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Pentecost XV – Creation IV

Sept 21, 2025

BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP # 419 'Let All Creation Bless the Lord'

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.

All: And also with you.

C: Almighty God,

All: 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: You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word The Readings

Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1

Valerie Cuthbert

O: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

O: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79.1-9

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is a selection from Psalm 79.

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; *

they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbours, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" *
Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, *
and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, *

return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; *

we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

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 2.1-7

Nelson Cuthbert

O: A reading from Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: 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 16.1-13

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

C: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #309 'Praise the Lord with Sound of Trumpet'

Homily

Apostle’s Creed

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

**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

Roberta Butler

O: The flowers in the church today are given by Deborah Chine in loving memory and acknowledgement of the over 100,000 British Home Children sent to Canada as indentured servants between 1869 and 1948. My father, Edward Eaton Neale and his sister Ethel Thamer were among them.

O: This morning, we hold in prayer

May the oppressed people and those who oppress them, free each other.
May those who are handicapped, and those who think they are not, help each other.

May those who need someone to listen touch the hearts of those who are too busy.

May the homeless bring joy to those who open their doors reluctantly.

May the lonely heal those who think they are self sufficient.

May the poor melt the hearts of the rich.

May seekers for truth give life to those who are satisfied that they have found it.

May the dying who do not wish to die be comforted by those who find it hard to live.

May the unloved be allowed to unlock the hearts of those who cannot love.

May prisoners find true freedom and liberate others from fear.

May those who sleep on the streets share their gentleness with those who cannot understand them.

May the hungry tear the veil from the eyes of those who do not hunger after justice. May those who live without hope cleanse the hearts of their brothers and sisters who are afraid to live.

May the weak confound the strong and save them.
May violence be overcome by compassion.
May violence be absorbed by men and women of peace.
May violence succumb to those who are totally vulnerable.
That we may be healed.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Merciful God,

**All: You have given us a world full of rich resources to feed us all and to provide us with all that the body and mind could need. Yet, the poor are still with us, deprived of food, of homes, of education and dignity; deprived of healing and hope.
Forgive our inhumanity.
Forgive our selfishness and greed.
Forgive our church life and our home life.
Forgive us for leaving Christ unfed, unhoused, without healing and without hope.
Forgive us as we bring ourselves and our possessions back to you.
In Christ's name. 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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and wealth. Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord who has provided so abundantly for us with generosity and grace beyond measure.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 572 'Let There Be Light'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Who is like you, O Lord our God? You look with mercy upon the earth; you lift up the poor from the dust and give them a place at your table. Teach us to sing your praise forever and to show your love to those in need; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer For The Season of Creation

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: 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:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n 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:

All: 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,

All: 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 hallo-wed 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 King-dom 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.

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

C: Jesus invites us to come to the table here in this bread and wine, may we encounter Christ who calls us to care for the poor, the Earth, and all who are in need. All who long for Christ are welcome at this table.

Lamb of God: CP #745

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

Administrants: Cameron Crassweller, Catherine Carlson

Communion Music: 'Can You Count the Stars of Heaven' (words: Jesse Clapperton)

VERSE 1

Can you count the stars of heaven
or call them all by name?
Can you count the morning's children
I lit with gaseous flame?
More than stars that shine in heaven
are those who are my own;
within the stars you see the promise
to all the world made known.

VERSE 2

Can you count upon the seashore
minutest grains of sand?
Can you count the untold number

that fill the desert land?
More than sands upon the seashore
are those who own my Name;
within the sand you see the promise
which you by faith may claim.

VERSE 3

Were you there when earth's foundation
by my own Hand was laid,
when I marked off its dimensions,
its cornerstone was weighed?
Though you did not see Creation,
in faith you may believe
new worlds were conceived in wisdom
while untamed waters heave.

VERSE 4

Abraham believed Your promise,
faith in Your faithfulness;
Sarah learnt how grace is birthing
new life to grow in us,
Make us children of Your promise,
the pilgrims of Your path;
through the Word who made the starlight
make us the heirs of faith.

Choir Anthem: 'Still My Soul Be Still'

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.

All: Amen.

C: 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.**

Choral BENEDICTION: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. (repeat)

Amen, amen, amen. (repeat)

Blessing

C: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to our children's children and the poor.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP # 575 'Let Streams of Living Justice'

Dismissal

C: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Luke 16.19-31

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 21 10:00 83

Givings

On the plate \$2,267 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 third time asking.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Just a quick update on St. Andrew's Cupboard! Thank-you all so much for your generosity to the Cupboard! Your continued support has helped so many less fortunate that need to use the cupboard on a monthly basis ❤️ Any donations you are able to give are greatly appreciated but a couple of things mentioned by Deacon Kay were peanut butter and toilet paper. These items are what we are planning to collect through Thanksgiving!

THANK-YOU ALL SO MUCH

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Sunday Smile

Get Connected Upload a prayer

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.

Bible Study

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

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!

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Zoom Meetings

Monday, October 20

Please join us at Let Us Pray this month as our new Primate the Most Reverend Shane Parker joins us as we begin our new season. We are absolutely delighted that Archbishop Shane can be with us as we begin another year. We're sure you'll want to hear what he has to say.

Monday, November 17

Originally scheduled for April 2025, we are so pleased that Bishop Rachel Parker from the Diocese of Brandon is able to join us this Fall. We have asked Bishop Rachel to speak to us about her experiences of "Life in all its fullness" as it relates to the realities of some of our smaller parishes. Come and be inspired.

Monday, December 15

As we enter this season of Advent, we are pleased to be welcoming back the Lieutenant Colonel Judson Bridgewater who spoke to us several years ago. Padre Judson will bring to us his thoughts on "Life in all its fullness: Prayer from Sea to Sea to Sea" in relationship to the situations he faces and those he serves as a military Chaplain.

Remember, all of our Let Us Pray sessions are recorded and available to you at any time. They would make an excellent resource for a prayer group wishing to expand their experience and/or understanding of different kinds of prayer. As they are available on demand, they could be used at any time that suits your group. Please take advantage of these wonderful resources. Here is a link that will serve us for the entire 2025/2026 season:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542?pwd=r1Aj0fdW20FDkLjz4dLazF4UqA08jz.1>

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.

A Big Thank-You

To all those who volunteered their time and energy to make the barbecue after our Service/Vestry meeting last Sunday a huge success.

We are so fortunate to have so many willing to work behind the scenes and to go the extra mile to make our parish a happier place.

As well, a big shout out to Rev. Sharla whose humour and relaxed style has helped to diffuse parish tension and bodes well

as we move forward in the search for our new parish priest.

A Parishioner

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

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 a note as to the purpose(s) of the donation on the front of the envelope and seal it. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated!

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.

Deanery Refugee Update

Our committee met on Monday Sept. 15th for two and a half hours. 8 of our 12 churches had representatives; at least two new individuals have joined our group. After considerable discussion, we decided we were not in a position to select a new family until at least mid-October (their arrival would be 2 to 8 weeks later). Significantly, we are still not entirely clear about the various rules by the Diocese and by the government that now determine funding and budgeting.

Additionally, we could use a few new committee members to eventually fill roles on some of our sub-committees: education, medical needs, transportation. We are in good shape for furniture, finance/family budgeting, government forms and agencies, shopping, and social connections.

Not surprisingly, we could use further financial support from our twelve churches. As Treasurer, I calculated that for our last family (who arrived on Feb. 22, 2023) we spent \$35,769.26 to fund them for their first year (until March 1st 2024). Rent alone was roughly \$23,400. We have \$13,650 presently in our account. We do not need all of our funds up front, but we do need our churches to continue to give what they can to continue our work in aiding and rescuing families who need to flee their circumstances in distant countries.

I'd be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

John Ryrie

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.

BRITISH HOME CHILD DAY ACT, 2010

British Home Child Day is intended to recognize and honour the contributions of the British home children who established roots in Ontario. Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. September 28 in each year is proclaimed as British Home Child Day.
2. This Act comes into force the day it receives Royal Assent.
3. The short title of this Act is the British Home Child Day Act, 2010

These children were sent to Canada and other Commonwealth countries from Great Britain by church and philanthropic organizations on the belief they would have a better chance to live a healthy and moral life. The organizations believed that Canadian families in rural Canada would welcome them as a source of farm labour and domestic help. There was also a shortage of young men to work the fields after the First World War.

The experience faced by many of these children was harsh. With little monitoring by the organizations involved, many children faced considerable challenges and tremendous hardships. They were considered indentured servants, denied a proper education.

Many suffered serious and sustained abuse in the new homes. (My own father was forced to sleep between the cows in the barn in Tweed, Ontario. On Sunday, it was his job to pump the church organ in town. The farmer and his wife passed by him in their buggy as he walked into town.) Many children were sad, lonely and malnourished. Others were emotionally starved. Siblings were usually separated and never saw each other again. Many suffered shame as they were treated as less than and never told their families of their early life in Canada.

With remarkable courage, determination, perseverance and strength, these children overcame the obstacles before them. Most established roots in Canada and in Ontario and went on to lead productive lives and contribute to the economy of Ontario. There are many descendants in Ontario. It is estimated that one in ten Canadians are descendants of a British Home Child.

Many places across Canada including the pedestrian walkway in Cambridge will have blue lights shining on the evening of September 28th to honour and remember these children.