



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 – 7PM
Earth Day Service
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Andrea Christensen
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HONOURING THE 4 DIRECTIONS

Officiant: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.
We face East: To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, We Pray:

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Officiant: We turn to face South: To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and farsighted vision; Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, We Pray:

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Officiant: We turn to face West: To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;

All: Give us your strength and the courage to endure, We Pray:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Officiant: We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, We pray:

All: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

Officiant: We turn to complete the circle and to look:
To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action. We Pray:

All: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19):

Officiant: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Officiant: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

All: **Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

♪ OPENING SONGS #355 All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1 -4, 7)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,

O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

God of Wonders

Words and music by Steve Hindalong & Marc Byrd

Lord of all creation
Lord of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (repeat)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

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

All: Thanks be to God

♪ Psalm 8

Psalm 8

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$\text{♩} = 86$ F F2 F B \flat 2 C2
O Lord, our Lord, how ma - je - stic is your name in all the
4 F F2 F B \flat 2 C2 F F2 F
earth! O Lord, we sing your praise, O Lord, our Lord, in the
7 B \flat 2 C2 Dm7 C/E F
heav - ens you have set your glo - ry, Lord, O Lord, we
9 B \flat 2 C2 F
sing your praise, O Lord.

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♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, praise to God.
Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises,
We bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-34

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.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no

thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

REFLECTION

LITANY FOR CREATION

Intercessor: Praise to you, O God, source of all waters. For vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains we give you thanks. For the waters of the deep that give us life, we give you thanks.

All: Forgive our careless waste and polluting ways.

Intercessor: Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share; teach us to care for the gift of water.

All: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the waters.

Intercessor: Praise to you, O God, creator of the dry land. For mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies we give you thanks.

All: Forgive our wanton greed and violent ways.

Intercessor: Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care; teach us to live gently on the land.

All: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the land.

Intercessor: Praise to you, O God, breath of life and maker of air. For wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life we give you thanks.

All: Forgive our heedless acts and selfish ways. Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air. Come and heal your people. Come and heal the air.

Officiant: Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all things living are fed.

All: Forgive our neglect and abuse of your gifts.

Officiant: Help us to serve, defend and restore your creation.
All: Help us care for your people. Help us care for the earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of guardianship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance.

Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the balance. We ask your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God. We yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the great creatures and the birds of the wild ocean waters in singing your praises. Amen.

♪ SONG

Declaring Glory

Words & Music by Audrey Assad & Jon Guerra

When I was young, you woke me with the sound of song
The wind and rhythm drew me along, I echoed in the hymn of the dawn
I turned, and turned, this dance that all the planets learned
In circles, 'round the stars as they burned, I praise You as I orbit and turn

Declaring glory, glory

The mountains rise, the forests grow before my eyes
The moments and the seasons in mind, then turn again, embracing the
tide
The waters fall and carve their way across my soil
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul I praise You while the rivers still roar

Declaring glory, glory

New life begins, your creatures dance across my skin
Like me, they have Your Spirit within but soon they fade away as I spin
They fall to dust and dress me in decay and rust
Their secrets buried deep in my crust, I praise You in the layers of dust

Declaring glory, glory

All the rocks wear down beneath the passing of the crowds
The rivers run until they run out, I'll praise You till my fire's run out...
I'll praise my Maker in every age

PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS OF CREATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*An environmental responsive Lord's Prayer - Creation Care Prayers
The Church of England Environmental Programme. p. 27*

Officiant: Our father in heaven,

All: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and Oceans,

Officiant: Hallowed be your name,

All: By the care we take of your creation,

Officiant: Your kingdom come,

All: All that you see is good,

Officiant: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven,

All: Your will to till and care,

Officiant: Give us this day our daily bread.

All: That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness.

Officiant: Forgive us our trespasses,

**All: Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for
other species and for future generations,**

Officiant: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

All: By reconciliation with justice and peace.

Officiant: Lead us not into temptation,

All: The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation,

Officiant: And deliver us from evil.

All: The evil of destroying your gift of creation.

Officiant: For yours is the kingdom,

All: Yours, Lord, not ours,

Officiant: The power and the glory,

All: In the cross and resurrection,

Officiant: For ever and ever.

All: You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen. (So be it)

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

♪ CLOSING SONG #259 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God
Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping
Silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in Earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all that Love has found us, thanks be to God

DECLARATION OF HOPE

Officiant: "Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." (Jeremiah 6:16)

All: We are standing at a crossroads. Together let us seek the good way, treasure the traditional pathways and find rest for all of God's creation.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serving
the world God loves! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Thank you for joining us for this Earth Day Observance & Celebration
Please join us for refreshments in the Narthex*

*This Service is adapted from the National Council of Churches Earth Day
liturgy*