to
reflect God's glory in Creation,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. Amen

Recessional Hymn # 575 Let Streams of Living Justice



Announcements

Please join us after the service for refreshments. This week as a special treat, we will have Sundaes on Sunday!

the Lord is able to make them stand. Some, judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord, and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn #487 Where Charity and Love Prevail, v.1-3

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I

will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn #487 Where Charity and Love Prevail, v. 4-6

Homily – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Apostles’ 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

Intercession for God in Creation¹

Let us pray to God that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

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water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People

Celebrant

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 the 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.

Lamb of God (sung)

All Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us, Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by

You have created the universe by your eternal Word and have blessed humankind in the making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world,

that we may share and conserve its resources
and live in reverence for the creation
and in harmony with one another.

Father, Lord of Creation,
In your mercy, hear us.

You have given the human race a rich land,
a land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey.

We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow.

We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy hear us.

In Christ you call us to the new way of life,
loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Help us to treat with care and to respect the world as it is as it is as we live in hope and anticipation of the world and as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done .

Thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation.

Help us to follow in their footsteps,
Until, with them, we see you face to face,
where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

Litany #5

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer. 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. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: # 471 Let My People Seek Their Freedom

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer # 4

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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.