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*To Hope and Act  
with Creation*

**Season of Creation 2**

**September 8, 2024**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev Dr Joyce Parry-Moore      **Musician:** Carl Montgomery

**A Place for You:** *Welcome to Saint Bart's! We don't have all the answers here, but we look forward to exploring the questions with you. Sunday mornings we gather to listen to Scripture, talk about how to apply those lessons in today's context, pray for ourselves and the world, and offer our thanks and praise to God. Every Sunday we gather at the altar for Holy Communion, and you are invited just as you are! In a word, we call all that "liturgy" (which means work of the people, and that includes you!). Together we make meaning by connecting with God – who we recognize in three "persons": the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – and by engaging with our wider community. This is how we endeavor to "love God and our neighbour."*

# The Gathering of Community

## Prelude

### Introduction & Welcome

Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son and the Sustaining Spirit. As we gather, we hear the groans of Creation and the cries of our sisters and brothers. As we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the *Skw̓xwú7mesh* and *shíshálh* nations, we bring our seeds of hope, the firstfruits of the Spirit.

**Processional Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**CP 429**

### Gathering

Come, let us worship God,  
who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ,  
who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God,**

**who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit,  
striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,  
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

**Who created in love.**

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

**Who reconciles all of Creation.**

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

**Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

### 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 showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, you have given us a world full of rich resources to feed us all  
and to provide us with all that the body and mind could need.**

**Yet the poor are still with us,  
deprived of food, of home, of education and dignity;  
deprived of healing and of hope.**

**Forgive our inhumanity.**

**Forgive our selfishness and greed.**

**Forgive our church life and our home life.**

**Forgive us for leaving Christ unfed, unhoused,  
without healing and without hope.**

**Forgive us and bring ourselves and our possessions back to you.  
In Christ's name. Amen.**

Giver of life, have mercy on us;  
pardon and deliver, revive and strengthen, and keep us in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Canticle of Creation**

**CP 754**

### **The Collect**

Maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbours as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the ministries that lie before us, where faith and the needs of our neighbour come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **Transforming by Word and Sacrament**

**The First Lesson** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 *Wendy Francis*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 125** *Spoken by all.*

- 1 **Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**
- 2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the Lord stand round about this people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 **The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway  
over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**
- 4 **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.**
- 5 **As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Lesson** James 2:1-10, 14-17 *Charles Passmore*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* vs. 1-2 **CP 446**

**The Gospel** Mark 7:24-37

May God be with you.

**And also, with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the reading*

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

**Gradual Hymn** *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* vs. 3-4 **CP 446**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Parry-Moore

**Music Reflection**

**Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Penny Connell*

God of the land, the sea, the sky:

Creator of all that is seen and unseen.

Open our hearts to the rhythm of Creation in the swells of the ocean, the movements of air and wind, the breath of all living things. Open our eyes to the fragile beauty of the biodiversity of which we are a part. Open our ears to the sounds of life around us. Open our minds to the awareness of our deep relationship with all your Creation.

Creator God: **May we hope and act with Creation.**

God of Light, Life and Love:

Help us to seek and find your presence in all Creation. Keep us firm in the faith that the gift of life in all its fullness is for all Creation. Help us to maintain hope that your reign of love is manifested in our common love for you, for ourselves, and for our neighbour - both human and non-human.

Creator God: **May we hope and act with Creation.**

God of truth and justice:

Fill us with your spirit of compassion so we may live and act with and in solidarity with Creation. Guide us in paths of righteousness that help us to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea. Give us wisdom and courage to recognise our role in the exploitation of our earth's resources. Give us strength of heart to be agents of change that the world so desperately needs.

Creator God: **May we hope and act with Creation.**

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for Bishop John, our Vicar, Joyce, our Associate Priest, Clarence, and our Music Director, Jon

Creator God, **hear our prayers.**

For the people and clergy of our twinned Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and our partner parish of St Bernard and for the work of our Diocese, especially St. Matthew, Abbotsford and Christ Church, Hope

Creator God, **hear our prayers.**

For those in our parish, especially today Charles Passmore, Allen Poynter, Joan Proctor, and all our guests joining us today

Creator God, **hear our prayers.**

For all those who have asked for our prayers: Joan R, Heidy, Julie & Pat, Gwen, Margaret, Kay, John & Marilyn, Nena & Mike, Ollie, Christopher, Vivian, Derek, Jack, Helena, Barb, Helen, Chelsea, Susan, Jane & Bill.

Creator God, **hear our prayers.**

*Presider:*

Entrusting all we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O God, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbours saying "Peace of Christ be with you." To maintain hand hygiene, hand-shaking is not recommended.*

## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn**    *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round*    **CP 497**

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Great and holy God,  
**accept our offering of labour and love.**  
**May we bring you true and spiritual worship**  
**and be one with you.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Salal & Cedar

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places ...

... we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

## Sanctus

CP 735

We give thanks to you for Jesus ...

... All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ taught us, let us pray,

**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

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine;

**Gracious God, may your whole Church soon be gathered**  
**together from the corners of the earth.**

## Agnus Dei

CP 747

## The Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion

*Communion is offered in **BOTH KINDS (bread and wine)**. Please sanitize your hands before coming up for communion. You may choose to partake in **ONE** or*

*BOTH kinds based on your personal preference. DO NOT dip your wafer into the cup (no intinction). If you prefer to receive a contactless blessing, place your hand over your heart.*

**Communion Hymn**    *Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness*    **CP 78**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Creator God,

**your word and sacrament give us food and life.**

**May we who have shared in holy things**

**bear fruit to your honour and glory,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending into the World**

### **Priestly Blessing**

### **Parish Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**    *Praise to the Lord*

**CP 382**

### **Dismissal**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

#### **Liturgy from the BAS except for the following:**

- Greeting adapted from World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023 found in Season of Creation 2024 Resource
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The Rev. Dr Joyce Parry-Moore (ext 102)    Bookkeeping, Judi (ext 104)

## **The Rev. Dr. Joyce Parry-Moore's Parish Hours**

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday motherjoyce.stbarts@gmail.com

## **Parish Administrator, Karen Weatherington** stbarts@telus.net

Mon 1-4 pm | Tues & Thurs 10 am—4 pm

## **Foodbank Co-ordinator, Helen Macham** Mon/Tues/Wed: 9-11 am

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## **Parish Administrator Away**

Karen is on holidays and will be back in the office Tues Sept 17. During that time, Laurel Binnington will be in the office on Tues/Thurs from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

## **KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

We are hosting a Blanket Exercise on **Saturday September 21** 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Led by John & Nancy Denham, this participatory workshop will help to understand how colonization of the land we now know as British Columbia and Canada has impacted the people who lived here long before settlers arrived. Through this exercise you will explore the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, how this relationship has been damaged over the years, and how we all can work toward reconciliation.

The workshop is free, but you need to reserve a spot. We need a minimum of 15 participants with a max of 30. To sign-up, click on link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA5A92BA4FEC07-50735571-kairos> or contact Karen in the office to reserve your spot!

*All are Welcome!*

**St Bart's Community Hot Lunch**

Wednesday September 11, 11 am to 1 pm

**St Bart's Food Bank**

Wednesday September 18, 11 am to 3 pm