



### The Gathering of the Community

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

**In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related.**

You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

**Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.**

Almighty God,

**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.**

The Gathering Hymn #418 (CP) "Draw the Circle Wide"     *Browning*

### Gathering Prayer

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

### **Proclamation of the Word**

#### First Reading from Isaiah 40: 25 - 31

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. When you release others from their wrongdoings, you will be released from yours. The amount you measure out to others is the amount that comes back, like a basket that has been filled to the top, shaken down, and packed together, until it overflows. What you give out will come back to you – full circle.” He gave them a wise saying, “How can a blind person guide another who is blind?” Will they not both stumble and fall? The one guided cannot rise above his guide but will be just like him – *blind*. “*Think of it this way, how can you see the speck of wood in someone else’s eye when you cannot even see the log in your own eye? How can you say, ‘Here, let me help you,’ when you cannot see that you are the one who needs help? Stop pretending to be something you are not! “Healthy trees give good fruit, and rotten trees give bad fruit. Do grapes come from a thorn bush or figs from thistles? The human heart is like a medicine pouch. Good-hearted people speak from the good medicine stored in their hearts. Bad-hearted people speak from the bad medicine stored in their hearts. For the mouth will speak what the heart is filled with. “How is it that you call me ‘Great Chief’ but do not walk in my ways? The ones who listen to me and walk in these ways are like a man who built a lodge. He dug deep to find solid ground to build on. When a flood came, the waters beat against the lodge, but it stood strong. Nothing could shake it, for it was built on solid ground. The ones who hear my words but do not walk in these ways are like another man, who built his lodge on soft ground. When the flood came against it, the lodge crashed to the ground, and all that was in it was lost.” (Luke 6: 37-49)*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Ven. John Anderson

Affirmation of Faith Mae Cox, Lay Reader

We affirm our faith as we say:

**We believe in one God, the Creator, you have made all things and placed your spirit in them. We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ, sent from your heart to preach and change our hearts to be like yours. He was born of Mary, his mother. He, being Creator with you, From the beginning of all time, became a person like one of us. He suffered and died on a cross of sin. He rose from death. He was taken into heaven and now sits on your right hand. He will one day come again to the earth to proclaim your kingdom and dominion. We believe in a holy and great Spirit who comes from you to empower us and enable us to live as your children. He is worshipped as you are, for he is one with You and Jesus. We believe in one holy church, begun and sustained by your apostles. We look to our baptism for forgiveness. We believe that one day all the dead will be made alive in the resurrection, and we believe that when we die, we will return to you and be judged by you. Amen.** (*Anglican Church of Canada*)

Prayers of the People for Treaty Renewal Anglican Diocese of Toronto

(Bishop's Collaborative for Right Relations) Mae Cox, Lay-Reader

Please respond to the petition "Creator of all" with: **Hear our prayer.**

For the gift of life, the well-being of Mother Earth, the waters that sustain us, and for all creation. For all land and water protectors, for all children and new life being born, for a spirit of respect to grow within us, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For the gifts of all cultures and languages, for the flourishing of Indigenous Nations on whose Territory our Church gathers to worship, for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and

the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. With gratitude for their governance and leadership on these lands and waters since time immemorial, Creator of all Hear our prayer. For the responsibility to honour our sacred obligations as Treaty People. For us to embody the teachings of gratitude, respect, humility, of not taking more than we need, of living in balance and right relationship with one another and all life, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For our continued renewal, for true repentance when we have acted in domination and violence, for restitution, healing, and your Church to truly follow your selfless servant, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For the courageous witness of Elders and Residential School legacy Survivors, whose truths broke through the sin of genocide denial and call us all to participate in paths of healing and reconciliation. For all whose precious lives have been taken by colonial and Church violence. For our commitment to remember, learn, speak out, and practice solidarity, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For the incarcerated, the hungry, the persecuted, the missing, and the oppressed. For all we name now either silent or aloud. For justice and the living waters of your Spirit to flow through this land, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

Turn us from selfishness to mutuality, from arrogance to openness, from domination to relationships of respectful reciprocity. Help us to live into your hope and vision for us held in our sacred obligations, our covenants, commitments spoken, and our Treaties. Fill us with your love and lead us to paths of harmony and respect. Creator of all **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

One: And with the disciples we ask, "But, Jesus when have we seen you hungry and given you food, or thirsty and given you something to drink? And when was it that we saw a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

**All: We confess that we fail to see Jesus in the people around us, in those we love and those we do not love. Gracious God, lest we think our words alone are sufficient, today as we confess - we fall silent before you.**

*Silence is held for personal confession*

One: May God, who is our constant companion surround us with love and grace. God has accepted our confession, we are forgiven, and the blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Life-Giving Spirit be with us now and for evermore.

**All: Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #352 (CP) "Amazing Grace"

(v. 1,3,5)

*New Britain*

## Prayer before Communion

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they, who come in the name of our Creator.**

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness.

We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this,

all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all. United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and,

**whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

### Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. *(From Communion Blessing, Christopher Peters and Eucharistic Prayer revised version from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN)*

### The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms, and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition, wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Communion Hymn #615 (CP) "Just As I Am"

Woodworth

### Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name.  
**Amen.**

Glory to God,

**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.**

### Blessing

### Announcements

Closing Hymn #429 (CP) "Just the Beauty of the Earth"

(v. 1,2,5)

England's Land

### Postlude

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