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SEASON OF CREATION

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**whoever you are,
wherever you find yourself
on a journey of faith,
you are welcome here.**

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We welcome all and especially newcomers and visitors, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith. Whenever you see this sign, + before a word or text, you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

The clergy will enter and kneel to pray. At this point, please move to your seats and conclude conversations quietly.

The Celebrant then welcomes the gathering informally and makes a territorial acknowledgment.

PRELUDE

THE GREETING

Celebrant The heavens declare the glory of God.

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

Celebrant The plants and trees show God's presence.

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

Celebrant God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,

All **we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good,
created world.**

Celebrant Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives
that we may honour you among all peoples and nations,

All **create wholesome and right companionship
with our fellow living creatures,
and work for the healing of this world that you created.**

Celebrant 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.

All **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.**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

FIRST READING

David Bergmark

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become
one flesh. GENESIS 2:18-24

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

SECOND READING

David Bergmark

Reader A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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THE GOSPEL

David Bergmark

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader +The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

MARK 10:2-16

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Celebrant Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Maria Denholme

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.
God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All **Forgive us and help us.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (*Isa 55:12*)

The Peace of our God, in Jesus be with us all.

All **With each other, with us all, and with all creation. Amen**

The Deacon will informally give directions.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Deacon prepares the table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. 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. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. 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.

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant 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.

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.

Creator, 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.

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 honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Please use the language/version which is most helpful to you

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Today, Christ meets us at the table.
Today, salvation comes to everyone, everywhere.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God

Communion is shared at this point according to local COVID-19 protocols.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist
remain in your steadfast love,
and show in our lives
the saving mystery that we celebrate.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We hold/touch a picture of the animal you love as we give thanks.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life,
let your blessing be upon all these animals.
May our relationships with them mirror your love,
and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy.
Grant the animals health and peace.
Strengthen us to love and care for them
as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ
our Lord and God's servant Francis.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant We remember those animals that have died...*(please hold a picture and/or
say the name of the animal(s) being remembered.)*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go forth confident in the hope
in which you have been saved:
praise God in all creation:
follow Christ through whom all things are made:
in the power of the Spirit become a beacon of hope to the world:
and the blessing of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

POST SUNDAY SERVICE VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

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