

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

**Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Season of Creation - 4

Sunday, September 22, 2024

10:00 AM



Logo for "Season of Creation" 2024

The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Surrounded as we are with constant devastating news about climate chaos, biodiversity loss and the ever-growing mountains of pollution it is easy to fall into despair. And yet as people of faith, we have hope - the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance of what we do not yet see (cf. Hebrews 11:1).

In the words of Archbishop Tutu "Hope is being able to see that there is light - despite all the darkness."

In the month of September, our worship reflects the ecumenical Season of Creation, a season of prayer and action for our common home that takes place every year from September 1 to October 4. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "To hope and act with Creation", and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25i.

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

 **Opening Hymn: "Sister, Let me be Your Servant"** CP-500

Celebrant: This is the day the Creator has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Celebrant: Blessed be the name of God, God of our ancestors, God of the generations yet to come.

All: Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son and the Sustaining Spirit.

Celebrant: As we gather, we hear the groans of Creation and the cries of our sisters and brothers.

All: As we gather, we bring our seeds of hope, the first fruits of the Spirit.ⁱⁱ

 **Gloria: "Glory to God"** CP-702

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.ⁱⁱⁱ

Children and their teachers move to Sunday School in the main hall.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

(Jeremiah 11:18-20)

Read by Sara

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The prophet Jeremiah expresses his inner struggle with his calling to offer God's prophetic message to the people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

 **Psalm 54^{iv}**

Cantor: Andy

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: God is my helper, the Most High sustains my life.

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. **[Refrain]**

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Most High 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 God, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.
[Refrain]

A reading from the letter of James

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

Read by Roxee

Who is wise and knowledgeable 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 arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes 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 the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

According to the author, a sin commonly found in the community is intemperate speech. Another common sin is arrogance. Avoiding arrogance requires shunning earthly wisdom and praying for godly wisdom.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

A reading from the Gospel According to Mark

(Mark 9:30-37)

read by the Rev. Deacon Trudi Shaw

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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."

Jesus has told the disciples something they find hard to accept: he, the Son of Man, the Messiah, will suffer. Now he adds that he is to be betrayed and handed over to people who will treat him harshly.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Ven. Ruth Monette

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: In this season as we remember especially the whole of creation and our place within it, we join with Christians throughout the world to affirm that which we believe:

**All: We have faith in one God, one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth, who created all things good.**

**And we have faith in Christ, in whom we have been shown
the special role of humanity to bear God's likeness
in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,
in working with these powers for the wellbeing of life on Earth.**

**And we have faith in God's Spirit who leads us
to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle.
So that the Earth is inherited in peace, her life is transformed for all
creatures and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen.ʸ.**

Prayers of the People

led by Barb

The leader will name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns and conclude with the following prayer:

Leader: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.^{vi}

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: In this season, our collective confession focuses primarily on those sins most directly impacting God's creation.

We begin with a time of silence for us to recall our sins against creation, one another, ourselves, and God.

Silence is kept.

**All: Merciful and sustaining God we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, forgive our sins, known and unknown and inspire us afresh to be worthy stewards of creation, may we work together for peace and justice and a sustainable future. **Amen.**^{vii}

The Peace

The Peace is an invitation for us to extend the blessing of God's absolution of our sins to our neighbours. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest to you with a wave, handshake, fist bump or other greeting.

Celebrant: The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.^{viii}

Offertory Hymn: "Shout for Joy"

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During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

The Holy Communion

Preparation and 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

♪ **Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

CP-719

**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. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.^{ix}

All: Amen.

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

🎵 **The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father"**

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Our Father

the Reverend David Taylor

Our Fa-ther in hea - ven, hal-lowed be your name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv-er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev -
er. A - men.

The Breaking the Bread:

Celebrant: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All: **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body^x.**

Agnus Dei: "Jesus, Lamb of God"

CP-747

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: These are the gifts of God for all God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion:

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one. If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns:

"Jesu, Jesu"

CP-504

"As We Gather at your Table"

CP-61

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray:
Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**^{xi}

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.**

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.^{xii}
Amen.

🎵 **Sending Hymn:** *"This Little Light of Mine"*


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Dismissal


Leader: Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.




Shout for Joy! 165



1 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
 2 No more doubt - ing, no more sense - less dread:
 3 Cel - e - brate with saints who dine on high,
 4 Praise the Mak - er, praise the Mak - er's Son,



heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
 God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
 wit - nes - ses that love can nev - er die.
 praise the Spir - it— Three yet ev - er One;



Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth;
 all the won - der heaven has kept in store
 "Hal - le - lu - jah!"—thus their voic - es ring:
 praise the God whose food and friends a - vow

is shared on earth;
 has kept in store
 their voic - es ring:
 whose friends a - vow



God the Spir - it fills us with new worth.
 now is ours to keep for ev - er - more.
 noth - ing less in gra - ti - tude we bring.
 heaven starts here! The king - dom beck - ons now!

This little light of mine

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| 1. This lit-tle light of mine. | I'm gon-na let it shine. |
| 2. Hide it un-der a bushel (NO!) | I'm gon-na let it shine. |
| 3. Don't let a-ny-one "whfff" (blow) it out. | I'm gon-na let it shine. |
| 4. Let it shine in my hometown. | I'm gon-na let it shine. |
| 5. See the light spread-ing round the world. | See all the fa-ces shine. |

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Liturgical Notes:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for peace among all peoples and the victims of war, remembering especially the government of Israel, the leaders of Hamas, and the people of Israel and Palestine.

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i Seasonal description from Addendum 1: Ecumenical Prayer Service, Season of Creation Celebration Guide: To Hope and Act with Creation, 2024, <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

ii Opening words combined from Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024, www.newcreationliturgies.org, TEC. And Rev Sikawu, Central Methodist Church, Cape Town, Addendum 1: Ecumenical Prayer Service, Season of Creation Celebration Guide: To Hope and Act with Creation, 2024, <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>.

iii Collect of the Day from Season of Creation 2024: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

iv The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

v *Affirmation of Faith* Adapted From India. Source: Sinfonia Oecumenica, Gütersloher Verlagshaus, Gütersloh 1998. Reproduced by ECEN for Creation Time 2003, *found in* Addendum 1: Ecumenical Prayer Service, Season of Creation Celebration Guide: To Hope and Act with Creation, 2024, <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>.

vi Concluding prayer for Prayers of the People from Season of Creation: Eucharistic Material, The Church in Wales, <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/publications/liturgy/Creationtide/>.

vii Confession & Absolution combine Season of Creation: Eucharistic Material, The Church in Wales, <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/publications/liturgy/Creationtide/> and Season of Creation resources posted by www.greenanglicans.org.

viii Peace from “A Service of Welcome,” The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, UK: Wildgoose Publications, 2001), 60. Sourced from TEC Season of Creation resources.

ix Eucharistic Prayer is from Salal+Cedar, a ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster.

x Breaking of the Bread: Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024, www.newcreationliturgies.org, TEC.

xi Prayer after Communion: Enriching Our Worship 1 (New York: Church Publishing, 1998), 70.]

xii Blessing and Dismissal from Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024, www.newcreationliturgies.org, TEC.