



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

**St. Paul's Anglican Church
September 29, 2024
Saint Michael and All Angels**

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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 #278 Jerusalem the Golden

Sentence

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. *Psalm 103.21*

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 **Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; 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

First Reading Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm #103:19-22 (said responsively)

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

All God of infinite mercy and forgiveness, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus your Son, wash away our sins and deliver us from our infirmities of body and spirit, that we may live with him his risen life, to the praise and glory of your holy name.

Second Reading Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #325 (vs 1--3) Angel Voices Ever Singing

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 John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #325 (vs 4-6) Angel Voices Ever Singing

Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

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 #272 Christ, the Fair Glory of the Holy Angels

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name 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

84 Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

#319 Come, Let us Join our Cheerful Songs

Anthem: Prayer of St. Francis

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through 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

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-26

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

*English as a 2nd Language



Flowers in the sanctuary today are from Marilyn Walsh in memory of Family and Friends.

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!

Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9 – 12.

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.

Nominating Committee We are looking for three people to form a nominating committee for Vestry. Please see Betty or Paul if you can assist with this.



Tower of Tins – Our annual Thanksgiving food drive, building a “Tower of Tins” is back again this year! 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*

Sessions for Spiritual Renewal: click on the ‘Season of Spiritual Renewal’ tab on the diocesan website’s homepage to sign up. All workshops are from 1:00 – 2:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

October 1, Healing in the Landscape of Prayer: What is Anointing?

October 2, Everyday Witness: How to build a culture of faith-sharing

October 9, 1-2:30 pm, Small Group Ministry and Parish Renewal

October 22, Preaching Through Advent

November 6, Christian Meditation and The Jesus Prayer

November 14, Silence, Stillness, Simplicity: Leading Christian meditation

November 21, Equipping Parents as Spiritual Nurturers

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.

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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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