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**Pentecost XIV – Creation III**  
**Sept 14, 2025      BAS – 10:00 am**

## **Announcements**

### **Processional Hymn: 'All Are Welcome'**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end division.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face,  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and love and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter  
prayers of faith and song of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## **The Gathering of the Community**

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

**A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

**C:** When our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle— still, you are Lord.  
Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbour in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honour the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray.

**A:** Amen.

### **The Proclamation of the Word The Readings**

**Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28**

Michael DuBoulay

**O:** A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.’

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 14

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 14.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.**
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
**to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \*  
**there is none who does good; no, not one.**
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
**who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
**because God is in the company of the righteous.**
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
**but the Lord is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## 1 Timothy 1. 12-17

Mary Lynn Forrest

O: A reading from Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a

blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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**Gospel: Luke 15.1-10**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**A:** **And also with you.**

**C:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**A:** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has

found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

C: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **The Response to the Gospel: 'How Great Is Our God'**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
It trembles at His voice, It trembles at His voice,

Refrain

How great is our God!

Sing with me, How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End,  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb,  
Refrain x2

### **Homily**

### **Apostle's Creed**

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: **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**

Mary Lynn Forrest

O: The flowers in the church today are given in joy and happiness by Pauline and Jim Stirling for a journey that began 50 years ago together and still endures. We have been truly blessed. Also, in memory of Wayne's birthdate, from the Rothenberg family.

O: This morning, we hold in prayer .....

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

**A: Praise be to you!**

O: Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.  
God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

**A: Praise be to you!**

O: Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

**A: Praise be to you! Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

C: O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches,

**A: Open our eyes to see.**

C: O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

**A: Open our eyes to see.**

C: O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,

**A: Open our eyes to see.**

C: O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,

**A: Open our eyes to see.**

C: God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation,

**A: That we may repent and care more deeply.**

C: So move us to grieve the loss of life,

**A: That we learn to cherish and protect your world.**

C: Merciful God,

**A: we have not obeyed your holy laws. We have not respected your creation: We have polluted the earth and wasted the resources you have given us.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves: we have ignored the sick, the poor, and the homeless and abandoned the hungry. We have not been peacemakers: we have used our privilege for our own good and ignored our enemies.**

**Forgive us, O God, and restore in us pure hearts and minds so that our action reflect your will, not ours. All praise and glory to you, O Holy One. Amen.**

C: God, in gracious love, gives us the awareness of how far we fall short of caring for this earth and our brothers and sisters and the strength to change our lives. Forgiveness is the pivot that turns repentance into reconciliation. Rest in the knowledge that you are forgiven.

**A: Amen.**



## **The Peace**

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**A: And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

C: All that we are points back to our Creator; all that we have is gift and trust. God will finish what God has begun; we have the privilege of taking part. With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

#### **Offertory Hymn: CP # 423 'How Great Thou Art'**

#### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

C: God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world.

**A: Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer For The Season of Creation**

C: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God of all creation.

**A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

C: 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 our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. 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. And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever singing:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it 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.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

C: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh. By whom, and 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,

**A: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven hallowed be Thy  
Name. Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is  
in hea-ven, Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-  
give us our debts as we for-give our debt-ors and lead us  
not in-to temp-ta-tion. But de-li-ver us from all  
e-vil for Thine is the Kingdom and the pow-er and the glo-  
ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.**

**Grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

**The Communion**

**Administrants:**

Lilian Cressman, Debra Zonon-Barclay

**Communion Music: CP # 315 'When the Morning Stars Together'**

**Prayer after Communion**

C: Let us pray.

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A: **Amen.**

C: Glory to God,

A: **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.**

**Choral Benediction**

**'The Lord bless thee and keep thee:**

**The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,**

**And be gracious unto thee:**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
And give thee, and give thee, and give thee peace.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.'**

### **Blessing**

**C:** May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency,  
may the Living Word expose our foolishness,  
may the Spirit of mercy turn us home, that God's grace might spill from our  
lives, giving hope to a perishing world.  
And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you  
always.

**A: Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn: CP # 425 'Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee'**

### **Dismissal**

**C:** Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion,  
to serve Earth by caring for creation, honouring the forests that God has  
planted to provide breath for all things living.

**A: We will follow our Lord, the crucified Christ, listening for cries of  
injustice from Earth, groaning with a creation burdened by our sins.  
We will follow our Lord, the risen Christ, to become partners with  
Christ in healing our planet, working for the renewal of creation  
We will care for creation, preserving the oceans. Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for Next Week**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

### **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday : 8:15    26                      10:00                      52

### **Givings**

On the plate    \$4,865                      Auto Debit: \$2,589

### **The Banns of Marriage**

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Ella Pettit of Kitchener and Thomas Zinger of Kitchener. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the second time asking.

### **The Parish Facebook**

Our page reaches 2,000 – 4,000 people weekly depending on the posts. The viewers love 'good news' stories! Photos of your holidays, graduates, new family members and fur babies. You get the idea. Please email photos to [maryannmillar@hotmail.com](mailto:maryannmillar@hotmail.com) and they will be shared on Facebook.

