



THE CATHEDRAL
OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



The Burning Bush

***Listen to the
Voice of Creation***
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

SEASON OF CREATION: WEEK FOUR

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 25th 2022**

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!

*We are delighted that you have chosen to join us this morning.
If this is your first time with us, we wish you a warm welcome
and hope that you will feel part of the Cathedral family.*

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, September 25th 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's service is found in The Book of Alternative Services of
The Anglican Church of Canada beginning on p. 185 with resources taken from
"Celebrating Food and Faith Together: A Liturgy for the Season of Creation 2021" and
resources taken from Season of Creation 2022.
The hymns are from the Common Praise hymnal.

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentence: "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:25

Processional Hymn #394

"Eternal, Unchanging"

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Collect for Creation

Celebrant: God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets, your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers: help us to overcome the scandal of poverty and the chasm of indifference, so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor; through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Any children among us today are welcome to come to the front of the church.

Blessing Song:

God bless and keep you (both hands raised in blessing)

God shine upon you (hands circling like a sunrise)

God's gracious presence (hands folded in prayer)

abide with you in peace. (one hand raised in blessing) **Repeat**

The children are led to their Sunday School class in the Parish Hall and will return for The Peace and remain in the Cathedral for the rest of the service.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Patricia Katz

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Refrain: "He shall give his angels charge over you."

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ***Refrain***

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ***Refrain***

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. **Refrain: "He shall give his angels charge over you."**

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. **Refrain**

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. **Refrain**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation #715 v. 2 (*sung – please stand*)

"Alleluia! God brings the world to himself, now through his Christ reconciling; he has trusted us with the news of redeeming love. Alleluia!"

All stand for the Gospel; please turn to face the Gospel as it is proclaimed:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Reader says: The Gospel of Christ.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

ALL: Generous God, you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth. Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us.

Celebrant: Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ. Today, salvation comes to this house. Know that we are forgiven and live in peace with one another and with the earth in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you. *(We exchange the sign of peace with one another.)*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #529

"God, My Hope on You Is Founded"

Note: We will not be "passing the plate" to collect donations, but we welcome your support for the life and work of the Cathedral community. If you would like a tax receipt, please use the envelopes available in the pews and fill in your information. There is an offering plate at the back of the church where you can place your gift, before or after the service. Thank you for sharing in our ministry!

Prayer over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The following Eucharistic Prayer is from the Salal and Cedar Watershed Community in the Diocese of New Westminster. Some text has been adapted to reflect the Province of Saskatchewan.

Celebrant: May God be with you

***People:* And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

***People:* We lift them up**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you
Creator of all....

...Together with angels and ancestors, hawk and white tail
deer, trout and bison, pine and chokecherry, we join our
voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed
trough...

...All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now
and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***People:* 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *(Sentence #3)*

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Celebrant: Creator of all,

you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Lamb of God *(sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion is said for those who are worshipping with us online from home.

Please approach the Presider in a single line to receive the bread. If you choose to receive from the Common Cup (the Chalice) please approach the Chalice Bearer after consuming the bread. The practice of 'intinction' (dipping the wafer into the wine) is not permitted in our diocese. You may also choose to simply touch the Chalice as the Words of Administration are said - please use the north side aisle to return to your pew. Thank you.

Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of the company of Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

—An Invitation, Iona Abbey

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant:

Glory to God,

All:

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, forever and ever. Amen

The Blessing

Celebrant:

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his Creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #344

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

The Dismissal

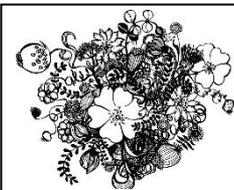
Deacon:

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.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Flowers at the Nave Altar are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Doreen Milton Walmsley (1928-2020) and Peter Yates Walmsley (1923-2005) by their children Anthony, Angela, Carolann, and Pamela.

Participating and Assisting in Today's Service:

Celebrant and Homilist: *The Rev. Dr. Iain Luke*

Assisting Clergy: *The Very Rev. Scott Pittendrigh, Dean*

Deacon: *The Rev. Dr. Bill Crosby*

Reader and Intercessor: *Patricia Katz*

Sunday School Shepherd: *Janice Sanford Beck*

Chalice Bearer: *Victoria Luke*

Organist: *Gregory Schulte*

Altar Server: *John Wickett*

Sidespeople: *Jane Crosby and Mercedes Wayman*

Members of the Altar Guild

Live-streaming today's service: *Benjamin Daniel*

Cathedral Webmaster and E-Newsletter Editor: *Reid McDonald*

Bulletin preparation: *Sarah Donnelly*

Office Hours: The Cathedral offices are closed to the public at this time, but phone calls (306-242-5146) and email (stjohns@sasktel.net) are monitored and responded to on a regular basis. For pastoral emergencies please contact Dean Scott Pittendrigh, 306-716-7202.

If you would like to join the parish, or receive our weekly announcements via our e-newsletter, please call/email the parish office and leave your contact information. We will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Thank you – and welcome!



Cathedral Tours now available! If you're visiting us or new to the congregation today, welcome to Saskatoon's historic and beautiful house of worship that is St. John's Cathedral. If you are interested to have a guided tour of the Cathedral following the service, please speak to one of the Sidespersons who will be pleased to coordinate your interest with a knowledgeable guide. Tours take about 30 minutes.

Sunday School Shepherds Needed: As we prepare to start back to school, we are also planning our fall Sunday School Programme. Do you love sharing your faith with children? Do you love telling stories? Do you love to do crafts? Do you want to try something new? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are just who we are looking for.

We are looking for shepherds to lead the weekly Sunday School programme. Each week the lesson is prepared for you as well as an example of the craft.

The more people who offer their ministry the better.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact The Rev. Victoria Luke at valuke@sasktel.net or 306-290-0044

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support for the ministry and programs at St. John's Cathedral.

Financial gifts may be made using the following options:

Pre-authorized Giving

e-transfer (donations@stjohnscathedralsaskatoon.ca)

via Canada Helps (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-johns-cathedral/>)

Cheque or cash placed on the offering plate or mailed to the Cathedral office

For information on any of the above, please contact Jane (lic.crosby@gmail.com) or Victoria (valuke@sasktel.net).

Tax receipts are issued for all financial gifts over \$10.

Thank you for your support!

The 2022 Symbol:

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you... i will be with you" (Ex 3, 1-12)



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Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

The Burning Bush

Ex 3, 1-12

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

We invite you to use the symbol of a burning bush during your events. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. As you celebrate this Season of Creation, light candles, light the Easter fire, adorn a bush in your place of worship or action. And may this symbol remind us to take off our sandals, contemplate our connection to holy ground, listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home.



SEASON OF CREATION

INVITATION TO JOIN SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the Oikos of God.

The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we begin the Season of Creation “Preparation” to reach local leaders and call our communities to participate actively by raising awareness of the theme, and how to respond to the cry of creation where the Lord calls us in our diverse contexts.

2022 THEME

This year we will unite around the theme, “Listen to the Voice of Creation.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. The 2022 Season of Creation theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of creation.

COVID Health Protocols at St. John’s Cathedral: We encourage you to be mindful of your own health and that of others while in the Cathedral. We are glad you are here, and want to keep you - and everyone around you - healthy.

Washrooms can be found on the lower level of the Cathedral. Please exit through the door to the right of the altar and follow the signs. If you cannot manage the stairs and need to use the elevator, please consult with a Sidesperson for assistance.