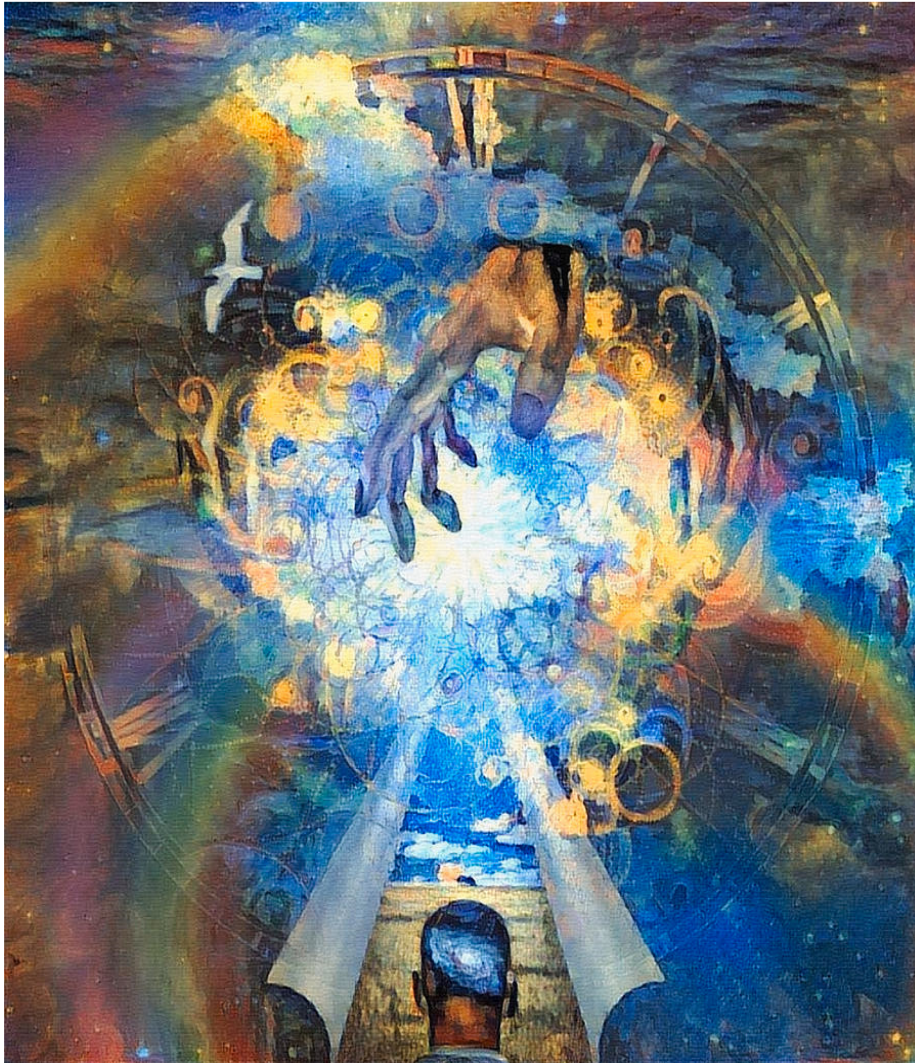


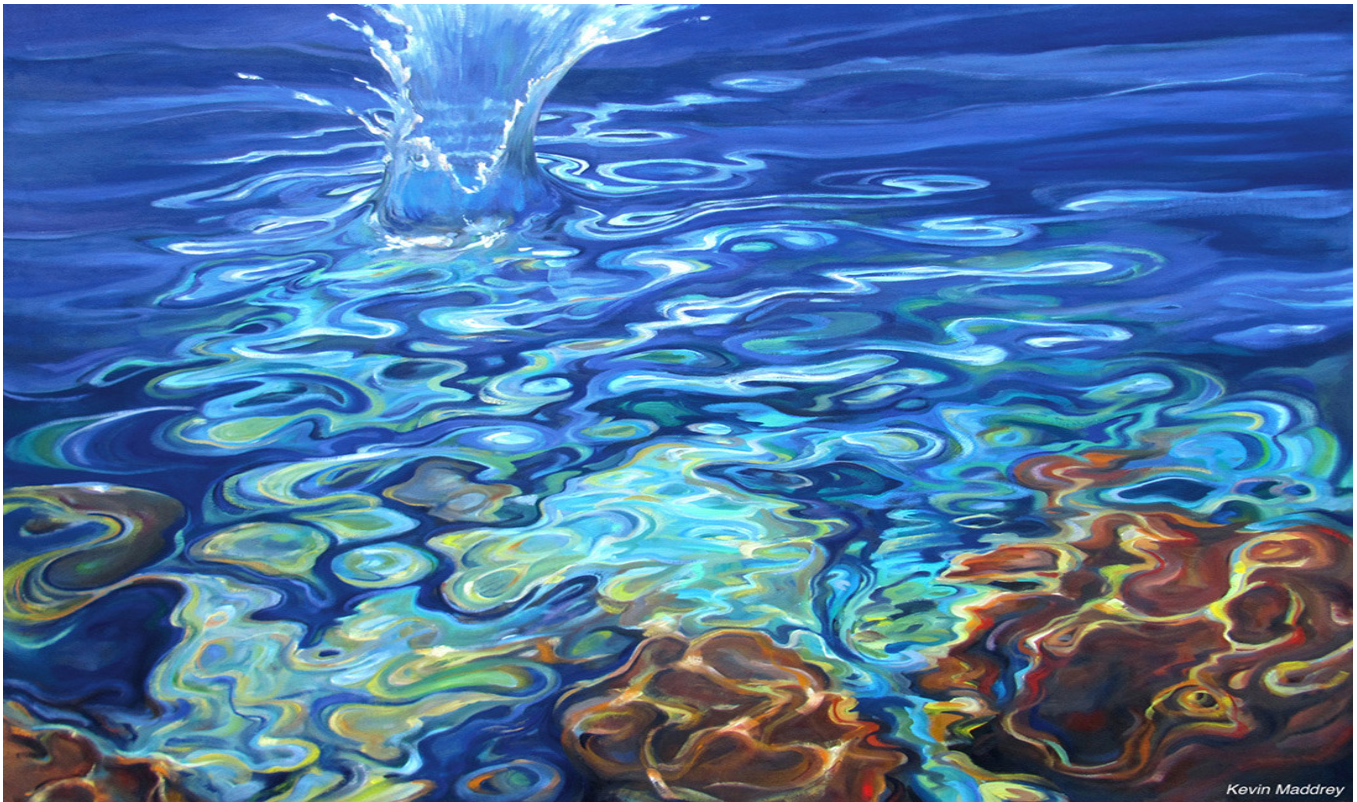
ST Catherines
CHURCH



CREATION SEASON

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

10 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Rob Gloor & Singers

**Coffee Prep: Penny Zuk, Kim Mead and
Roslyn Jackson**

Greeters: Lori Burns & Bob Paxton

Reader 1: Janet Johnston

Reader 2: Peter Mercer

Intercessor: Robb Watt

Altar Guild: Vivian McGie

Livestream: Armin and 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.

GATHERING

Welcome & Safety: Rev Sharon Smith

Presider: We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All: May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

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

ALL: Christ Have Mercy

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Prayer of the Day:

(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.)

Presider: Maker of us all,

**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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

In these verses Wisdom is personified as a woman who invites all who will listen to follow her. Those who find Wisdom, find life.

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (Inclusive Psalter)

(Led by Peter Mercer)

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**People: One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Reader: Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**People: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their
message to the ends of the world, where God has
pitched a tent for the sun.**

Reader: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**People: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of
it again; nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.**

Reader: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**People: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Reader: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Reader: By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Reader: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



Artist: Sushobha Jenner

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Artist: Kandice Keith

Gospel Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be
known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or
scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and suffering.

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 went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Gospel Hymn:

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world
around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in
me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my
name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Homily – Rev Sharon Smith

Reflective Silence follows.

Affirmation of Faith:

Baptism Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus the Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord.

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting all that is evil in our world and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

People: I will, with God' s help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting all that is evil in our world and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God' s help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God' s help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help. Amen



Artist: Kate Taylor

PRAYER

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'.



