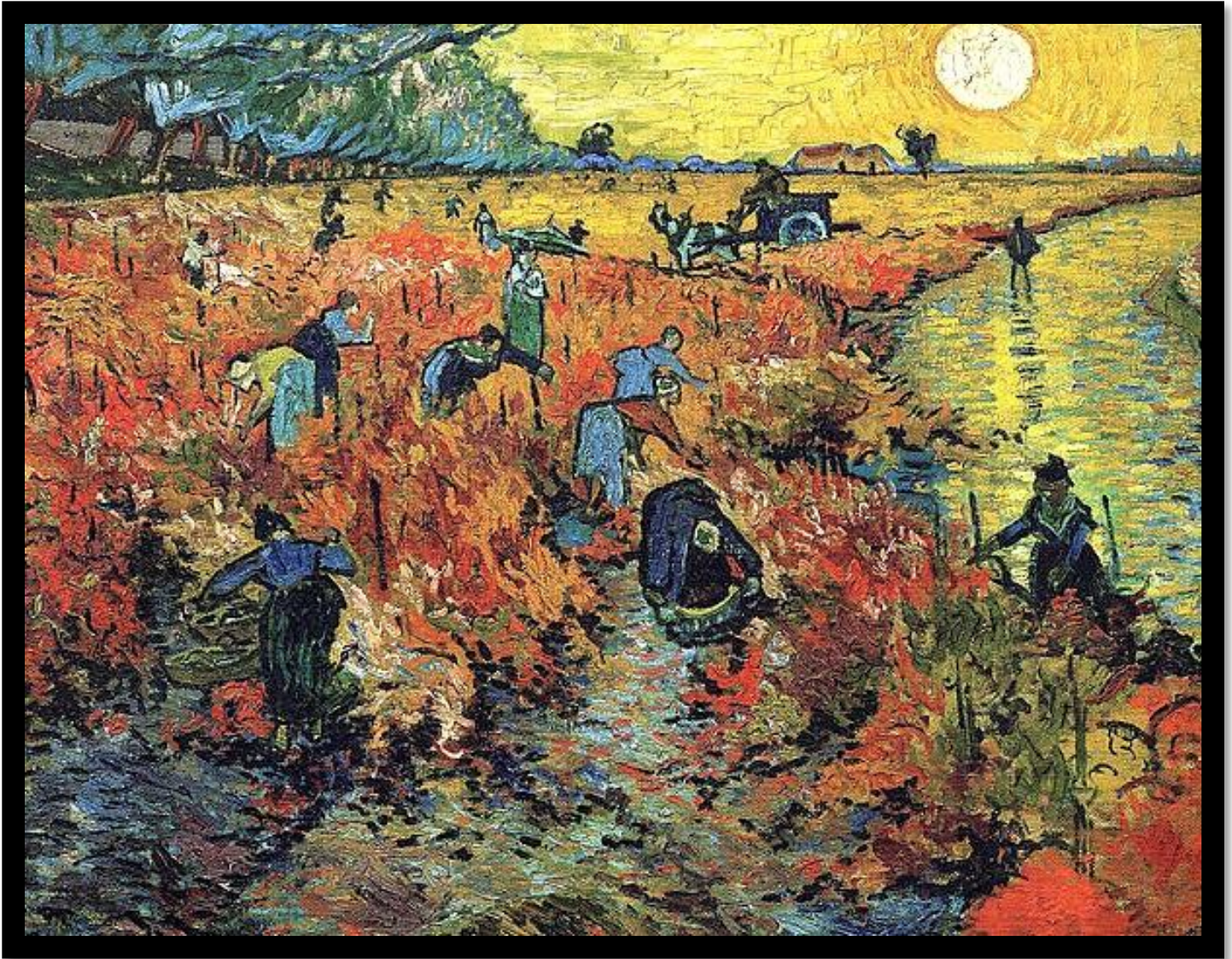


The 17th Sunday *after* Pentecost

~Holy Eucharist~

Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 9am

Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct 4



Vineyards, Vincent Van Gogh

Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
5286 Kalaniana'ole Highway Honolulu, HI 96821
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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Opening Hymn #8 “Morning has Broken”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

The Gloria

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated for the lessons of the day.*

The First Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #469 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #469 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" verse 3

The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Nicene Creed

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prayers of the People for Season of Creation

(Adapted from Holy Nativity School 3G class prayers)

Please respond to the words "Let us pray to the Creator" with "Creator renew us."

