



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Season of Creation 2: Fauna

September 11, 2022

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

GATHERING SONG

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

WOV 767

GREETING

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

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Job 39: 1 - 8, 26 - 30

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? ²Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, ³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? ⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. ⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, ⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? ⁷It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. ⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

²⁶"Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads its wings toward the south? ²⁷Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high? ²⁸It lives on the rock and makes its home in the fastness of the rocky crag. ²⁹From there it spies the prey; its eyes see it from far away. ³⁰Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 14 - 23

¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,

**¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

**¹⁷In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

¹⁹**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

²¹**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

²²When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.

²³**People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 25 - 34

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

WOV 783

CREED

P: Let us affirm our faith.

C: We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God’s holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God’s glory. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name, and join their never-ending song!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION SONG

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

ELW 739

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

SENDING SONG

“God of the Sparrow”

ELW 740

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Janelle Lightbourne	Prayers
Deb Goshulak	Reader
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	7:15 pm Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	7:00 pm Bible Study (on Zoom)
Wednesday	10:00 am Cover Girls 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	
Friday	



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Anna Feller, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, John Stewart, George, Helen, Lois, Lynette, and Marian and also Jerry and Eunice Hogeveen who mourn the passing of their sister-in-law and close friend, Diana Sherwin.

OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Please consider offering your time and talent to ushering at our worship services and/or providing refreshments at coffee hour. Please sign up on the bulletin board or speak with Pastor Tuula.

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

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