

Season of Creation
18th Sunday after Pentecost,
September 27, 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 for coffee/tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

Chant
Here I am As I am
In this world As it is
Ever entangled In this luminous web of life
Ever abiding In the heart of God

Land Acknowledgement

HYMN Planets Humming as They Wander *(See Insert)*

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,
you are present among us.

O hidden mystery,
sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls,
in all we touch, in all we meet,
you are present among us.

As bearers of your image,
we come to be reshaped;
dependent on your mercy,
we ask to be made new.

Collect
Author of creation:
In wisdom you brought forth all that is,
to participate in your divine being,
and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom.
You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that
it may delight you and give you praise.
We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by
the energy of your Spirit
and bringing it through death to resurrection glory;
through the One in whom all things have their being,
Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 8: 20-22, 9: 12-17
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Revelation 22: 1-5
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
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GOSPEL HYMN # 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains *(Red Book)*

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk*

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God, Creator of clouds,
rain, rivers, lakes, wetlands and oceans.
We believe that water is God's gift,
given freely for the flourishing
of every living creature.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who called people to repentance,
justice and faithful action.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose living water refreshes the Earth,
renews the Church, and strengthens us
to protect creation.
We commit ourselves to cherish water,
to use it wisely, to restore damaged ecosystems,
and to ensure that all people
may share God's gift
with justice and joy. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – *Trish Peebles*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 37 We'll Sing in the Morning *(Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our loving God
It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: In the blessed abundance of creation,…….
……. The ancient song of praise:

Hymn # 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: As a blessed people,…….
……. this day and forever

Hymn # 721 Amen, Amen, Amen (*Blue Book)*

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn # 242 This is the Feast of Victory *vs 1, 3 & 4 (Blue 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 # 382 Praise to the Lord
Vs 1,2,1 (*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal