

Service of Ante-Communion –5 September2021- Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we live and worship upon. We give thanks to the first people of this land: the Anishinaabe, the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, the Metis and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. We ask for courage as we partner with them to heal the earth, and to end the racism and injustice they endure and work together with them for reconciliation. Amen.

Birthday Pig. This Sunday we say a prayer for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Musical Meditation

Karine+: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Hymn: For the beauty of the earth (CP 429, Dix 160)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

The Collect for Purity

Karine+: 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.

Ash Grove Gloria

Sing glory to God in the height of the heavens,
salvation and peace to his people on earth;
our King and our Saviour, our God and our Father,
we worship and praise you and sing of your worth.
Creation unites in the pow'r of the Spirit,
in praise of the Father, through Jesus the Son.
So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious,
our God ever Three yet eternally one.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, by the nations adored,
your blood takes away all the sin of creation:
have mercy on us for whom it was poured.
For you are our Saviour, our only Redeemer,
who came all our gladness and sorrows to share:
you sit at the side, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us, and answer our prayer.

For you, only you, we acknowledge as holy,
we name you alone as our Saviour and Lord;
you only, O Christ, with the Spirit exalted,
are one with the Father, for ever adored.
Creation unites in the pow'r of the Spirit,
in praise of the Father, through Jesus the Son.
So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious,
our God ever Three yet eternally one!

Traditional Welsh Melody – Gloria paraphrase: Michael Forster

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The Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for Creation

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569

The Proclamation of the Word

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 read by Geoffrey Kiggundu

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125 setting by George Black

Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

James 2:1-10, 14-17 by Geoffrey Kiggundu

A reading from the letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the

world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Let all the world in every corner sing (CP 357)

Let all the world in every corner sing:

my God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

his praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:

my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,

no door can keep them out;

but above all, the heart

must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

my God and King!

The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37 proclaimed by The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark McDermott

The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

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

R: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little

daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

The Gospel of Christ.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily by The Rev. Karine Snowdon

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn: We pray for Afghanistan's people today (Cradle Song, 126)

We pray for Afghanistan's people today:

for those who are fleeing — who know they can't stay,

for those who face terror by day and by night,

for those who can't leave and whose dreams can't take flight.

We pray for the people who fear what's in store,
for dreamers and poets who grieve a closed door.
for those who are hiding so no one will see
the people they are — or who they hope to be.

We pray for girls facing a world they don't know,
who still long to read and to learn and to grow.
We pray for young women who live with the fear
their bodies, their voices, may soon disappear.

We pray for young children whose first lullabies
were bombs and explosions and wounded ones' cries —
and for those who served there, who see how it ends,
who ponder their service, who grieve for lost friends.

We weep for the places where war leads to war.
We pray for your hand there to heal and restore!
Bless all who seek justice and peace as your way.
We pray for Afghanistan's people today.

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Intercessions & Thanksgivings led by Beverly Faulknor

The Season of Creation

.....is a time when people of faith around the globe will come together to pray and care for creation. During the Season of Creation, people of all Faiths around the world are invited to pray and care for creation. ... The month of prayer and action begins with the **September 1**, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The **2021 theme** is A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God. The Psalmist proclaims “the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.”

Dear Lord during this season of creation we ask you to re-educate us of our responsibility towards your creation. Help us to reflect, take action and advocate for a sustainable future for all life on the planet.

In the world-wide Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

In the Niagara Diocese: All Saint's, Hamilton, the Reverend Kevin Cull, Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In our Parish Cycle of prayer Darrell and Evadnie Taylor; Bernard Teague and Nancy and Richard Lee; Tatiana Terekhova and Bruce and Susan Thompson and our family Van Kim, Hoih, Ester, Ruth, Samuel and Juliasan and the Mission of San Pedro, Jobabo, Cuba.

In the community: Give thanks for the great work done by The Darling Home for Kids and the high-quality respite, residential and hospice palliative care services they provide to children who are medically complex. God of Loving kindness, we intercede for these children and their families. We pray for peace and calm to come over them. We pray that You will quiet the fears and relieve any pain. We pray for wisdom and guidance regarding diagnosis and treatment. Lay your healing hands upon them.

Pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed and remembering those in memory: In Thanksgiving for the life of Lesley Jennifer Brown, given by her parents Brian & Lorhel White, and her husband Vincent & boys Daniel, Devin & Roary Brown. Also In loving memory of their parents Frank & Doris Senicar, Tom & Olive Whitehead and granddaughter Jacquelyn, given by Larry & Carol Senicar.

“Remembering Paulette Switzer who passed away on Sunday August 29th”

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Give thanks for the start of a new school year. God Bless our children and their teachers especially during these difficult times. Alleviate their fears and provide comfort to them in these uncertain times. Help the government and teachers to work together for the common good. Lord we ask you to heighten awareness of safety measures to protect the self and others. Help the teachers to teach and students to learn and quickly fill any educational gaps .

Continue to pray for the Mission of the Church, remembering our outreach work in this parish. Let us never become content with our **outreach** mission, but let us continuously strive to do better.

Pray for the Unity of the Church. Help us to be your disciples, not mere acquaintances of You. We ask for your guidance in our mission ministry praying especially for our Bishops who lead us. Pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Linda our Primate, Mark our Indigenous Archbishop, Anne our Metropolitan and Susan, Bishop of Niagara. Pray for all Ministers in this parish both Ordained and Laity, for all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world. Pray that the Church of God may always proclaim the Easter Gospel in all places.

Pray for peace in our troubled world. Dear God, our world is hurting and broken. We pray for those who have lost loved ones this week, please comfort them in their grief and loss, cover them with your peace and presence, as only your Spirit can do. We know that in whatever we face, you are our peace and refuge, a very present help in times of trouble , Help those who seek safe passage and those starting a new life in foreign lands.

Help us to be aware of the real cause of the fires, hurricanes and earthquakes . In this season of creation, lead us to be protectors of the environment and all that you have created for us. We especially remember the people of Haiti, and those suffering from the devastation left by hurricane Ida. We also bring before you those ravaged by fires.

We pray for those who are ill or in need of your special care.

Praying for the sick John Shakepeare, Alanna R, Mark, Lynn and Ann, Ivan S. Myriel, Sandy Melo, Mike M. Sandy Ham, Jeremy, Bruce K, Malcolm, Lister W, Cindy H, Garth, Manu, Violet , Richard Birney-Smith, Tosia, Stasia, Lindsay, June, Lizzie, Ian & Steve, Gloria C, Emily, Janice M, Charles, Sue, Edward, Rose, Owen, Layla, Dana, Duante, Diane D., Brian K, Sandy, Emily, Guido Spadafora, Lorne H., Tyler, Lorenzo Mr. and Mrs. W. ,
(Nurses Mark, Kristy, Melanie, Trish, Becky, Frances, Sarah, radiologist Tara Y.) Amanda, Selena & Carlos.

Let us pray for these to be baptized. We pray for baptismal candidates: Jayden, Elijah, Aiden and Eden. Surround them with your love, protect them from evil and fill them with the holy spirit Receive them into the family of your church that they may walk in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.

Our Father, we want to thank you for the gift of life. Lord, you say where two or three are gathered in your name, you are in their midst. Thank you for being with us as we gather together through zoom. We remember our brothers and sisters who cannot join us in this manner. Thank you for our church and for the leaders you've given us. Thank you for allowing us to come to this place to feed on your word. Let grace and peace be upon our lives even as we depart from this place to our different destinations. Let everything we have learned bear fruit in our lives so that your light can shine upon us, and we glorify you the true living God. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.

All sing twice: **In the Lord we'll be ever thankful, in the Lord we will rejoice!**

Look to God, do not be afraid; in God rejoicing: the Lord is near, in God rejoicing: the Lord is near.

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The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this gathering of the body of Christ. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Karine+: Most merciful God,

R: 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.

Karine+: 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.

The Peace

Karine+: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

R: And also with you.

Unmute yourselves to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

The Blessing by The Rev. Karine Snowdon

Hymn: Creating God, your fingers trace (CP 410, Wareham 40)

Creating God, your fingers trace The bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light And what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold Earth's myst'ries known or yet untold
Let waters fragile blend with air, Enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace All now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, Make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims One fam'ly with a billion names;
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace Until we praise you face to face.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn

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The Dismissal by The Rev. Karine Snowdon

Let us bless the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

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