

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday October 10th, 2021

Online Service of the Word I

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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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Intercessor: XX

The Gathering of the Community (BAS p. 185)

Tania Lesack

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.

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

THE PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE CONFESSION

We say sorry for the wrong we have done against God, the whole world, and our neighbor.

As we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins and the sins of our society in the misuse of God's creation.

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May the God of Love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn #399 Now Thank We All our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
To Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven;
Our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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The Collect of the Day

France

Créateur de la terre féconde, tu nous fais intendants de toutes choses. Donne-nous des cœurs reconnaissants pour toute ta bonté, et inébranlable volonté à utiliser ta générosité, que la famille humaine tout entière, aujourd'hui et dans les générations à venir, puisse avec nous rendre grâce pour la richesse de ta création. Nous le demandons au nom de Jésus Christ - notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles.

Amen.

Or Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

John

A reading from the book of Joel (*Joel 2:21-27*)

Do not fear, O soil;

 be glad and rejoice,

 for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,

 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad

 and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

 he has poured down for you abundant rain,

 the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years

 that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

 my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

 and praise the name of the Lord your God,

 who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126 (*BAS p. 885*)

Carol

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *

"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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 première lettre de Paul à Timothée (*1 Timothée 2 :1-7*)

Je recommande donc, avant tout, que l'on fasse des demandes, des prières, des supplications, des actions de grâce, pour tous les hommes, pour les rois et tous ceux qui détiennent l'autorité, afin que nous menions une vie calme et paisible en toute piété et dignité. Voilà ce qui est beau et agréable aux yeux de Dieu notre Sauveur, qui veut que tous les hommes soient sauvés et parviennent à la connaissance de la vérité. Car il n'y a qu'un seul Dieu, un seul médiateur aussi entre Dieu et les hommes, un homme : Christ Jésus, qui s'est donné en rançon pour tous. Tel est le témoignage qui fut rendu aux temps fixés, et pour lequel j'ai été, moi, établi héraut et apôtre – je dis vrai, je ne mens pas –, docteur des nations dans la foi et la vérité.

La Parole du Seigneur. / Ici se termine la lecture.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

or

A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy (*1 Timothy 2:1-7*)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

David

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (*Matthew 6:25-33*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than

clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

David

The Apostles’ Creed

Tania

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

Name

As we offer petitions ending with “Lord of the harvest”, you are invited to answer each petition with “hear our prayer.”

Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Lord, Bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others.

We pray for the homeless, and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of international food agencies, and local foodbanks, providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed and there will be no more starvation.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time, we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, the transport delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers. Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work, both at home and in other countries. Help us to want to buy local produce and fairly traded goods wherever we can so that everyone can work with dignity and there will be no more poverty.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time we thank you for the world we see around us; for the flowers, the trees and the animals. Bless all those who care for them, Lord. Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources, so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all that is good in your creation and all who bring in the Harvest of the sea and the land. We are conscious of so much that we get wrong. So we give thanks too, for your grace and patience with us, when we fail to look after your world as we should. Help us to change so that we too become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time we ask for your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours, and on those who are sick. We pray for those whose lives have been gathered into your presence, whose work here is done: help us to recognise the interdependence of all of life and the importance of just relations and community, and help us become good stewards of all you continue to give us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

Source of all life, and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Name

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,**

French

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,**

English (older version)

**Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

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.

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.
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la
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.

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.

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.

Tania

The Sending

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Tania

Hymn #429 For the Beauty of the World, 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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Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Tania