

Creation Sunday

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2023



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

LONDON, ONTARIO | ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HURON

10:00AM SUNG EUCHARIST
(Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrating God's Creation
with a Blessing for our City

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Matthew 5:12

Prelude *Cradle Song*

Louise Vierne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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 We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and in which our diocese serves is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Presider Almighty God,

People **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.**

Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Blue Book 429

Collect for God's Creation

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, your mercy is over all your works, and in the web of life each creature has its role and place. We praise you for the ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, lichen and whale; we honour you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh. Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet, humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants, and love not limited by our ignorance. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who unifies what is far off and what is near, and in whom,

by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together.
People **Amen.**

“Children's Corner” Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Job 12:7-10

‘But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 Green Book p. 907

Second Reading from the Writings of Jean Hurlow

"Search as you desire, you will not find the end of the universe. This is God's territory. It is so well planned. Worlds are created at his bidding. Someone loves, you, small earth people. You are His creation, so loved and wanted. It sent with Love from God."

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn God the Creator Blue Book 445

Holy Gospel Luke 12:22-31

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

Homily Please be seated

A Credal Affirmation

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses us our journey.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived as a friend and saviour to all he met as he traveled, and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who rides on the gentle breeze, who strengthens our binds, and who offers hope eternal.

We believe in the church, which stands open to all travelers, and bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation
All **Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honour you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin, Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

The Peace Please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *Let All Creation Bless the Lord* **Blue Book 419**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Source of life and blessing, of garden, orchard, field: root us in obedience to you and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit that, perceiving only the good we might do, our lives may be fruitful, our labour productive, and our service useful In communion with Jesus, our brother.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God, Creator, Lover, and Sustainer of the universe,
All **Let us rejoice in our Maker, Sustainer and Reconciler.**

God of power and might, you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this fragile earth, and us amongst its inhabitants.

Presider As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

So with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious name:

Sanctus & Benedictus **Blue Book 735**

Presider In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave the bread to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus then took the wine, gave thanks and poured it out to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave the wine to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

All

So we proclaim the mystery of faith
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider

Therefore, remembering the reconciliation of all creation achieved by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you this bread and this wine. Let his perfect sacrifice reconcile us with you, with one another and with all of creation. In the power of your grace make us ministers of your reconciling love.

In Christ, life once broken, spilt and buried, sprang to life again. Now, as we wait with confidence for his coming again, keep alive in us the new life and reconciliation he won for us. Make one what is broken, restore what is spilled and renew all creation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Send upon this bread and wine, upon us and all creation, the life giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir up in us what is creative, redeem what is destructive. Unite us with you in the body of your Son by whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

People

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Blue Book 744

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

All

The Communion

Presider

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Blue Book 747

Communion Solo

He Shall Feed His Flock (from ‘Messiah’)

G.F. Handel

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Presider

Let us pray.
Gracious Lord, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and soul and minds, that we may share your love with the world.

People

Amen.

Doxology

Presider

All

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.

Post Communion Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Blue Book 416

Blessing

Following the Blessing, the Congregation is invited to follow the clergy to the Great West Doors of the Cathedral.

A Blessing of the City

Postlude

Carillon in B flat

Louis Vierne

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to proceed to Cronyn Hall for lunch.

(Various resources for this service area taken from the Book of Occasional Services.2022 (Church Publishing), Daily Prayer for All Seasons (Church Publishing) and from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

The flowers at the Chancel Steps are placed in memory of Jean and Doug Houston given by Bette Ferguson and Sandra Whicher.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of Rondeau Bay Transfiguration Partnership: Trinity, Blenheim; St. Paul’s, Erieau; St. John’s, Aughrim; Christ Church, Dresden; St. Matthew’s, Florence; and Church of the Advent, Ridgetown.

Intercessions – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Nigelina and family, Anne, Craig, Tucker and Archer, Evan, Debra, Dan, Patricia, Peter, Marion, Ann & Ellen, Marilyn, Sue, Loraine, John, Len, Carl.

This service is being live-streamed and recorded.

Presider and Preacher – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**

Deacon – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

Organist – **Ian Sadler**

Chorister – **Kelsey Lenti**

Servers – **Doug Campbell, Benjamin Vazquez**

Lay Administrants – **Pat Binnington, Doug Campbell, Hazil Malone**

Reader – **Murray Hunter**

Greeter – **Linda Gregson**

Children’s Ministry – **Heather Clark**

Wardens – **Greg Childs, Marilyn Papple**

Live Stream – **Christopher Sadler / Sound Technician – Daniel Aldcroft**

Wednesday Eucharists continue throughout the summer @ 12:15pm in St. Aidan’s Chapel. *All are welcome.*

The forty-third session of General Synod, hosted by the Diocese of Calgary, will meet in collaboration with our Full Communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's Special Convention, during Assembly 2023.

Assembly will be held at the University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta from June 27 to July 2, 2023. During this time, the two churches' governing bodies will meet both together and separately, will worship with one another, and will take part in times of fellowship.

Heritage – See the article about St. Paul's in Tidings, the quarterly publication by First St. Andrew's United Church. We were delighted to be asked to submit an article for their current publication.

It is online... go to fsaunited.ca. Put the word Tidings in the search bar. From the choices which come up, choose the archives section. The current publication is listed as 33-2-2023. We thank them for sharing our "story".

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

Pastoral Care Visit – "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14

If you or a loved one find yourself in hospital and would like a pastoral care visit from the clergy, Deacon Pat Henderson would be most pleased to receive a referral. Contact her through Carrie in the office at the Cathedral - 519-434-3225 or e-mail Pat directly at: deacon@stpaulscathedral.on.ca or in an emergency, leave a text message on her cell: 519-933-2546

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the back of the Cathedral.

Wireless Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the back of the Cathedral.

New to the Cathedral? Please fill out a welcome card, available in the pews and hand to one of the clergy following the service.

Fall Celebrity Organ Recital at St. Paul's Cathedral

David Enlow, Organist and Choir Master,
Church of the Resurrection, New York City
Music by Bach, Dvorak, Mozart, Vierne and Whitlock
Date: Friday, October 20th, 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Admission by Donation

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The St. Paul's Cathedral Parish Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419092678434143/>

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