

September 27, 2020 - Season of Creation - Orange Shirt Day

(Announcements)

Candle Lighting

We light a candle as a symbol of God's presence with us.

Prayer for Orange Shirt Day

Today we wear orange

to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to Residential Schools.

Today we wear orange

and we pray for the Residential School and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.

Today we wear orange

and we are thankful for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.

Today we wear orange

in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Help us, God, to remember and act on this every day. Amen.

**This prayer was inspired by Honarine Scott's Orange Shirt Day blog.*

Opening Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (CP 585)

**1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

**3. As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

Opening

We gather in the name of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures!

We gather in the image of the Creator

Who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer

Who reconciles all creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

Who inspires new life and renews it.

Sung Gloria (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! *(repeat)*

Children's Focus

Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

**He's got you an' me, sister in His hands,
He's got you an' me, brother, in His Hands,
He's got you an' me, sister in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

The Collect

God of our salvation,
we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life.
As you showed mercy to your people of old, pour out your mercy on us,
so that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love
made known in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (*Don Paul*)

The Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*Merle McKee*)

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
who has done wonderful works.
God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,
splitting open the sea and letting them pass through,
making the waters stand up like walls;
leading them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with the glow of fire;
splitting hard rocks in the wilderness,
and giving them drink as from the great deep;
bringing streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushing out like rivers.
Glory to God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 (*Jacky Kwok*)

Gradual Hymn: “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works” (CP 407)

- 1. Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars: your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.**
- 2. Grant unto us communion with you, O star abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.**

The Holy Gospel (*Bob McGall*)

May God be with you.

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:23-32

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Roberta Fraser

~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer ~

Statement of Faith

This is our faith:

That the Divine Spirit of Creation which brought this universe into being, delights in all their handiwork; That we know God most poignantly in Christ; And that the Spirit of Creativeness pervades our life through all our experiences of wholeness. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*Rachel Eaton*)

The Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to share the abundance of divine love. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(short silence for reflection)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it

God makes peace around us

Let us proclaim it

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

(Please un-mute your own mic to share in greeting one another with a blessing of peace)

The Offering

With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

*~A moment of silence to reflect on your gratitude for what you have received
or to make your weekly pledge online.~*

Offertory Hymn: “O God, Beyond All Face and Form” (CP 412)

**1. O God, beyond all face and form, you willed it that creation’s night
should blaze, and chaos still its storm, and birth a universe of light.
All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.**

**4. Of this great love all loves are born, of self, of neighbour, and of earth.
By love shall night be turned to morn, and death shall never conquer birth.
All things below, all things above are formed of God’s eternal love.**

Blessing Over the Gifts

**Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift
and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully
that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.**

In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

**As our Saviour 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.**

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Come, O God of All the Earth” (CP 589)

**1. Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth in the glory of your Son.
Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!**

**5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace: come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease; bring us all to life in you.
Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!**

The Dismissal (*Bob McGall*)

Tend the earth, care for God’s good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go into the world in peace, loving and serving God in all you do. **Thanks be to God.**