



## **Let Justice and Peace Flow**

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

**St. Paul's Anglican Church  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Pentecost 17 /Season of Creation 4**

### **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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**Processional Hymn**  
**#388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sentence:** Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

**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 have created the heavens and the  
earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern  
your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence

**and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the

Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader The word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 (said responsively)**

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; \* make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \* and speak of all his marvellous works.**

3 Glory in his holy name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \* continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \* his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \* O children of Jacob his chosen.**

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \* in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**38 Egypt was glad of their going, \* because they were afraid of them.**

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \* and a fire to give light in the night season.

**40 They asked, and quails appeared, \* and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \* so the river ran in the dry places.

**42 For God remembered his holy word \* and Abraham his servant.**

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \* his chosen with shouts of joy.

**44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \* and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes \* and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

**God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

### **Gradual Hymn BB #799 There's A Wideness (v. 3,4,5)**

#### **3. There's a wideness in God's mercy**

**Like the wideness of the sea,  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.**

#### **4. There is no place where earth's sorrows**

**Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.**

#### **5. There is welcome for the sinner**

**And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Saviour;  
There is healing in his Blood.**

### **The Holy Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16**

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ...

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

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one

of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn BB #799 There's A Wideness (v. 7,8,10)**

**7. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**8. But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify its strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.**

**10. If our love were but more simple  
We should take him at his word:  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.**

**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 Creation<sup>1</sup>**

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

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 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**

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<sup>1</sup> From *New Patterns for Worship* © The Archbishops' Council 2002. From the Church of England's "Common Worship" website, as found on the ACC "Additional Resources for Creation Care Liturgies" page.

## **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: #474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet**

## **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 #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**  
**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**  
**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**  
**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**  
**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 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.*

## **Hymns during Communion**

**Hymn #414 God of the Sparrow**

**Hymn #3 Morning Has Broken**

**Hymn #63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

## **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**



*The Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of family and friends.  
Given by Marilyn Walsh and family.*

*Please join us after the service for refreshments.*

## Announcements

### **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. 10<sup>th</sup>***

**Special Guest speaker (Oct. 1)** – On October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> is a wonderful way to wrap up the Season of Creation!

**Tea with the Vicar (Oct 2)** – Our final Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Healing Services** will resume on October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Interested in joining or helping our church ministries?**

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**

**Thanksgiving Letters**

Thanksgiving Letters are available for pick up in the church hall mail slots. Any not picked up will be mailed out on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you didn't receive a letter, and would like one, please let the office know.

**Next week's readings:**

***Creation 5, Pentecost 18 – Oct. 1/23***

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

## Are you Prepared? Session #2: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm

### 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 Wag 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

