



Creation Season
September 5, 2021
10 am Service



Presider: Rev Sharon Smith
Music: Rob Gloor
Alison Watt
Penny Zuk &
Vivian McGie
Coffee Group: Penny Zuk & Roslyn
Jackson,
Elizabeth Barratt
Greeters: Marion Porter
Tony Dodd
Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy
Readers: Penny Zuk &
Vivian McGie
Intercessor: Bev London
Livestream: Gordon Lee

*As you enter the church, we invite you to light
a votive candle to remember a person or
situation that you carry on your heart.
Candles are also available during
communion.*

Prelude

Welcome & Safety: Rev Sharon Smith

Gathering of the Community

Presider: In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of
the Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth
nations

**People: From many places on our earth we
come to this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place

We meet in the presence of the
living God

**People: The living God who creates us and
all that is.**

Presider: In this time and place
The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**People: The risen Christ whose presence
pulses through all galaxies and is
felt among us now.**

Presider: In this time and place
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and
through us

**People: The Holy Spirit who transforms
us and all life.**

Presider: In this time and place, we bless
you, God!

**People: Three in One and One in Three,
praising you for the gift of life in
your good created world.
Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: For the beauty of the
earth**

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of grace
to the world so freely given,
sowing in each barren place,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.



Artist: Henry Escobar

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are
hidden.
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy
Name
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

ALL: Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Christ Have Mercy

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ALL: Christ Have Mercy

Presider: God, our Creator,

All: we celebrate the wondrous design of the universe and the Wisdom that guides its course. Help us to discern how we are connected with all living things. Teach us to sense the presence of the cosmic Christ, whose presence fills and reconciles all creation. Amen.



Artist: Bobbie Burgers

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for
joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Erica E. Rogers

Psalm 146

(The people are led by Penny Zuk)

Presider: Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Presider: Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

People: When they breathe their last, they re-turn to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Presider: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

People: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

Presider: who gives justice to those
who are oppressed, and food
to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive
free.

**People: The LORD opens the eyes of
the blind; the LORD lifts up
those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the
righteous.**

Presider: The LORD cares for the
stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan
and widow, but frustrates
the way ^l of the wicked.

**People: The LORD shall reign forever.
Amen.**

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13]

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These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

God who gives to life it's goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King,



Artist: Curtis Verdun

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn *(continued)*

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end;
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts, and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined.

Homily – Rev Sharon

Reflective Silence Follows

Blessing of the water:

The water is poured into the font.

Presider: At the beginning of time, you

blessed

Mother earth with water.

And during each pregnancy, you
nurture new life in the waters of
the womb.

John the Baptist used water to
baptize in the Jordan River. Jesus
used water to wash his
disciples' feet.

Presider: May this water of baptism wash
and purify.

May this water renew our own
baptism and make us grow in faith.

As our ancestors walked through
the waters of the Red Sea to be
saved, we go through the
waters of baptism to belong to our
living community, the body of
Christ.

Presider: May the love of God, the grace of
Jesus Christ, and the power of the
Holy Spirit rest on this
water, so that all will gain new life.

**All Fountains from God!
Streams of new life!
Lakes of abundance! Amen**

Prayers of the People



The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always
with you.

People: And also with you.

*The community, standing at our seats,
greet one another saying or gesturing:
'Peace be with you'.*

Preparing the Table: I Come with Joy

I come with Joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
In love laid down for me.
I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Prayers over the Gifts

Presider: Holy God, gracious and merciful

**All: you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts towards those who
hunger in any way, so that all may
know your care: and prepare us now
to feast on the bread of life, Christ
in and among us, Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *(Salal & Cedar Community)*

Presider: May God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our
Creator

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

Presider: It is right in all times and in
all places to thank and praise
you Creator of all. We praise
you here at the foothills of
Grouse Mountain, along the
banks of the Capilano river,
where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are
side by side.



Artist: Carmel Sayer

All: We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.

Presider: Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

All: They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Presider: Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Sung Sanctus (St Brides setting)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
Are full of your glory.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.
Hosana in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized
in the Jordan, tested in the
wilderness, he traveled in fishing
boats and told parables of
farmers and seeds, labour and
wages, yeast and bread.

Presider: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Presider: Creator

**All: send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered
together with everyone who
shares this sacred meal of
justice and community.
Fill us with the courage and
love of Jesus, that we may
strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every
human being, and safeguard
the integrity of creation.**

Presider: Bring us with all your saints to
your commonwealth of
sparrow and lily, child and
beggar which is both now and
yet to come.
All honor and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now
and forever.

All: Amen

Lord's Prayer: *(Sung)*

**All: 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 forever. Amen.**

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: As Jesus broke bread,

People: We break bread.

Presider: As Jesus shared wine,

People: We share this cup.

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: Friends, these are the gifts of
God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

*All people are welcome to receive
Communion of one kind (Wafers). Gluten
free wafer are available upon request.*

*Please wear your mask and sanitize your
hands before receiving. We ask that you
wait until you have returned to your seat
before removing your mask and consuming
the wafer.*

*While the communion is being administered,
we respectfully ask that you keep the
silence.*

Communion Hymn: God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Announcements

Prayer of Blessing for the Earth

Presider: As we depart, a Prayer for our Earth,
All-powerful God, you are present in the
whole universe and in the smallest of
your creatures.

**People: You embrace with your tenderness all
that exists.**

**Pour out upon us the power of your
love, that we may protect life and
beauty.**

Presider: Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one

**People: O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and
forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.**

Presider: Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and
not prey on it, that we may sow
beauty, not pollution and
destruction.

**People: Touch the hearts of those who look
only for gain at the expense of the
poor and the earth.**

Presider: Teach us to discover the worth of
each thing, to be filled with awe and
contemplation, to recognize that we
are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey
towards your infinite light.

Sending Out: Sing Praise to God

Sing praise to God on mountain tops
and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste,
from ocean to oasis.

No random rock produced this world,
but God's own will and wonder.
Thus hill's rejoice and valleys sing
and clouds concur with thunder.

Sing praise to God where grasses grow
and flowers display their beauty,
where nature weaves her myriad web
through love as much as duty,
The seasons in their cycle speak
of earth's complete provision,
Let nothing mock inherent good,
nor treat it with derision.

Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and bird fly in formation,
where animals of every kind
diversity creation.

All life that finds its home on earth
is mean to be respected.

Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.

Sing praise to God where humankind
it's majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds, and
tongues
distinguish different faces.

God's image in each child of earth
shall never pale or perish.

So treat with love each human soul,
and thus God's goodness cherish.

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace serving Christ
and loving Earth,

People: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Christine Klinger

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September 12: Book of Alternate
Services Liturgy

September 19: Fresh Expressions Liturgy

September 26: Book of Alternative
Services Liturgy

October 3: Fresh Expression Animal
Blessing