



THE CATHEDRAL
OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**The Season of Creation
September 3rd 2023
8:00AM & 10:30AM
(* designates for use at 8:00AM)**

The Gathering of the Community

***Welcome, Treaty Acknowledgement, Announcements**

(Please stand)

***Opening Sentence**

September 3rd: *I will thank you, O God, because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. (Psalm 139:13)*

September 17th: *The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)*

Processional Hymn

September 3rd: (Words) CP #67 "God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living" (Tune = CP #644)

September 17th: (Words) CP #172 Now Let Us All With One Accord (Tune = CP# 644)

***Greeting** (BAS p.185)

***Collect for Purity** (BAS p.185)

***Hymn of Praise: "O Beauty Ever Ancient"** (from *Sing a New Creation #81*)

(Spoken at 8:00AM)

1. O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
divine and Holy Presence, my being sings to you,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
2. O beauty in creation, in world of sound and sight,
O beauty in the silence, in darkness as in light,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
3. O beauty that is movement in liquid line of grace,
O beauty that is stillness in lovely form or face,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!
4. O beauty of the Spirit where love is shining through,
O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you.

(Please be seated)

Children's Time

***Collect of the Day**

Let us pray...

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 the Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

(If you would like to follow along with today's Readings and Gospel, please see the bulletin insert)

***First Reading**

September 3rd: Genesis 2:4b-22

Ginny Blake

September 17th: Joel 1:8-12; 17-20

Ann Rowley

***Psalm**

September 3rd: Psalm 139:12-16 (BAS p.897)

September 17th: Psalm 18:6-20 (BAS pp.721-722)

***Second Reading**

September 3rd: Acts 17:22-28

Ginny Blake

September 17th: Romans 8:18-27

Ann Rowley

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia! Lord and Saviour" (Tune: Neander; CP #111)

Alleluia! Lord and Saviour:

open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, w sing

for the good news that you bring.

***The Gospel (BAS p.188)**

September 3rd: John 3:1-16

September 17th: Matthew 3:13-4:2

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Ann Salmon

(Please stand)

Sermon Hymn

September 3rd: (Words) CP #429 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Tune = CP #160)

September 17th: "Touch the Earth Lightly" (*see bulletin insert*)

***Apostles' Creed BAS pp.189-190**

***Prayers of Intercession: The response to "God of Creation" is "*In your mercy, hear us.*"**

***Confession and Absolution:**

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

(Silence is kept)

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God, our Creator, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

God, in your mercy, ***forgive us and help us.***

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

God, in your mercy, ***forgive us and help us.***

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

God, in your mercy, ***forgive us and help us.***

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made

God, in your mercy, ***forgive us and help us.***

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

God, in your mercy, ***forgive us and help us.***

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Peace**

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you.)

(Please be seated)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: "Beyond the Beauty and the Awe" (Sing a New Creation #31)
(FamJam)

1. Beyond the beauty and the awe, beyond the fear and dread,
we long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your transformed bread.
2. Our lives feel torn between the world whose needs are grimly real
and empty talk of peace and joy with distant, vague appeal.
3. Oh, teach us how to hear your voice despite the traffic's din;
To keep the blasts of rancour out and let your Spirit in.
4. In sound or silence, sight or smell, may we some token find
That makes your living presence known to body, soul, and mind.
5. Then help us live as Jesus taught, as light and salt and yeast,
That others may be brought to share your promise and your feast.

***Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gift of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,

through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

*** Eucharist Prayer #4 (BAS pp.201-203)**

8:00AM: Response and Sanctus as in the BAS

10:30AM Response: (Tune: CP #86 "More Than We Can Ask or Imagine")

And we cry, Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory on high!

10:30AM Sanctus: (Tune: CP #86 "More Than We Can Ask or Imagine")

(FamJam)

Holy, holy, holy holy! Holy God of pow-er and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna to God in the highest.

And we cry, "Bless-ed! Bless-ed!

Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna to God in highest.

***The Lord's Prayer (BAS p.211)**

***Breaking of the Bread #3 (BAS p.212)**

Lamb of God (CP #747)

(Please be seated)

Come to the table!

You are welcome to receive a blessing or,
if you are baptized, to receive communion.

Please accept the bread, the body of Christ, in your hand.

If you do not feel comfortable receiving the wine, the blood of Christ, by common cup, you may touch the bottom of the cup and know that the blood of our risen Christ is shed for you.

The prayer team is available in the chapel for prayer and anointing.

Hymns During Communion:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (From Sing a New Creation #74) (FamJam)

Holy, holy, holy,

my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are holy, Lord. (repeated many times)

CP #73 “One Bread, One Body” *(FamJam)*

The Sending Forth of the People of God

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Doxology (BAS p.214)**

***Blessing**

God, the Creator of the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of creation. **Amen.**

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

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

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

Recessional Hymn

September 3rd: CP #428 “God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness”

September 17th: CP 434 “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”

***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.**

Postlude

Sunday September 17th, 2023

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Joel 1:8-12; 17-20

Ann Rowley

Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth. The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests mourn, the ministers of the Lord. The fields are devastated, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil fails. Be dismayed, you farmers, wail, you vinedressers, over the wheat and the barley; for the crops of the field are ruined. The vine withers, the fig tree droops. Pomegranate, palm, and apple— all the trees of the field are dried up; surely, joy withers away among the people.

