



St. George's, Cadboro Bay

10AM Order of Worship – Sunday, September 5, 2021 – **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**SEASON OF CREATION**

**Presider:** Rev. Canon Jeannine Friesen

**Preacher:** Rev. Donald Walls

This service has been adapted from [\*A Liturgy for the Season of Creation 2021.\*](#)

**Welcome**

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

**Gathering**

*Officiant:* The heavens declare the glory of God.

*All:* **The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

The plants and trees show God's presence.

**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,  
**we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.**

Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives  
that we may honour you among all peoples and nations,  
**create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures,  
and work for the healing of this world that you created.**

Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves,  
mountains and valleys  
so that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.

**We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit,  
Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant:* 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 to 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;  
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ.  
Today, salvation comes to you and the land beneath your feet.  
Know that you/we are forgiven and are free to live in peace with one another  
and with the earth. **Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*All:* Holy God, gracious and merciful,  
you bring forth food from the earth  
and nourish your whole creation.  
Turn our hearts toward those  
who hunger in any way,  
so that all may know your care;  
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Providing God,  
by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word,  
that we might be filled with the bread of life. **Amen.**

### **Hymn – Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

### **Kids' Talk**

**First Reading:** ISAIAH (55:1-2, 6-7) (Sandra Moore)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labour on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare ...  
Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 145:14-21** (Sandra Moore and John Sager)

*Sandra:* You uphold all those who fall \*

*John:* **and lift up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand \*  
**and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

You are righteous in all your ways \*  
**and loving in all your works.**

You are near to those who call upon you, \*  
**to all who call upon you faithfully.**

You fulfil the desire of those who fear you, \*  
**you hear their cry and help them.**

You preserve all those who love you, \*  
**but you destroy all the wicked.**

My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; \*  
**let all flesh bless your holy name for ever and ever.**

*-The Psalter of The Book of Alternative Services  
Emended for Contemporary Liturgical Use*

**Second Reading:** 2 CORINTHIANS (9:6-9) (John Sager)

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

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**Sung Alleluia** (Peter, live)

**Gospel Reading** MATTHEW (15:29, 32-38) (Judy Trueman)

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Glory to You, Creator and Saviour of all Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down . . . Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?" "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish." He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ:

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

***Sung Alleluia*** (Peter, live)

**Homily** (Rev. Donald Walls)

**Hymn – *For the Fruit of All Creation***

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

### **Prayers of the People** (Margaret Smart)

### **Lord's Prayer Sung** (Peter, live)

### **Charge and Blessing** (Canon Jeannine)

Officiant: Help us to trust in you  
and to share what we have with a hungry world.  
**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**

With all creatures we look to you for our food in due season.  
May we do our part in restoring the balance of your creation  
and deepen our commitment to follow Jesus in ministries that feed and serve  
others.

**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**

Our worship leads to the world  
A world of ethnic groups, First Nations and other Indigenous peoples,  
All nations, their citizen leaders,  
that the hungry will be fed,  
and that refugees will return home in safety and peace.  
**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**

And the blessing of God, the Creator, Source of All Being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
Be with the privileged and the poor,  
Today and every day, now, and for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn - *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You***

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Centre of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine

**Dismissal (Canon Jeannine)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia**