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**Pentecost XII – Creation II**  
**Sept 7, 2025      BAS – 10:00 am**

## **Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: CP # 355 'All Creatures of Our God and King' (verses 1-4, 7)**

## **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:** Grant us, O God the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost, bearing our cross and releasing our possessions, for the liberation and healing of your word.; Through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**A:** Amen.

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

**Deuteronomy 30.15-20**

Roberta Butler

**O:** A reading from Deuteronomy

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God<sup>[a]</sup> that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to

enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 1.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; \*  
**everything they do shall prosper.**

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, \*  
**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## Philemon 1.1-21

Catherine Carlson

O: A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus  
our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. <sup>22</sup> One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, <sup>24</sup> and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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 14.25-33**

**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.**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

C: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **The Response to the Gospel: Green Spiral #30 'God of Wonders'**

### VERSE ONE

Lord of all creation,  
of water, earth and sky;  
The heavens are Your tabernacle,  
Glory to the Lord on high.

### CHORUS

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.

## VERSE TWO

Early in the morning,  
I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call Your name by night.

## CHORUS

## BRIDGE

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.

## CHORUS

## 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

Funke Talabi

O: The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory and gratitude for my family members, and especially my son Kyle, who are no longer with us, by Carroll Owens; and also given to the glory of God, for the blessed memories of Connie McCoy, our loving mother, grandma and

merciful wife/soulmate, by The McCoy and Mohr families and Terry, for the love of the fifty-five and a half years that we shared. (married Sept.6, 1969)

O: This morning, we hold in prayer .....  
Lord Jesus, Lord of life, you call us to follow, and you warn us of the cost of discipleship.  
We remember today those who cry out for peace as they work in their communities and across the world to end conflict. We pray today for those who speak up against systems of power, As they seek to transform economics and politics for the good of all. Your Kingdom come.

**A: Your will be done**

O: Lord of life, we pray today for your creation, paying such a high price For our development, greed and progress. We remember today the land that is no longer flourishing, As water floods or runs dry and seeds cannot grow or bear fruit. We pray today for the seas and all that is in them, Where rising temperatures and major changes bring death.  
For all creation, groaning in adversity, Your Kingdom come,

**A: Your will be done**

O: Lord of life, we pray for ourselves that we would hear the call to discipleship. We know that our choices can shape our children's future  
We remember today that we are all called to follow, you, choosing your way of life over all other things.  
We pray today for those we influence, through our shopping, our travel, our voting and our speaking out. For all of us, in our daily decisions,  
Your Kingdom come,

**A: Your will be done. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

C: God of all, you give us life, and in your generosity you give us freedom To choose life and hope for us, for others, and for creation, Or to turn away to dust and despair. Fill us with your love, for ourselves, for others, and for creation, That we would listen, we would follow, and we would flourish in new fullness of life for all, whatever it brings.

In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 #429 'For the Beauty of the Earth' (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

### The Prayer over the Gifts

C: 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.**

# Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most  
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant  
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -  
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As  
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On  
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with  
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!  
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.  
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

## **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.**

### **Lamb of God**

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

**Have mercy on us.**

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

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

## **The Communion**

**Administrants:** John Ryrie, Roberta Butler

**Communion Music: by Rob Aszmies and John Shaw**

## **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, I 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.**

### **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. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.

### **Blessing**

C: May the Artist who crafted you continue to shape your heart.  
May the Christ who commissioned you, charge you with purpose.  
May the Spirit that stirs you, help you to carry the cross, that you may  
honour your Creator and bless the world.

A: **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn: CP #380 'O Worship the King' (verses 1-4, 6)**

### **Dismissal**

C: Paul wrote to Philemon, "I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good we may do for Christ." Let us go out in peace to Love serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for Next Week**

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

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

Sunday : 9:00

### **Givings**

On the plate \$1,910      Auto Debit: \$2,589

### **The Banns of Marriage**

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Ella Pettet 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 first 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

### **ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD**

THANK-YOU so much for your generous donations to St. Andrew's Cupboard!

By sharing our blessings, we are helping so many less fortunate ❤️ Anything we can give is greatly appreciated but a few things mentioned by Deacon Kay were pasta noodles (ie: macaroni); toothbrushes; toothpaste and drinking boxes.

THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

### **Sunday Smile**

If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans

## **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.

## **Capital Project Donations to Date**

From March 30th to August 31<sup>st</sup> a total of \$21,201 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

## **Altar Guild flowers**

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request for flowers for the church. We are pleased to say that we now only have three slots remaining for the remainder of the year. If you would like to donate flowers the flower chart is in the Narthex for you to sign. There is a suggested cost for the flowers, but a donation of any amount would be acceptable and appreciated. A member of the Altar Guild will be in touch with you.

## **Deanery Refugee Committee Update Aug 26, 2025**

I have been a bit remiss in providing an update. Our deanery committee met last on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to meet again in the second or third week of September and perhaps select a new family from overseas.

New rules introduced by the government and the Diocese stipulate that we now need to have at least \$18,100 in our deanery refugee account before we can select a new family. This amount itself will not come close to paying all of the expenses incurred during the first year the new family is in Canada, but the amount is an indication that our twelve churches can afford to initiate this sponsorship – over 7<sup>th</sup> since 2016.

As of today, we have \$13,650 in our deanery account. The Diocese is prepared to top up our funding to the necessary \$18,100, as long as the additional funds go into a bank account set up for the new family themselves. We are still working out the details.

To put this in context, our church has been incredibly generous in supporting our previous sponsored families. Since June 2022, for example, our parishioners have contributed over \$16,000 to help pay for the costs incurred by our last family, including the roughly \$6500 needed to pay for the cost of their airfare to Toronto. The response for contributions has been outstanding!

I am hoping our parish will be able to continue to support the collective efforts of our twelve local churches to help a refugee family relocate and integrate into our region and our country. I'll provide a further update after the next committee meeting.

J. Ryrie

## **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!

## **Bible Study**

Bible study will start Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.



## **Update for Lesson Readers**

For those who have not as yet checked their mail folders, you will find the September - November schedule waiting for you. However, feedback has been swift in coming pointing out a few clerical errors in addition to requests for a change to assigned dates.

Bottom line - version #2 will be in your mail folders shortly – stay tuned!

Cheryl Fox

## **New Office Hours**

Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30 – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

## **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 electes Adriana Cronin as an alternate lay delegate to Synod for 2025.

Moved by: Mary Ann Millar

Seconded by:

## **Name Tags**

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

## **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.