

Celebrating Creation: A Jubilee for the Earth: Week THREE
Virtual worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC
In the presence of the newly consecrated
Bishop of the Territory of the People, The Rt. Rev Lincoln McKoen
Sunday, September 20, 2020

Pat Rustand is at the piano - Bishop Lincoln preaches - Dean Ken officiates and leads the singing - Miriam Baskin assists as lector and prayer leader

As we walk through the Season of Creation, much of the language below comes from rites associated with Trinity Sunday, in part inspired by Orthodox liturgical practice. God is Three; God is One; God is in all things, everywhere.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Melissa Green

We gather today on the traditional territory
of the Tk'emplúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation.
We acknowledge their care for and working of the land
prior to contact with Europeans.
As Canadian Anglicans,
we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation
and a new experience of sharing the land together. kukwstsétsemc (Kooksgem)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

CALL TO CONFSSION

Creation displays the glory of God,
but our sin keeps us from rejoicing
in the love God reveals.
Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross,
and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us
so that we can praise God,
our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover.
Let us confess our sins,
that we may receive such grace. †

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Presence, Life, Fire,
God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.**

**We gaze upon ourselves
as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands,
not to love, but to use and then to discard.
We go to the people of the land,
not to serve, but to press them into our service.
We do not deserve that you would even notice us,
but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.**

**Flame of Love, purify us from sin;
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;
Risen One, baptize us into union with you.
Transform us into faithful disciples
who worship you alone,
God who is Trinity. Amen. †**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Bishop Lincoln

The Holy One of Israel,
the Redeemer of all the world,
and the Holy Spirit who comes
as the breath of new life
forgets the sins of all who repent.
I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all. **Amen. †**

HYMN MV 40

Dean Ken

Refrain:

Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy!

God of every tribe, every language,
God of every river and sea,

God of every mountain and island,
you bring joy to me: Refrain

God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
you bring joy to me: Refrain

God of every song, every story,
God of every captive set free,
God of every dance, every footstep,
you bring joy to me: Refrain

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Let us pray Miriam Baskin

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS Miriam Baskin

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening

and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

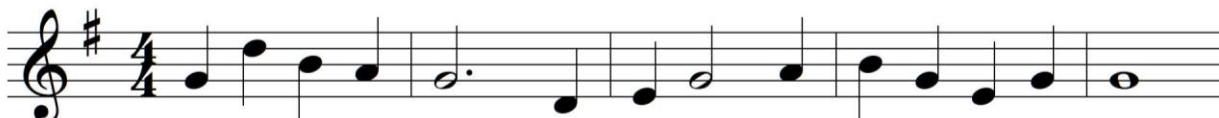
Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." EXODUS 16:2-15

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

Dean Ken



Sing un - to our ears, O Spi - rit the Ho - ly word of life.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord. R

Glory in the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God. R

Remember the marvels the Lord has done,
the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,

O offspring of Abraham the servant of God,
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord. R

You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them. R

You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared,
and you satisfied them with bread from heaven. R
You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
For you, O God, remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant. R
So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.
You gave your people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
that they might keep your statutes
and observe your laws. Hallelujah! R

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Miriam Baskin

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

Song A video for all ages

Introduced by Dean Ken

Look up to the skies, see all that's displayed,
the wonder of God in the things he has made.
The sunsets and storms, the bright shining stars,
are showing his glory and almighty power.

Come, join with creation today,
worship the Lord give him praise.
Sing praise! Sing praise!

The sun rising up reminds us to say,
'Be glad and give thanks to the Lord God today.'
And when evening falls, the moon's silver light
will shine for his praise through the darkness of night.

The mountains so high, the valleys so low,
the fruit on the trees and the flowers that grow,
the birds of the air, the creatures that crawl,
give glory to God who reigns over them all.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Bishop Lincoln

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last." MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Gospel of Christ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Right Rev. Lincoln McKoen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Miriam Baskin

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Miriam Baskin

Specific intentions are offered at this point

Let us pray for the church, the world,
and all for whom we are called to be stewards, saying,
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God,
for our world, which you made and renewed
in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

Make us wise and careful of your gifts
as we live on Earth.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly
between the Father and the Son
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
may renew and deepen the life of each Christian
and draw us all into your unending life.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the church:
for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and the Orthodox;
for Sunday school children and youth;
for the elderly
whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages;
and for all ecumenical endeavors
that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For Earth and all creatures and plants;
for healthy water and air and soil;
for policies and laws
that regard our home in God's universe
as a precious gift.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For our families, our households, and our communities,
that your life together—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
may show us the like importance of each of us,
and so strengthen us in your grace and truth.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those who suffer in any way;
for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage;
for those who have no home;
for those who are neglected and abused in our communities;
for people who long for family and are instead alone;
for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up;
and for whatever else you see that we need.

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For all those needs still unnamed
but placed before you now,
either silently or aloud . . .

A time of silence is kept

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands
we entrust all that is of concern this day,
sure that you hear our pleas,
grateful that your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

**We pray this in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen. †**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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Dean Ken

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Lincoln

Holiness, Word, Power,
you reveal yourself
as one God in three persons,
a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer
who invites your creation to join you.
Catch us up in your love

and lead us into your world
to call others to follow you
with singing and rejoicing. **Amen.** †

EPISCOPAL BLESSING

The peace of God
Which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds
In the knowledge and love of God,
And of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and remain with you,
Now and always, **Amen.**

Eco-Ministry Mobile – Checking in – and announcements

Dean Ken

Hymn MV 185

Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
God you've been so good to me,
everyday you're blessing me.
Everyday is a day of thanksgiving;
I will glorify you O my Lord, today. (2x)

You keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me;
You opened the door
that I might see,
You're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me,
I will glorify you O my Lord, today. (2x)

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A Postlude is played

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