

Season of Creation

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

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

Lord, 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 #430 – WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

France

Seigneur Dieu, tu appelles ton Église à témoigner que, dans le Christ, nous sommes réconciliés avec toi. Aide-nous à proclamer la bonne nouvelle de ton amour, afin que toute personne qui l'entende puisse se tourner vers toi, par Jésus-Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint Esprit, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles.

Amen.

Or

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

Someone

A reading from the Book of Proverbs (*Pr 1:20-33*)

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: A SONG OF WISDOM (*Wis 7:26-8:1*)

Carol

Refrain: Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.

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Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.

Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.

THE SECOND READING

France

Lecture tirée de la lettre de Jacques. (*Jacques 3:1-12*)

Ne vous mettez pas tous à enseigner, mes frères. Vous savez avec quelle sévérité nous serons jugés, tant nous trébuchons tous. Si quelqu'un ne trébuche pas lorsqu'il parle, il est un homme parfait, capable de tenir en bride son corps entier. Si nous mettons un mors dans la bouche

des chevaux pour qu'ils nous obéissent, nous menons aussi leur corps entier. Voyez aussi les bateaux : si grands soient-ils et si rudes les vents qui les poussent, on les mène avec un tout petit gouvernail là où veut aller celui qui tient la barre. De même, la langue est un petit membre et se vante de grands effets. Voyez comme il faut peu de feu pour faire flamber une vaste forêt ! La langue aussi est un feu, le monde du mal ; la langue est installée parmi nos membres, elle qui souille le corps entier, qui embrase le cycle de la nature, qui est elle-même embrasée par la géhenne. Il n'est pas d'espèce, aussi bien de bêtes fauves que d'oiseaux, aussi bien de reptiles que de poissons, que l'espèce humaine n'arrive à dompter. Mais la langue, nul homme ne peut la dompter : fléau fluctuant, plein d'un poison mortel ! Avec elle nous bénissons le Seigneur et Père ; avec elle aussi nous maudissons les hommes, qui sont à l'image de Dieu ; de la même bouche sortent bénédiction et malédiction. Mes frères, il ne doit pas en être ainsi. La source produit-elle le doux et l'amer par le même orifice ? Un figuier, mes frères, peut-il donner des olives, ou une vigne des figues ? Une source saline ne peut pas non plus donner d'eau douce.

La Parole du Seigneur.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or

A reading from the Letter of James. (*James 3:1-12*)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (*BAS p. 68*)

Tania

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (*Mark 8:27-38*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell

anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Tania

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

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.

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,

**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

Josée

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 #383 JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'RE THE SUN (verses 1, 2, 4)

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| 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name. |
| 4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen. | |

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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