



*An inviting safe community for all*

*Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship us today!*

## **Worship at Home: Creation Care Sunday**

Worship live by video or phone, or on your own schedule.

VIDEO: View on any device live at 10:00AM on April 12  
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AUDIO: Listen by phone live at 10:00AM on April 19  
(call 1-312-626-6799 & enter Meeting ID 342 570 232 & Password 0)  
*Everybody is invited to read/pray/sing at the appropriate times during Worship.  
We're keeping all phones muted throughout Worship so everybody can hear.*

## **Welcome from Amma Diane**

### **♪ For the Beauty of the Earth**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,**

**For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,**

**Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,**

**For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,**

**Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;**

**For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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## **Gathering**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All* **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

**All** Holy and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive us and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. AMEN!

**Celebrant** 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.

**All** AMEN! Confession by The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

**Celebrant** Lord, open our lips.

**All** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN!

**Christ Our Passover** 1 Cor 5.7-8, Romans 6.9-11, 1 Cor 15.20-22

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed:

**All** Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed:

**All** Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

## Unison Reading

Psalm 16

*All* Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN!

## First Lesson

1 Peter 1. 3-9

*Reader* A reading from First Epistle of Peter.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Unison Reading****Canticle 17, *The Song of Simeon***

**All** Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

**Gospel****John 20. 19-31**

**Celebrant** A reading from the Gospel according to John.

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

**Celebrant** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon****Amma Diane**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN!

## Offering Our Prayers

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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!

*Celebrant* Help us, O God our Savior;

*All* Deliver us and forgive our sins.

*Celebrant* Look upon your congregation;

*All* Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Celebrant* Declare your glory among the nations;

*All* And your wonders among all peoples.

*Celebrant* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*All* Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Celebrant* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*All* And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Celebrant* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*All* So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

*Celebrant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

## **Prayers of the People**

by The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

*Reader* Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always:

*People* **In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be.**

*Reader* Creator of earth, sea, and sky: kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth around us; and pour your blessing upon the people and organizations working everywhere for the good of the planet.

*People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Breath of life: receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all its inhabitants, and lend us the wisdom and will to conserve them.

*People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Light and source of life: heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

*People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lover of all you have made: we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

*People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Author of the book of nature: receive our gratitude for the places of restoration and healing, and challenge us to sustain the places that feed our lives and spirits.

*People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**

- Reader* Wise Creator whose works are full of mystery: give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.
- People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Giver of all good gifts: awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.
- People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Joy of human hearts: heal our human communities; especially those where your word is not heard, or where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures.
- People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Comforter of all the earth: sustain the people who desire or need your presence and help, including those on our prayer list and others we remember now.
- People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Rock and refuge of all your creatures: receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, including those on our prayer list and others we remember now.
- People* **God, giver of life: hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* Eternal God, the light of all who know you: come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us to speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
- People* **AMEN!**

## **A Prayer of St Chrysostom**

- Celebrant* Let us pray.
- All* **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN!**

## ♪ **Come and See** *(one full stanza will play as an intro)*

**Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.  
Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!**

**The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk a baby's first bond with her mother;  
first flowers of spring arise and sing, the world is filled with wonder!**

**Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.  
Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!**

**Ponder the vastness of the night sky, the distance you see is amazing.  
The light travels over thousands of years before you see it stargazing.  
Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.  
Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!**

**Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its falling.  
And we as people of the Divine can listen as we know our calling.  
Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.  
Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!**

**People of Faith, Grace beckons you home to Eden in all of its splendor.  
Do you hear the call? Renew the earth! With care now garden and tend her.  
Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.  
Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!**

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* **Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Celebrant* **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.**

*All* **AMEN!**

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