



**Season of Creation 2024
To Hope and Act with Creation**

**St. Paul's Anglican Church
September 15, 2024
Pentecost 17/Creation 2**

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Music Director – Arlene Gray**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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.**

Processional Hymn #486 Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Sentence

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*

The Gathering of the Community (*All stand*)

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm #19 *(said responsively)*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

All Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen

Second Reading James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gradual Hymn #431 (v 1-3) Take up Your Cross the Saviour Said

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #431 (v 4-5) Take up Your Cross the Saviour Said

Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

The 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.**

The Prayers of the People

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”)

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

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.

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.
People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #649 Breathe on Me Breath of God

The 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..

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unflinchingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, evermore praising you and saying.

People 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 Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, and said, "Take and 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 when he had given thanks, he gave it to them 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

People Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked with suffering, our sisters and our brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever,

People 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

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

505 Be Thou My Vision

61 As We Gather at Your Table (*NETTLETON*)

Anthem: They Will Know We are Christians

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

People 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

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #355 All Creatures of Our God and King
vs 1-4, 7

Dismissal



Next Week's Readings

Wisdom of Solomon 1: 16-2:1, 2: 12-22

Psalm 54

James 3: 13-4: 3, 4: 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give thanks for the service of the Right Reverend Linda Nichols, as she retires as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada as of today. May God bless her as she begins this new phase of her life.

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We ask God's blessing on our Metropolitan Archbishop, Anne Germond, as she adds the responsibility of Acting Primate until a new Primate is elected.

Schedule:

Wed. Sept. 18th @ 7 pm
Thurs. weekly @ 7:00 pm

Advisory Board Meeting
Choir Rehearsal

Designated Giving #215 for the Month of September is in support of **ARocha**, a Christian environmental organization focused on CREATION CARE. This means parishes like ours can benefit from the wisdom, experience and success of like-minded churches. Working as “stewards of creation” we can help mend the damage that would permanently destroy the atmosphere, oceans and inhabitants of “this our fragile earth, our island home.”

Choir practice has resumed on Thursday nights at 7 pm. If you are interested in singing, please consider joining us!

Tower of Tins – Our annual Thanksgiving food drive, building a “Tower of Tins” is back again this year! Beginning, next Sunday (September 22nd) please bring in your canned goods to help us in our efforts to respond to the food insecurity crisis and support the efforts of the KL Food Source. Last year the combined total of our tins and produce offered at our Harvest Thanksgiving service was 549 lbs of food for our community! This year we do not have a specific focus; all canned foods are needed. Let’s try to meet or exceed last year’s food drive!

TREASURER NEEDED

Since February we have been asking for someone to step up and volunteer to take on the treasurers’ job as Tom Ross is retiring as of the end of October. To date no one has come forward and we are down to “**crunch time**”. Tom has done a lot of work on transferring as many tasks as possible to our new bookkeeper and has reduced significantly the number of tasks left to the treasurer. A sheet outlining the breakdown between the two positions is available. **Please, if you have any accounting skills, speak to one of us about this position today so mentoring with Tom can begin for a smooth transition. *The church must have a treasurer.***

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation,

Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9 – 12.

Scent Free Reminder Due to a number of our congregants with sensitivities and breathing issues, we kindly ask that you refrain from using scented products. This includes everything from perfume to laundry detergent. Much appreciated.

ST. PAUL'S ANGICAN CHURCH

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ANNUAL

MYSTERY DINNER

THEATRE

SATURDAY , OCTOBER 26th

7:00 pm

WINE & BEER BAR

\$55.00 PP

TICKETS: Church office – 705-324-4666

Barb - Reserved seating / tickets – 705-324 -6257

NO - B.Y.O.B due to license





Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please join us after Worship for coffee and Fellowship!

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