

**Weekly Supplement – Season of Creation – September 12, 2021  
10 a.m. Service**

**Processional Hymn: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Collect for Season of Creation:**

Officiant: Let us pray,

**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.** Alternative collects, liturgy task force, ACC

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to all People.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 116:1-8** - alternately by the full verse.

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \* I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: \* "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \* I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \* for the Lord has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \* my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \* in the land of the living.**

Together, Let us pray.

**Eternal God, faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope for our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only Son. When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the joy of this everlasting gift. We ask his in his name. Amen.**

**Second Reading: James 3:1-12**

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 saltwater yield fresh.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to all People

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: CP 466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (v 1 and 2 before the Gospel and v 3 and 4 after)**

### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

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."

Officiant: The Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider this is what you want us to learn not the world's wisdom, but God's and so we pray: awaken us to our need of you in our lives and you will give us your life. Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world.

**People: And you will make us strong through our tears**

Leader: Give us the humility to admit our failures and you will bring treasure out of them. Make us hungry for justice as we work to eradicate hunger for all.

**People: And you will give us food that lasts**

Leader: Help us to see others through your eyes that our vision will again and again be yours.

**People: And you will show us ourselves with love**

*Specific petitions and celebrations are offered at this time*

Leader: Show us how to practise what we preach and we will see good, and God in everyone. Support us in standing firm for truth and justice, even when it cost.

**People: And the truth will also make us free. Amen, and Amen.**

**The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and resources for worship; Edited by Kathy Galloway; The Iona Community;**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said**

**Music during Communion:**

**CP 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be**

**CP 73 One Bread, One Body**

**Recessional Hymn: My Soul Cries Out**

*My soul cries out with a joyful  
shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths of the  
past  
To the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might, put the strong to  
flight  
For the world is about to turn!  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never earn  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed  
For the world is about to turn!  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*

*Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us  
From the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
Is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around!  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears  
For the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*