

Season of Creation 4 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Online, Service of the Word I

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The Gathering of the Community (BAS 185)

Josée

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

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.**

The Presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

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The Penitential Rite

Invitation to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith. (cf Romans 8:22, 23)

Kyrie Confession

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil, but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn CP #620 – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (verses 1, 2 and 5)

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'this manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

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The Collect of the Day

France

Dieu de compassion, accorde à ton Église, devenue une en l'Esprit Saint, qu'elle fasse éclater ta puissance parmi tous les peuples, et que soit glorifié ton nom, par Jésus-Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles.

Amen.

Or

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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

The First Reading

John

A reading from the book of Numbers (*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm #19:7-14 (BAS p. 725)

Carol

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
 13 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.
 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
 Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

France

Lecture tirée de la lettre de Jacques (*Jacques 5 :13-20*)

L'un de vous souffre-t-il ? Qu'il prie. Est-il joyeux ? Qu'il chante des cantiques. L'un de vous est-il malade ? Qu'il fasse appeler les anciens de l'Église, et qu'ils prient après avoir fait sur lui une onction d'huile au nom du Seigneur. La prière de la foi sauvera le patient ; le Seigneur le relèvera et, s'il a des péchés à son actif, il lui sera pardonné. Confessez-vous donc vos péchés les uns aux autres et priez les uns pour les autres, afin d'être guéris. La requête d'un juste agit avec beaucoup de force. Elie était un homme semblable à nous ; il pria avec ferveur pour qu'il ne plût pas, et il ne plut pas sur la terre pendant trois ans et six mois; puis il pria de nouveau, le ciel donna de la pluie, la terre produisit son fruit... Mes frères, si l'un de vous s'est égaré loin de la vérité et qu'on le ramène, sachez que celui qui ramène un pécheur du chemin où il s'égaraient lui sauvera la vie et fera disparaître une foule de péchés.

La Parole du Seigneur.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or

A reading from James' letter (*James 5:13-20*)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (BAS p. 68)

Simon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (*Mark 9:38-50*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Simon

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (BAS p. 68)

Josée

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Wendy

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.

God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and just reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed.

God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

We ask you to hear us, good Lord, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Wendy

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

English (Modern version)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.**

French

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la
terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
Comme nous pardonnons
aussi à ceux qui nous ont
offensés.**

English (older version)

**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.**

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

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.**

Doxology

Glory to God

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.**

Josée

The Sending

Blessing

May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn CP #501 – Through All the Changing Scenes of Life (v. 1, 4 and 6)

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

4. O make but trial of God's love;
experience will decide
how blest and favoured are they all
who in this love abide.

6. To Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Text: Ps. 34.1-9; para. Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726) New Version, 1696, alt.
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Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Josée