Mary Ann Millar

### **Sunday Smile**

Have you got the blues? Jesus can get you into rhythm and save your soul.

### **Christmas Market**

If you are planning to contribute to the Christmas Market craft table, please notify Barb Bailey or Deb Chine as soon as possible.

We are currently organizing the table layout and planning for display prop space. We look forward to seeing your beautiful creations!

## **Congregational Workshop**

The Parish of St. George's is invited to attend a congregational workshop facilitated by Credence & Co. This workshop is designed to strengthen the overall health of the parish and will focus on building skills in conflict resolution and effective communication. The training will support Parish Council Members and Members of the Congregation, fostering healthy communication and collaboration for the ongoing well-being of the parish community. On September 20, the parish will meet at 10am - noon followed by lunch and the council will continue to meet from 1pm - 3pm.

## **Bishop's Friends Dinner**

Bishop's Friends Dinner will be held at Renison University College on Saturday, September 27 at 6 pm. Tickets are \$125. For more information see the email announcement or contact the Rev. Barry Ferguson, [barryferguson@diohuron.org](mailto:barryferguson@diohuron.org).

## **Healing Prayers and Anointing**

Starting Sunday, August 31, we will offer prayers and anointing for healing on the fourth Sunday of each month.

This will be a time for anyone seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual healing to receive prayer and anointing with oil during worship. All are welcome to come forward during communion to receive.

## **Name Tags**

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00

## **Bible Study**

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

## **Ladies Lunch,**

Welcome back ladies! Our first lunch for this church year will be on Friday September 26 at The Country Boy Family Restaurant on Manitou Drive. We will gather at 12.30 to share the joy of good food, friendship and all our summer stories. Please contact Sue by email: [suzie\\_del-simpson@outlook.com](mailto:suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com)



## **A Note from our Treasurer and our Executive**

As you are aware, monies can be directed to St. Georges in a number of ways. For accurate tracking of these monies, please ensure that you have indicated the purpose for the payment/donation. This is true for payments/donations received whether they be via cash, cheques, and/or E-transfers. In particular, if you are giving using envelopes, please clearly indicate your wishes for the donation using the available pre-printed lines on the front of the envelope. If you are using cheques rather than cash, please indicate the purpose of the cheque in the comment section to the left of your signature. If you are using E-transfer, please indicated the purpose of the e-transfer in the note section of the E-transfer. If you just use a plain envelope, please put your name, address, amount of the donation/payment, and amount of the donation/payment on the front of the envelope and seal it. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated!

## **Special Vestry**

A special vestry will be held on Sept 14 following worship to elect an alternate lay delegate to Synod for 2025.

The motion is as follows:

Be it resolved that the parish of St George's of Forest Hill elects Adriana Cronin as an alternate lay delegate to Synod for 2025.

Moved by: Mary Ann Millar

Seconded by: Michael DuBoulay

## **.St. George's Ice Cream Summer 2025**

Our church has done a wonderful job of supporting our ice cream outreach for those who enjoy lunch at St. John's kitchen in downtown Kitchener. From June until late August, parishioners spontaneously contributed \$1100 in cash and over \$430 via envelope offerings. Our 36 large tubs of ice cream (now at least \$26.99 each) cost us \$1206.41; we spent an additional \$194.61 on toppings.

A huge thank you needs to go out to the 11 volunteers who helped Catherine Carlson and I provide this outreach on ten consecutive Fridays during a very hot summer: Alfred Butler, Roberta Butler, Elizabeth Ceres, Bruce Clark, Kathy Glaser, Ivan Mariapen, Brent Matheson, Gerry McGregor, Jan Melega (+ her grandson Vincent Marshall), and Funke Talabi. All of them were very generous with their time and their cheerful enthusiasm which brought happy smiles to just about everyone (*especially* those who came back for a fourth serving)!

**Much appreciated!**

John Ryrie

## **Version #2 of the Readers List Now Available**

Please be advised that Version #2 of the Readers List is now available and has been distributed to your mail folders.

## **Grocery Voucher Gifts – Now with Giant Tiger Gift Cards!**

Just a reminder that grocery voucher gift cards are still available! We're excited to announce that we now also offer Giant Tiger Gift Cards as part of the options!

## **A Note re the Discretionary Fund Account from your Executive**

You may or may not be aware that we have a Discretionary Fund Account to which donations are accumulated from our parishioners for extraordinary funds to individuals in need. These are distributed by our Rector as required throughout the year. The Account is very low or zero at the moment and needs to be replenished. In the past, it has had about \$1,000 in it with the amount varying as needs are met. Our thanks for any assistance that you can give in this area.

## **St. Andrew's Cupboard**

A HUGE thank-you for all the wonderful donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard the past couple of weeks 👍 They are getting more and more clients all the time looking for food and everything we give helps them all so much 😊 Anything you are able to donate is so appreciated! A couple of things Deacon Kay mentioned this week were rice and canned fruit! THANK-YOU ALL SO MUCH ❤️

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

## **Photographs**

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.