



Parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam

October 10, 2021

10:30 am

Harvest Thanksgiving

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

“There are people who have money and people who are rich.”

Coco Chanel

“I don’t care too much for money, money can’t buy me love.”

The Beatles

“Mo’ Money, Mo’ Problems.”

Notorious B.I.G.

Call to Worship

Presider In the midst of darkness & chaos.....

All God Imagined.

Presider In the fury & darkness.....

**All God imagined a world filled with trees,
and blue skies
and fluffy white clouds.**

Presider In a world for rainstorms and wildlife
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze.....

**All God imagined humanity.
God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

Presider In a world teaming with billions of people.....

All God imagined me.

Presider God imagined you and God imagined me.

We are created in the image of God.

All God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

Presider Let us worship with the same imagination
as the creating One! **Amen.** ¹

Gathering Hymn - *Let All Things Now Living*

1. Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

2. His law he enforces,
The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine,
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.²

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires 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 worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.³

Collect of the Day

Presider God of the narrow way;
you call us to shed
all that burdens
the lightness of life:
help us to surrender false wealth,
embrace our need of you
and live for your kingdom
above all things;
through Jesus Christ, the richness of God. Amen.

All Amen.⁴

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading - Amos 5:6-7

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn - Psalm 90:12-17

Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

¹² Teach us to make use of our days
and bring wisdom to our hearts.

¹³ How long, O Lord, before you return?

Pity your servants,

¹⁴ shine your love on us each dawn,
and gladden all our days. *Refrain*

¹⁵ Balance our past sorrows
with present joys
¹⁶ and let your servants, young and old,
see the splendor of your work.

¹⁷ Let your loveliness shine on us,
and bless the work we do,
bless the work of our hands. *Refrain* ⁵

Second Reading - Hebrew 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning.
You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*⁶

Gospel Reading

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*⁶

Homily The Reverend Eric Mason

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **And also with you.**

Offertory - *Each Blade of Grass (Circle of God)*

Verse 1

Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,
make full the circle of God.
Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
make full the circle of God.

Verse 2

Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,
make full the circle of God.
Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry outstretched hand,
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,
make full the circle of God.

Verse 3

Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,
make full the circle of God.
Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,
all form the beauty of this vast array,⁶

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength and our salvation

**All receive our gifts, our lives and the offering of our joy.
Awake our souls and inspire us with your life.
Lead us on the path of wisdom and compassion. Amen.**

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to offer thanks and praise

Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, 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, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Cantor, ALL)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. ⁷

Presider 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 famers and seeds, labor 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, you do it in memory of me.

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

And bring us with Mary and all your Saints to your commonwealth of bird and lily, child and beggar, which is both now and yet to come.

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

Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to sing:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us as we forgive others;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom and the power and the glory
are yours forever. Amen.⁸**

*The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept.
The silence is broken with these words.*

Presider Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Communion Hymn - *When We Gather at the Table*

1 When we gather at the table
wine is poured and bread is broken.
Then love claims us, offering healing,
we hear welcome, gently spoken.

2 Jesus offers our thanksgiving
blessing God for life we're given.
From the earth comes grain to feed us
watered by the rains of heaven.

3 Word of promise claims attention
earth renewed by God's designing.
All the creatures join in praises--
God's intended wholeness finding.

4 Come, invited, now draw nearer,
join this holy celebration.
Here be strengthened, called to justice,
living now God's new creation.

5 Christ, your coming and your hosting
gives us place at widening table
now embracing world and neighbor
Spirit strong, by love enabled.⁹

Hymn - *Table of Plenty*

Refrain

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.***

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

2. O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

4. Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. ¹⁰

Prayer after Communion

Presider 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.**

Announcements

Blessing

Presider God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of God's creation.

All Amen.

Presider God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All Amen.

Presider God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear her fruits of love, joy and peace.

All Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen. ¹¹

Closing Hymn - *Praise God for the Harvest of Orchard and Field*

1. Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labor, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.
2. Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbor, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbors, unseen and unknown.

3. Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
selected and smelted, or shaped and refined:
for oil and iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

4. Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create, and fulfill:
for plans and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.¹²

Dismissal

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

All In the name of Christ. Amen.¹³

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Glen & Bonnie Tracey in memory of
Bill Tracey.



Impossibly saved

They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

*“Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said,
“For mortals it is impossible, but not for God;
for God all things are possible.” —Mark 10.26-27*

Funny how we think we can do something to be saved.
What must you do to be saved from drowning?

If you could get yourself saved,
it wouldn't be getting saved, would it? It would be swimming.

We're saved from the impossibility
of being saved.

We're saved from the gap we place between ourselves
and God's perfect love.

From our secret religion of impossibility,
from the impossibility of being good enough,

from the impossibility of good triumphing,
of evil being forgiven to death, of resurrection,

from impossibility itself, astoundingly —impossible! —
we are saved.

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