Artist: Alan Stecker

COMMUNION

Preparing the Table: As we Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayers over the Gifts

Presider: God of all creation,
**All: all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

(Book of Alternative Service Prayer 4)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you
are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their
courses, and this fragile earth, our island
home;
by your will they were created and have
their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race, and blessed us
with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the
stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and
we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a
woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions, and
bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Therefore we praise you,
 joining with the heavenly chorus,
 with prophets, apostles, and
 martyrs, and with those in every
 generation who have looked to
 you in hope,
 proclaim with them your glory,
 in their unending hymn:

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.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to
suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and
said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you. Do this
for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness
of sins. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and
we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

**All: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table may
share the divine life of Christ our Lord. Glory to
you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and
make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all
honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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.**

All: **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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of
wheat whose many grains we have
gathered and made into this one bread.

**People: So may your Church be gathered from the
ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: 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: Wind Upon the waters

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven,
water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: O God, our life, our strength, our food,

**All: we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his
body in the world, so that more and more
we will you praise and serve your earth
and its many peoples,
through Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

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. Amen.



Artist: Christy Sverre

Sending Out: O Jesus I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be always close beside me,
my Saviour and my Friend;
I shall not fear the journey
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel your presence:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
The strife is ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, Lord, draw nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking,
Your voice so clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To caution and console;
O Speak and let me listen
Protector and my Soul.

O let me see your footmarks

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace serving Christ and loving
Earth,

People: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Christy Sverre