

Sunday, September 22, 2024 Season of Creation
10:00 A.M.

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy
(Blue Book)

Celebrant: The grace of God enfold you,
the grace of Christ be in you,
the grace of Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

Collect
Gracious God,
you reveal your
goodness in the beauty
and diversity of creation;
in the circle dance of
earth and air and water;
and above all in the gift of Jesus Christ,
who emptied himself
to serve your world.
And so we offer thanks
and praise to you,
one God in three persons:
the Author and Source of all,
Christ the Incarnate Word,
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Psalm 54
Reader: Susan Himann
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: James 3: 13 - 4:3, 7-8
Reader: Susan Himann
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm Hymn: Great is He Who's The King of Kings
(See insert)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37
Reader: The Rev. MJ Leewis Kirk
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. MJ Leewis Kirk*

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God,
holy Source of all that is.
We believe in God,
who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God,
ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.
We trust in God's love and wisdom:
fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ,
present to us through the Spirit's working
in the Church and beyond.

We believe that God is calling the whole creation
into a future of justice and peace.
We share in Christ's risen life,
and commit ourselves today to receive
the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One,
be all honour and glory and praise
now and for ever. Amen.
~ The 'Mustard Bush' statement of faith

The Prayers of the People – *Corinne MacLean*

The Invitation and Peace

Presider Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN # 43 From All the Wind's Wide Quarters *(Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God of all Creation
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven…
we praise you now and for ever saying:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: In the night that Jesus was betrayed…
so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn # 720 *(Blue Book)*
Cantor: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.
Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.

Celebrant: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation;
for ever and ever.

Amen

New Zealand Lords Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen. *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: Let All Who Are Thirsty Come
Let all who are thirsty, come.
Let all who wish, receive the water of life freely.
Amen, come, Lord Jesus.
Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 109 My Soul is Thirsting for You
(Red Book)

The Prayer after Communion

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.

Announcements

HYMN: O God Your Constant Care and Love
(See insert)

Blessing and Dismissal

