



Redeemer Lutheran
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*Finding **Life** in Community*

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, Sept 12, 2021

(Congregational Parts are in **Bold**)

INTRODUCTION

The ruach (Hebrew for breath, spirit) of Genesis 1:2 is one that can and has had many different meanings to many different interpreters. Rather than trying to uphold a supposedly original meaning as the only right one, we might recognize our location socially and religiously, celebrating what has been handed down to us while also recognizing the value of what others may see in the scripture. This too is a dynamic gift that gives glory to God's life-giving spirit of creation.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God,
**creativity begins with you,
you who are revealed in time and space.**

Star maker,
**your word has the power to create,
in whispers and shouts the universe continues to takes shape.**

Architect,
**you drew the lines and arches,
you measured the dimensions needed,
to make a world that could sustain life.**

Master chef,
**you made the ingredients to sustain life,
in plants and animals, food for all.**

Artist,
**your flair for original designs
painted a canvas filled with colour, depth and diversity.**

Incarnate one,
**you put flesh and blood onto
bones and marrow, you breathed life into humanity.**

Let us take time to worship and praise all that you have made.
For when you stopped to pause
you were delighted with it all,
you were content and filled with love
for every tiny atom and nucleus
that resides in all that you had created.
And we should be too!

GATHERING SONG - *Come and See*

COME AND SEE

Hans Peterson

Refrain



Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;



thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a



mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!

Verse



The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her
Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -
Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its
Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to E - den in all of its



moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing. The
maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -
fall - ing. And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can
splen - dor. Do you hear the call? Re - new the earth! With



world is filled with won - der!
fore you see it star - gaz - ing.
lis - ten as we know our call - ing.
care now gar - den and tend her.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grand designer of all things, **the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.**

WORD

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

READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* #564

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak-ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.
 may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.
 may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer - cy send us,
 From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,
 When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.
 nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.
 but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.
 and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, st. 1, alt.; William Mercer, 1811–1873, sts. 2, 4, alt.; Richard Whately, 1787–1863, st. 3, alt.
 Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Go to our website for instructions on how you might contribute to the ministry of Redeemer. www.redeemerlutheran.ca*

OFFERING HYMN: Accept, O Lord . . . Bring #691 verse #1

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

God is with you. **And also with you.**

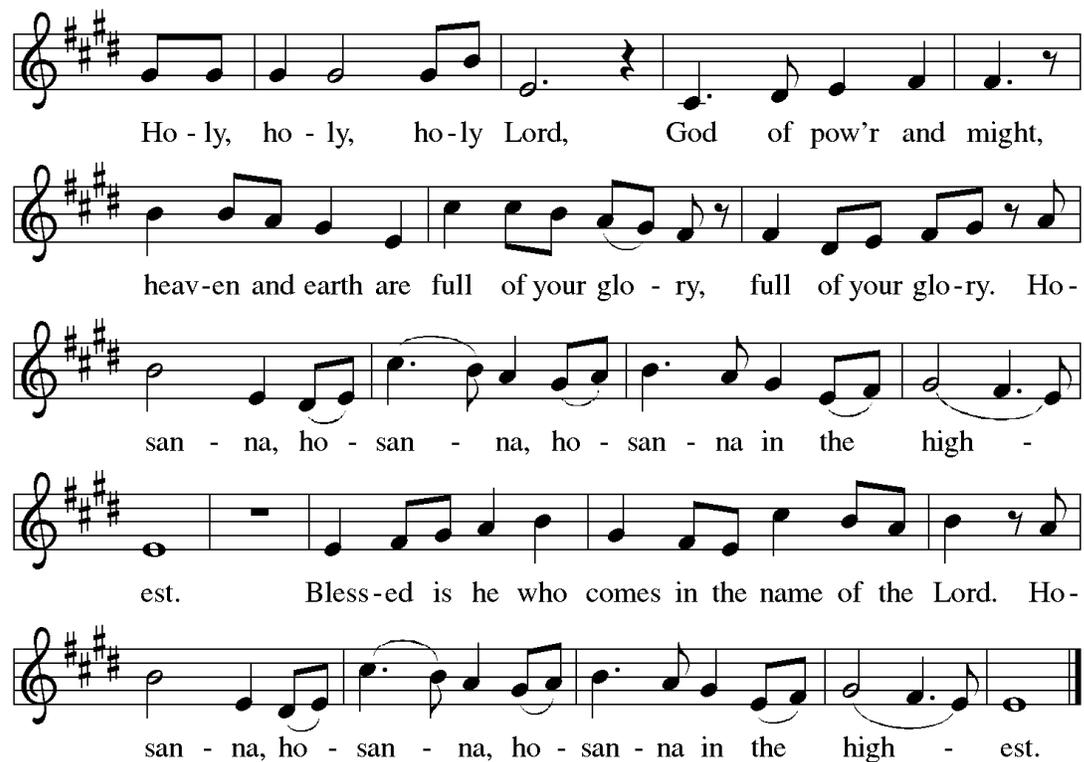
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* #399

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Redeemer Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

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

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Crashing Waters at Creation* #455

Crashing Waters at Creation



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

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