

Season of Creation

Sundays, September 27th, 2020

Online and In-Person, Service of the Word I

We are members of the Laurentian Regional Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal; our churches are located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, the Huron-Wendat, and the Omàmiwininiwak (Algonquin), St. Lawrence Iroquoians and Mohawk. Our churches honour, recognize and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today.

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The Gathering of the Community (BAS 185)

Nick

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 Confession

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 #429 – FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (VERSES 1, 4 AND 5)

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Refrain:

Christ our God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

5. For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given.
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

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The Collect of the Day

Quitterie

Accorde, Ô Dieu miséricordieux, que ton Église, réunie par ton Saint-Esprit en une seule, montre ta puissance parmi tous les peuples, à la gloire de ton nom; par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, maintenant et pour toujours.

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

Rive

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32)

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm #25:1-8 (BAS p. 733)

Carol

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

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

Quitterie

Lecture tirée de la lettre de Paul aux Philippiens (*Philippiens 2 :1-13*)

S'il y a donc un appel en Christ, un encouragement dans l'amour, une communion dans l'Esprit, un élan d'affection et de compassion, alors comblez ma joie en vivant en plein accord. Ayez un même amour, un même cœur ; recherchez l'unité ; ne faites rien par rivalité, rien par gloriole, mais, avec humilité, considérez les autres comme supérieurs à vous. Que chacun ne regarde pas à soi seulement, mais aussi aux autres. Comportez-vous ainsi entre vous, comme on le fait en Jésus Christ : lui qui est de condition divine n'a pas considéré comme une proie à saisir d'être l'égal de Dieu.

Mais il s'est dépouillé, prenant la condition de serviteur, devenant semblable aux hommes, et, reconnu à son aspect comme un homme, il s'est abaissé, devenant obéissant jusqu'à la mort, à la mort sur une croix. C'est pourquoi Dieu l'a souverainement élevé et lui a conféré le Nom qui est au-dessus de tout nom, afin qu'au nom de Jésus tout genou fléchisse, dans les cieux, sur la terre et sous la terre, et que toute langue confesse que le Seigneur, c'est Jésus Christ, à la gloire de Dieu le Père.

Ainsi, mes bien-aimés, vous qui avez toujours été obéissants, soyez-le non seulement en ma présence, mais bien plus maintenant, en mon absence ; avec crainte et tremblement mettez-en œuvre votre salut, car c'est Dieu qui fait en vous et le vouloir et le faire selon son dessein bienveillant.

La Parole du Seigneur.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (*Philippians 2:1-13*)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And

being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (BAS p. 68)

Josée

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. (Matt. 21:23-32)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Josée

Theme: The Gift of Water.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (BAS p. 68)

Nick

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

Intercessions

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.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

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.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

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.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

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.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

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.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

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

Wendy

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**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.**

Doxology

Nick

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.**

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 #393 – IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (VERSES 1, 3 AND 4)

I. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

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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.

Nick