Light of our world, you light the way for us. We pray that you keep our church safe and the people who pray there, too. Help us celebrate this season with gratitude for the earth you have created. Let us pray to the Creator.

Creator, renew us.

Good and loving God, we pray for our world. Bless all your creatures that inhabit it. Save any who have been lost, and take care of all who are suffering. Heal the animals and humans who are hurt by the mistreatment of the earth. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for our community, that we care for each other and the world around us with kindness and generosity. Give rest and comfort to those especially who are without houses or whose homes have been destroyed by floods and hurricanes. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Lord of love, help all creatures who are in need, especially those affected by changing climate, rising seas, and damage from pollution. We especially remember our friends on our parish prayer list. Grant all rest and care in your beautiful creation. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for all living beings who have died. Welcome them into your loving arms and bring them peace. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Priest offers a concluding collect.

"God, You Made Your Good Creation" By Carolyn W. Gillette

Found on Page 11 of this bulletin

The Confession and the Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

‘O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me ‘oukou.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)

The People respond.

A me ‘oe pū nō ho‘i.

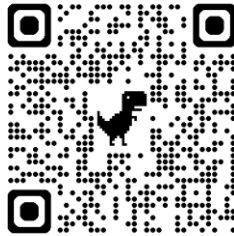
(And also with you!)

The Offertory Sentence “*Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.*”

Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.

For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to:

Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana‘ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!



Offertory Hymn “Tend the Ground” by Stephen Curtis

Offered by the HN Choir

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave

breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy.

Sanctus “Hemolele”



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of

Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

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 our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction LEVAS #16 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" VERSE 1

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

Communion Song “Seahorse” by Marcus Hollingshaus

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn “God of Sparrow” words: Jaroslav J Vajda / music: Carl F. Schalk



1	God	of	the	spar	-	row
2	God	of	the	earth	-	quake
3	God	of	the	rain	-	bow
4	God	of	the	hun	-	gry
5	God	of	the	neigh	-	bor
6	God	of	the	a	-	ges



God	of	the	whale	God	of	the	swirl	-	ing
God	of	the	storm	God	of	the	trum	-	pet
God	of	the	cross	God	of	the	emp	-	ty
God	of	the	sick	God	of	the	prod	-	i
God	of	the	foe	God	of	the	prun	-	ing
God	near	at	hand	God	of	the	lov	-	ing



stars _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
blast _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	cry
grave _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
gal _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
hook _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
heart _____	How	do	your	chil	-	dren	say



Awe _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Praise. _____
Woe _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	cry	Save. _____
Grace _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Thanks. _____
Care _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Life. _____
Love _____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Peace. _____
Joy _____	How	do	your	chil	-	dren	say	Home. _____

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude "Pufferfish" by Marcus Hollingshaus

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: Stephen Noerper

2nd Reading: Beverly Toomey

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Fung

Intercessor: Olesya Noerper **Usher:** Rich Miller

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

The HNC Choir!

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Please join us *next* Sunday for the 18th Sunday *after* Pentecost

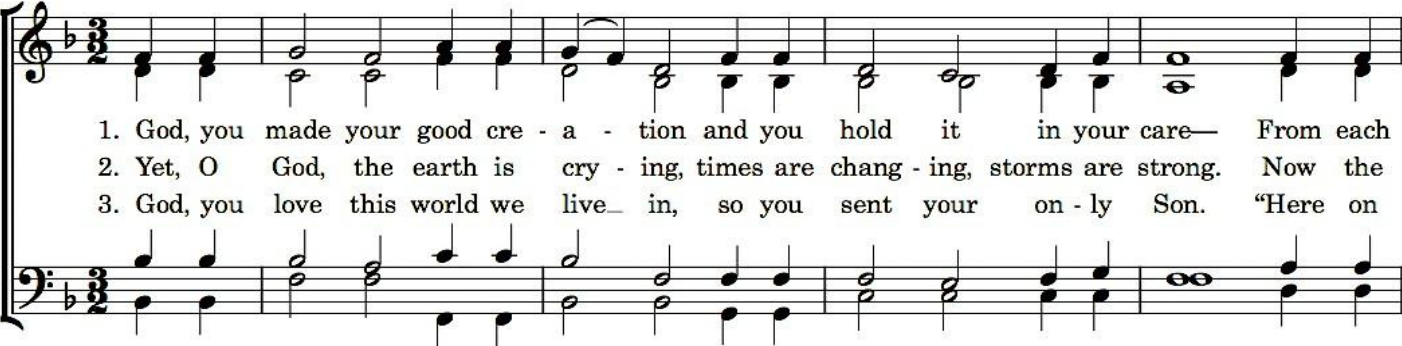
September 27, 2026 at 9:00am *AND* Pizza Church at 5pm