The seed shrivels under the clods, the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are ruined because the grain has failed. How the animals groan! The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep are dazed. To you, O Lord, I cry. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the field. Even the wild animals cry to you because the watercourses are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

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

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

Ann Rowley

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

***The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-4:2**

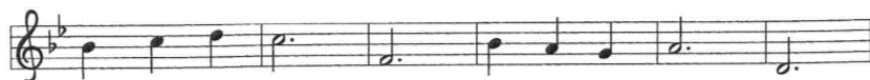
Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The Gospel of Christ. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sermon Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly



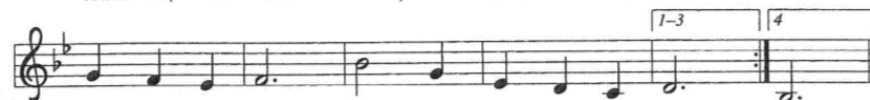
1 Touch the earth - light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Participating and Assisting in Today's Service

Preaching & Presiding: Ann Salmon	
Deacon: Bill Crosby	
Server: John Wickett	Organist: Gregory Schulte
Treaty Acknowledgement & Announcements: Derwyn Crozier-Smith	
Reader & Intercessor: Ann Rowley	
Chalice Bearers: Darcey Anton and Jane Crosby	
Prayer Team: Maud Bia and Deacon Bill Crosby	
Sunday School: Nicky Woolley	
Coffee Hosts: Parish BBQ (Jane Crosby organizing)	
Counters: Kate Gibbings and Marilyn Jennett	
Cathedral Lockup: No lockup – SSO & Museum of the Moon	
Sidespersons: Judith Hutton and Nancy Baltzan	
Videographer: Benjamin Daniel	
Altar Guild: Pat Jarvis, Maud Bia and MaryJo Devine	

Parish Announcements

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wed September 20th: 12:10pm Holy Communion Service in Rector's Office

NOTE: After this service, we will be going for lunch to the Berry Barn

Sunday September 24th 8/10:30am Holy Communion Service

The Season of Celebration Continues

The Season of Creation is celebrated today and on Sunday September 24th, culminating on October 1 (the Sunday before St. Francis of Assisi day which is on Wednesday October 4) – with worship at 8AM and 10:30AM and a Blessing of the Animals at 3PM.

The liturgy celebrating the Season of Creation was prepared by the Worship Committee using resources from the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of New Zealand. Some hymns from *Sing a New Creation* are used.

Thank You and Farewell to Rev. Ann Salmon and BBQ Lunch – Today

Today is Rev. Ann's last Sunday with us as Interim Priest and our opportunity to bid her a fond farewell and a heartfelt "thank you." We will be presenting a gift to her on behalf of our St. John's family at the end of the 10:30 service. We are also asking our clergy to bless her and inviting all the congregation present to participate in this blessing. There will be a group card to sign at the back of the church as well as a basket for anyone who wants to leave a farewell card or note.

Please join us for our annual September BBQ lunch immediately following today's service. Everyone is welcome and everything will be provided.

Joyous News

Benjamin Daniel, our parishioner and one of our livestream team, will be married to his fiancée Irine on October 11. The wedding will take place in Jerusalem Nathoma Church in Nattakom, India. Benjamin leaves for India on October 7 and will return November 10. We wish them many blessings and much happiness. His bride, Irine, will have to go through an immigration process before she can join Daniel here in Canada. Please pray for Benjamin, Irine and their families, and for a prompt hassle-free immigration for Irine. We look forward to welcoming her.

Friendship Inn Volunteers Needed for Lunch on Saturday September 23, October 28 and November 18

The volunteer shifts run from 11 am to 1 pm, and we help cut fruit and vegetables, make sandwiches, serve the meals, wipe tables - whatever is needed at the time. We currently have enough people for these dates but with more people we could help with more shifts. If you would like to volunteer please contact Madison Christensen at Madisonmm@hotmail.ca or Lauri Miller at Lauri.miller@hotmail.com, or we can talk about it after church service.

New Cathedral Rector – Reverend Dr. Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Reverend Dr. Laura Marie Piotrowicz (pronounced as: pea-oh-trow-vitch) will begin her ministry on September 21st. We ask for your prayers for her as she and we prepare for her ministry among us. We look forward to extending her a warm welcome on her arrival in Saskatoon and planning for a Celebration of New Ministry.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you would like to have memorial flowers placed at the Nave or High Altar please contact Fern Fitzharris (306-955-9182 or fernsk@yahoo.com).

SCENT FREE

We have several parishioners who are highly allergic to any form of scent. For their health and safety, we ask that you refrain from using scented products when attending church events or meetings. Thank you for helping to keep our church family healthy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to have an announcement placed in the bulletin please send it to stjohns@sasktel.net by midnight on Wednesday.