



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

**St. Paul's Anglican Church
September 22, 2024
Pentecost 18/Creation 3**

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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 #474 Jesus, Where're Thy People Meet

Sentence

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

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.

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

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

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus, they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm #54 *(said responsively)*

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

All God of mercy, hear our prayer and come to our aid, that from the rising of the sun to its setting we may offer you a pure sacrifice of praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #584 (vs 1-3) The Church of Christ in Every Age

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 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed

into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #584 (vs 4-5) The Church of Christ in Every Age

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.")

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 #550 Sister, Let Me be Your Servant

The 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

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - 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.

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 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 Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant 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.

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

#585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

#59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Anthem: To Share Our Faith – J. M. Martin

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

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

Genesis 28: 10-17

Psalm 103:19-22

Revelation 12: 7-12

John 1: 47-51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule:

Mon.	Community Choir	weekly	7:00 pm	hall
Tues.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	ESL*	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	Sisterhood	weekly	12:00 – 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly	7:00 pm	sanctuary
Tuesday – Friday	Tai Chi	weekly	9:30 – 11:30	upper
3 rd Friday	Kawartha Food Source	9:00 – 11:30		kitchen
3 rd Tuesday	Horticultural Society	7:00 – 9:00		hall
Thurs. Sept. 26	Clericus	10:00 – 12:00		Nave

*English as a 2nd Language

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!

Calendars are in! If you wish to purchase a \$5 calendar, they are in the office. We only have 25 at this price so get them soon.

Quilt Tickets are available until the Mystery Dinner night (Oct. 26) so pop into the office or check at the table today.

Gift Cards Reminder to help support our Parish consider purchasing these cards and for those who already do, Thanks!

Weekly Schedule If you would like your event posted in the weekly schedule, please send a note to the office or drop it off into the office.

Scent Free Reminder Due to several 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.

Tower of Tins – Our annual Thanksgiving food drive, building a “Tower of Tins” is back again this year! Beginning today (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! “Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.” Proverbs 22 vs 9

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.

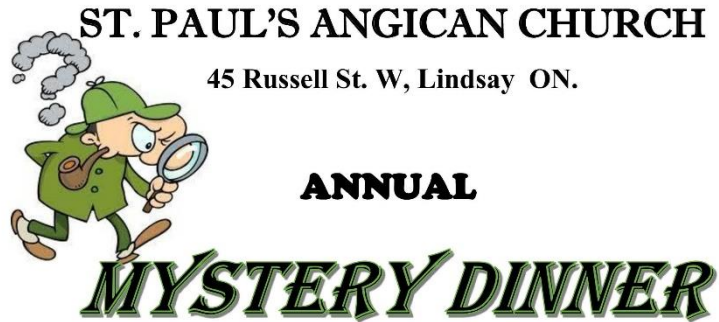
In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.***

Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN 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



Thank you for
worshipping with us
today.

Please join us after
Worship for coffee
and Fellowship!

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