

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## EARTH DAY SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP



**“Earth Ball”**  
by Olaf Skarsholt

**21 APRIL 2024**



746 Colborne Street, London, Ontario N6A 3Z7

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WE GATHER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**R: Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

**R: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

*From Psalm 19*

L: Let us gather in our worship space – and as we enter - pour the gift of water from our homes along with water from the Thames. Water is an essential need and right for all peoples in all places.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

*Pour the water  
you brought  
into the bowl  
and  
light a candle*

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.  
Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them ev'ry one.  
Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
Refrain

#### HOW DO WE NAME OUR PLACE?

“What waters do you come from?” Pin → LONDON MAP  
“Where is your bone country?” Pin → WORLD MAP

The Earth does not belong to us  
(c) Kristopher Lindquist

1 The Earth does not be - long to us, But  
2 The Web of Life con - nects us all, Each  
we be - long to Earth. This ra - diant Sphere of  
strand its vi - tal role, For what af - fects a  
green and blue, Our home and place of birth.  
sin - gle one, Af - fects the liv - ing Whole.

KID'S CLUB SONG We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the  
air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are  
**R: your servant people,**  
L: created out of the clay of the earth itself.

We forget

**R: that we are your creatures and we play at being gods.**

L: We neglect

**R: the work of stewardship of the earth.**

L: We have

**R: overused and abandoned those things that you have created  
for your delight.**

L: You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate  
balance.

**R: Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the  
balance.**

L: We ask your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God.  
We yearn to join in singing your praises:

Under 20's → **with the mountains and valleys,**

21-59's → **with the rocks and the plains,**

Over 60's → **with the birds of the air  
and the creatures in the wild ocean waters.**

All: Amen

KID'S CLUB SONG Go Make a Difference

#### GOD OF WONDERS - PSALM 8:1, 3-6a

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky  
The heavens are your Tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus:  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are Holy, Holy  
The universe declares your Majesty  
You are Holy, Holy

L: Lord of heaven and earth  
**R: Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night

Chorus

Bridge: Hallelujah to the lord of heaven and earth [x3]

Chorus

MESSAGE – “CROSSROADS”

DECLARATION OF HOPE

L: The Creation is our neighbour,  
**R: just like every human person is our neighbour.**  
*(National Bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson)*

L: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths,  
**R: where the good way lies; and walk in it,  
and find rest for your souls.”***(Jeremiah 6:16)*

L: We are standing at a crossroads. Together  
**R: let us seek the good way and find rest for all of God's  
creation.**

HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879

OFFERING “To God Our Thanks We Give”

“Earth Ball” by Olaf Skarsholt  
To be read by individuals coming forward to table.

HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY *(see insert in back of hymnal)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Let All Things Now Living Hymn 881  
This Is My Father’s World Hymn 824

BLESSING

SENDING SONG This is My Song Hymn 887

POSTLUDE Strange Meadow Lark Dave Brubeck  
Ross McDonald, Piano

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**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Communion Assistant Vivian Parker  
Altar Care Alan & Lynne Day  
Greeters Dave & Pauline Hutchison

## PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today for our special Earth Day Worship. The youth & Kid's Club will be selling plants for the Trinity garden beds and sweets/desserts for your taste buds. This is a fundraiser. After worship we are also holding a Baked Potato Bar lunch with all the fixing you might want. Freewill donation will go to help the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre London Good Food Box Program. You have increased our joy with your presence and we hope you will return again soon.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

SENIORS' WORSHIP & LUNCHEON Please join us for the Seniors' Worship and Luncheon on **Tuesday, 21 May, at 11:30 am**. You are welcome to bring along a friend. See you there!

ELW AT REDEEMER invite the women from Trinity to their meeting on **Tuesday 14 May at 1:30 pm**, 1 Frank Place, to learn more about the "Red Dress Journey". This is an interactive display of the Eastern Synod's "Circle for Reconciliation and Justice". This will shine a light on the impact of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People.

LONDON FOOD BANK Non-perishable food donations for the London Food Bank are always appreciated. Items can be placed in the grocery cart and we will be sure to deliver them to the Food Bank for those in need in our community.

MY SISTERS' PLACE is in need of several items including moisturizer, lip balm, feminine hygiene products & small gift items. Please leave items in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

INSHALLAH EARTH DAY SING - **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 5:45pm-6:30pm** at Trinity along with the strings and piano players from Young Artists Pre-College Academy (who rent space at Trinity). Join us in person or live-stream | [www.trinitylondon.ca](http://www.trinitylondon.ca)

ELCIC SCHOLARSHIP The ELCIC Scholarship is now available for the 2024-2025 academic year. Information can be found in the Trinity Times and on our website. Applications are available in the church office and must be **submitted to the ELCIC by 31 May**.

TRINITY BURSARIES Applications for the Trinity Bursaries are also available from the church office and are to be into the church office **no later than 31 May**.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that the Pastor can plan to visit - We pray for those who are ill especially Doug, Geraldine, Dennis and Julia, Rosemary, Marg, Steve & Jean, Don, Mary Anne and Kathy.

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name – Pastor Robert Hutchison, at home; Ann Stevenson, sister of Pastor Steve; Ashley Hyatt and Carole Dowset, friends of the Becker family and Flora Becker, mother of Ed; Mike Drogemuller, son of Barbara; Richard Jackman, husband of Nancy; Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle; and Stephanie Caers, Friend of the Cooper family. Also, Edward Schmidt, brother of Fred; Lois Baillie, sister of Jean Hohnstein; Steve Hodgins, son-in-law of Linda Reynolds.

We pray for all for all those in the Thames Ministry Area and Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod and Support Staff

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