Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

SEASON OF CREATION

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

LONDON, ONTARIO | ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HURON

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

The congregation stands when clergy and choir enter.

Prelude *Prelude on 'Durness'* B. Ferguson

Processional Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **Blue Book 306**

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.**

Announcements

Presider We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron, and Wendat peoples. Today many Indigenous peoples continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Presider Divine Voice – You sing and the universe comes into being.
Divine Breath – You breathe and all things spring to life.
Divine Word – You call and creation is sustained.
Divine Flesh – You are born among us.
Divine Spirit – You fill all that has been formed.
Divine Life – You are the pulse of all that is.

And so, in amazement, awe, wonder, and celebration, we marvel at this mystery. In you, all things live and move and have being. In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry. And so, we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder.

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.**

Glory to God **Blue Book 686**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People **Amen.**

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Psalm *65* **Green Book p. 785**

Sequence Hymn *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness* **Blue Book 428**

Holy Gospel *Luke 17:11-19*

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.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Homily *Please be seated*

Affirmation of Faith

All **O God, source of all being, goal of our longing. We believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you. We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face.**

O God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you. Jesus, our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. You laboured with us upon the cross and have brought to us the hope of resurrection. We commit ourselves to struggle against evil, and to choose life.

O God, life-giving Spirit of healing, comfort, integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecostal fire, we commit ourselves to work with you in renewing our world.
(Lynn Uzan The Parish of Wilmot, Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I.)

The Prayers of the People

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

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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 *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* **Blue Book 258**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

Presider We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of creation. In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

Sanctus & Benedictus Sumsion in F

Presider God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself, Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation and the covenant you made with your chosen people. Then he took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: 'Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you.'

In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples and said: 'Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

All **Christ has died**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Presider As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives. We share the cup of our humanity matured over the unnumbered centuries of the struggle that has gone into making this world; our living and dying, fears and hopes, futility and fidelity.

Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command:

through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Today's Eucharistic Prayer (Second Creation Prayer) is taken from the Anglican Church in Southern Africa.

The Lord's Prayer **Blue Book 744**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Agnus Dei Sumsion in F

Communion Motet *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* J. Stainer

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Presider Let us pray.
God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider 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.**

Post Communion Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* **Blue Book 399**

Blessing and Dismissal

Presider 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 God, the Risen Son and the promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

People **Amen.**

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.**

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* S. Karg-Elert

We humans are bound to God and to one another in a cosmic covenant that also includes all the other living creatures on the face of the earth: 'I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground.' We humans are not saved from the world but with the wold; and that means, with the animals. Moreover, this cosmic covenant is not something that we humans have devised, but it has its source in the divine realm. It is conferred upon us as a gift by God.

– Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia

Coffee Hour – After the service please come for coffee and cold drinks in Cronyn Hall.

The flowers at the Chancel steps are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nellie and Bethel Eastwood, given by their daughter The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty and son Jack Eastwood.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of Christ Church, Meaford; St. George's, Owen Sound; Parish of Saugeen Shores; St. John's, Port Elgin, St. Paul's, Southampton; and Christ Church, Tara.

Intercessions – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Carol, Roland, Linda, Patricia, Sally, Quentin, Jane, Elizabeth, Jean, Karianne, Tom.

This service is being live-streamed and recorded.

Presider – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**
Preacher – **The Reverend Michael DeKay**
Deacon – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Organist – **Ian Sadler**
Servers – **Benjamin Vazquez, Doug Campbell, Stephanie Allen**
Lay Administrants – **Hazil Malone, Marilyn Papple**
Reader – **Scott Davis** *Greeters* – **John & Sylvia Lacon**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Wardens – **Marilyn Freeman and John Fooks**
Coffee Hour – **Marilyn Papple**
Live Stream/Sound Technician – **Jade Vajna**

Music at Midday - Our Fall Series recitals continue on Thursday, October 5 @ 12:15pm. These delightful and free, half-hour concerts will feature music for Organ, Piano, Cello, and Voice. This week's performer will be Charmaine Iormetti, Soprano, Western University & St. Paul's Cathedral. We hope you'll stop in!

Sundays @ 9 – S@9 resumes Sunday, October 15 at 9am in the Guild Room. We will be using the highly acclaimed program *Living the Questions* featuring respected teachers like Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and Walter Brueggemann. *LtQ* is an excellent springboard for asking questions of life, faith, scripture, church, and God. The clergy team invite you to bring your questions and join the conversation. Delicious coffee is provided. All are welcome!

Celebrity Organ Recital - David Enlow – David Enlow, Organist and Choir Master at the Church of the Resurrection in New York City, will be giving a recital of music by Bach, Dvorak, Mozart, Vierne and Whitlock at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
Mr. Enlow has been described as a "commanding" organist (The New Yorker), and his "performances [are] full of color, passion, invention, and power" (The American Record Guide). All are welcome to join us on **Friday, October 20 @ 7:30 pm** for this fabulous event. Admission by Donation. Save the date and please do join us for what's sure to be a spectacular organ recital!

Rare Opportunity ... only a few left. Get one of the last "Spiritus Gladius" **neck ties**, 11 left, and/or one of the last **lapel pins**, 7 left. These rare items are great for special occasions and will last for years. Ties $20.00, pins $5.00 .... get yours now. Contact Gord Rolleston for a private showing.

Farewell to Reverend Michael DeKay – As you probably know....Vicar Michael has been appointed Rector at St. Michael and All Angels Church, and Associate Priest at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. He was also appointed Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Huron.
This is a great move for Michael and we all wish him much happiness in his new position. We will certainly miss his dedication, his enthusiasm, and his great leadership skills...shared over the years.
Michael's last day at the Cathedral will be Sunday, November 26th. There is a "Gala Sendoff" planned, following the 10:00am service, with lunch, cake and goodies, in Cronyn Hall.....and a presentation gift.....Please contact Carrie in the church office (519-434-3225, ext. 201 or st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca) if you wish to contribute towards the gift (financial gifts are not tax deductible).

From What Is to What If: A Workshop with Trinity Centres Foundation

October 29th from 11:30am to 2:30pm

Post worship service, please join St. Paul's Cathedral and Trinity Centres Foundation in imagining a new future for St. Paul's. Through a series of exercises, we will explore how to undertake the transformation of the cathedral, congregation, and its lands. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Cfieldhouse@stpaulscathedral.on.ca

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