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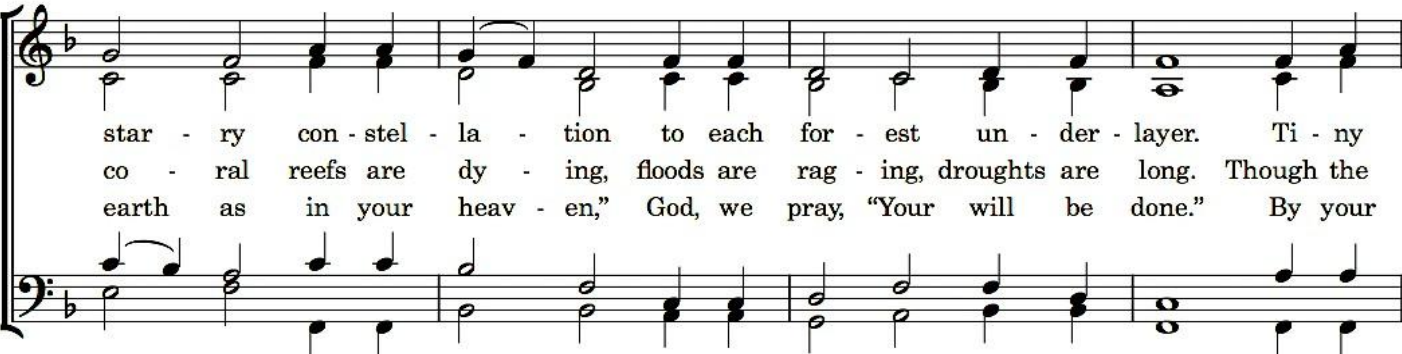
Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Aidan, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom, Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob, Kim & Tom, David, Nancy, Becca, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki, Neal, and Grace.

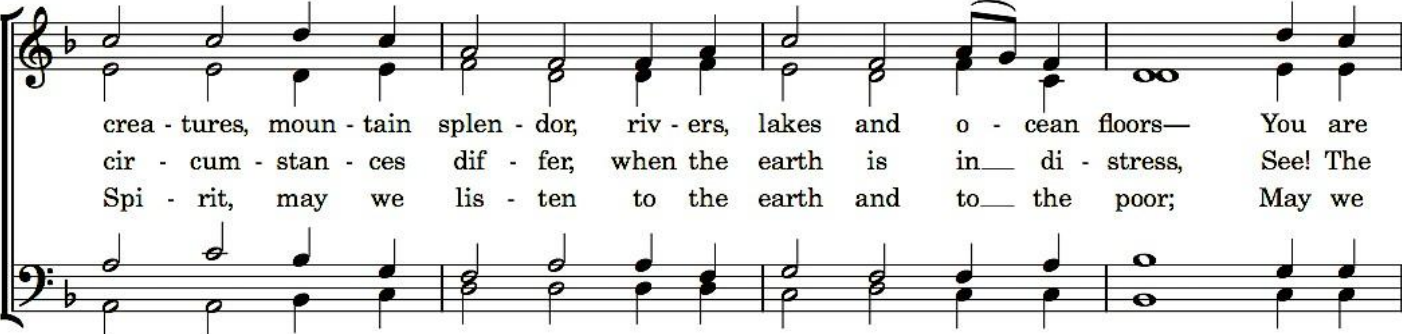
"God, You Made Your Good Creation" By Carolyn W. Gillette



1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
 2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
 3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. "Here on



star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny
 co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the
 earth as in your heav - en," God, we pray, "Your will be done." By your



crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are
 cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The
 Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we



lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.
 poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.
 care for all you've gi - ven till cre - a - tion is re - stored.