

# St. Paul's Cathedral

## ***Territory of the People***

*Anglican Church of Canada, Kamloops, BC*

*Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive*

*Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost*

---

*Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps 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.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806–1861)

### A Child's Thought of God

They say that God lives very high;  
But if you look above the pines  
You cannot see our God; and why?

And if you dig down in the mines,  
You never see Him in the gold,  
Though from Him all that's glory shines.

God is so good, He wears a fold  
Of heaven and earth across His face,  
Like secrets kept, for love, untold.

But still I feel that His embrace  
Slides down by thrills, through all things made,  
Through sight and sound of every place;

As if my tender mother laid  
On my shut lids her kisses' pressure,  
Half waking me at night, and said,  
"Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?"

*Prelude:* O Beautiful Gaia by McDade - 2002, McDade, God of the Sparrow by Schalk - 1983 GIA Pub. Inc., All Things Bright and Beautiful - public Domain

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Melissa Green

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

The plants and trees show God's presence.

**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,  
**we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.**

Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives  
that we may honour you among all peoples and nations,  
**create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures,  
and work for the healing of this world that you created.**

Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys so  
that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.

**We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit,  
Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King - CP 355

Rhonda Dextraze

1 All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voices, let us sing:

alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,

pale silver moon that gently gleams,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

4 Earth ever fertile, day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
God's glory let them also show:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on God your care:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

6 And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,

for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

translation by Draper - (c) 1923 EC Schirmer Co.

## **GATHERING OF CHILDREN & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

Melissa Green

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day.

We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas.

We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school. May they be guided by your love.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

**Amen.**

**Holy God, surround and uphold our students and our teachers in this 'back-to-school' season. Fill our children with a love of learning, our teachers with the joy of instructing. Keep our loved ones ever in your care. Guard them from illness, from anxiety, from worry. Help us to stay safe and to make wise choices and**

**decisions. Show us, O God, how to love and care for one another in community, that we move through these days in mutual support and care. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*The children are invited to go down to Sunday School, they will re-join families and the congregation during the offertory hymn.*

*Blessing of Backpacks adapted from Church Publishing Inc. and Diocese of Newark.*

## COLLECT

Canon Len Fraser

Holy God, gracious and merciful,  
you bring forth food from the earth  
and nourish your whole creation.  
Turn our hearts toward those  
who hunger in any way,  
so that all may know your care;  
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

*Alternative collects, liturgy task force, ACC*

## A READING THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Alison McKinnon

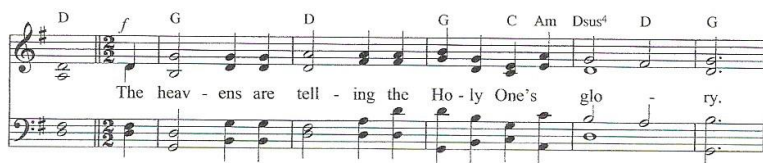
Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

PROVERBS 1:20-33

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

Psalm 19

19 The Glory of God's World & Teaching



after F. J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the Holy One's glory;  
heaven's arches proclaim  
God's handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, there are no words;  
no sound can be heard.  
Their call goes out to all the world,  
to the ends of the earth their message.

In the heavens God pitched a tent for the sun,  
which comes forth as a bridegroom  
from his wedding canopy,  
like a strong man running his course.  
From the uttermost edge of the heavens  
he goes  
and runs about the end of them again;  
nothing is hid from his burning heat. R

The Holy One's teaching is perfect,  
restoring my soul.  
God's decrees are sure, making wise  
the simple.  
The Holy One's precepts are right,  
rejoicing my heart.

God's commandments are pure,  
giving light to my eyes.

Reverence for God is clean, enduring  
forever.  
The Holy One's judgments are true,  
altogether just.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey in the comb.  
By them is your servant warned,  
for in keeping them there is  
great reward.

Who can discern unwitting sins?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from  
arrogant sins;  
let them not control me.  
Then shall I be whole and sound, and  
innocent of grave offense. R

All: May the words of my mouth and  
the meditation of my heart  
be always acceptable in your sight,  
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

THOMAS BARNETT & DONALD PATRIQUIN

From Songs for the Holy One License #0229012

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Miriam Baskin

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

JAMES 3:1-12

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

**Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL: #430 CP Come and Follow Me**

Rhonda Dextraze

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.  
Text: John Bell (1949-) Music: Scottish Melody © 1978 Iona Community

## GOSPEL

Canon Len Fraser

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can

they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MARK 8:27-38

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

Canon Len Fraser

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider  
this is what you want us to learn  
not the world's wisdom, but God's  
and so we pray:  
awaken us to our need of you in our lives  
**And you will give us your life**

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world  
**And you will make us strong through our tears**

Give us the humility to admit our failures  
**And you will bring treasure out of them**  
Make us hungry for justice  
as we work to eradicate hunger for all  
**And you will give us food that lasts**

Help us to see others through your eyes  
that our vision will again and again be yours  
**And you will show us ourselves with love**

*Specific petitions and celebrations are offered at this time*

Show us how to practise what we preach  
**And we will see good, and God in everyone**  
Support us in standing firm for truth and justice, even when it costs  
**And the truth will also make us free.**  
**Amen, and Amen**

*The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and resources for worship; Edited by Kathy Galloway; The Iona Community; adapted kjg*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God.  
Trusting in God's mercy and grace,  
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

**Generous God,**  
**you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation.**  
**Forgive us for turning away from you**  
**and for neglecting the earth.**  
**Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation**  
**that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us;**  
**through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ.  
Today, salvation comes to you and the land beneath your feet. Know that you/we are forgiven and are free to live in peace with one another and with the earth. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: Just as I am CP 615 Rhonda Dextraze

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down,  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott Music: W.B. Bradury public domain

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

Bless these gifts and our lives, O God,  
that we may share both food and faith with all people and all creation.  
With our own hunger, feed the hungry;  
with our doubt, inspire our faith;  
and with our voice, we join other voices,  
demanding justice, here and everywhere,  
now and always. **Amen.**

May God be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. *We praise you here where the Thompson Rivers blend and flow, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.* We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, *eagle and bear, salmon and sheep, pine and wild rose*, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*music by Gordon Light – © St. George's Anglican Church, Edmonton, Alberta*

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Today, Christ meets us at the table.

Today, salvation comes to everyone, everywhere.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

*Communion is shared at this point as possible according to local COVID-19 protocols*

## **DISBURSING**

Help us to trust in you

and to share what we have with a hungry world.

**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**

With all creatures we look to you for our food in due season.

May we do our part in restoring the balance of your creation

and deepen our commitment to follow Jesus

in ministries that feed and serve others.

**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**

Our worship leads to the world

A world of ethnic groups, First Nations and other Indigenous peoples,

All nations, their citizen leaders,

that the hungry will be fed, and that refugees will return home in safety and peace.

**They need not go away; you give them something to eat**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Melissa Green

## CLOSING HYMN: CP 321 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Rhonda Dextraze

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

2 Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all;  
the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all.

3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod, and crown him Lord of all;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod, and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall,  
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

6 O that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,  
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all;  
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet      Music: Oliver Holden

POSTLUDE: Creation Hymn - Let all things now Living improvisation including music by John Barr (c) 2020 Leupold Editions

*We give thanks to God for the life John Alfred Mitchell in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given by Jim & Margaret Mitchell. Rest in peace dear brother in rising glory.*

*Music Selections included in this service have been submitted to One License #A-605242. All Rights Reserved.*

Selections from: *Feasting on the Word*

## WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Presider: Canon Len Fraser & Melissa Green; Preacher: Canon Len Fraser;

Organist/Pianist: Gail Ovington; Hymn Leader: Rhonda Dextraze; Altar Guild: Mercedes Liburd, Suzy Knox, Joan Lukow; Greeter: Bob & Pat King; Lock Up: Bob King; Prayers of the People: Canon Len Fraser; Readers: Alison McKinnon, Miriam Baskin; Camera: Pat Ebert;

Technology: Claire Tosoff

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Season of Creation Education Events: Visit the Cathedral website for details on all ongoing and upcoming events. This week:

- **Wednesday, Monday, September 13, 2021 from 10AM – 4PM with Potluck Lunch**  
**Perennial Planting Potluck Party at Notch Hill Community Growers**

- **Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9AM – 4PM, St Paul’s Cathedral**  
**Season of Creation Retreat: “Reflecting on the wisdom of ‘all my relations’ - drawing on the writings of Richard Wagamese” Register with the Office: 250-372-3912, [stpaulscathedral@shawbiz.ca](mailto:stpaulscathedral@shawbiz.ca) Please let the office know if you would like to participate using ZOOM.** Retreat and music leader: Bishop Gordon Light

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 10AM to 12 PM Qua’about Lodge, Little Shuswap Lake,**  
**“Walking the Land Ethnobotany Tour”**

Cost for tour \$35. *If cost is a factor, please speak with Rev Len Fraser.*

### Welcome Home!

We are excited to be opening our doors alongside providing ongoing virtual worship. We are beginning with a slow gentle start, a number of ministry groups will begin in the fall including coffee, servers, children and youth ministry, and communion in one kind.

For the comfort, health and safety of all, including those most vulnerable amongst us, we do ask you to consider the following:

- Masks are mandatory while in the Cathedral.
- Contact Tracing and Sanitization procedures between service and after each service are in place.
- We ask all offering leadership to wear a mask unless they are speaking at the lectern.
- We encourage households to keep social distance between one another.
- The offering plate is available at the entrance of the church (not passed around at this time) and will be brought to the altar by a greeter.

*These are new restrictions as of August 23, 2021*