

Sunday, September 24, 2023 Pentecost 17 10:00 A.M.

Season of Creation 2

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**)

Greeting

Land Acknowledgment

HYMN: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory *(See insert)*

Creator of all,
You call us,
Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,
inviting us to sail out of smug harbors
into the uncharted waters of faith;
to wander from our predictable paths to follow You
into the unpredictable ways of the kin-dom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into neighborhoods we usually avoid.

As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.
~ Bob Gibson

Introduction to the Parable of Jonah

Collect
Lord of courage, Lord of awe,
shake the ground beneath our feet,
that we might understand your will and power.
The tumbling might of your grace thunders like a waterfall.
Still us with your majesty
and draw us in to swim beneath the tumult,
drawn to your depths, rising to breathe glory.
Restore our strength as we work with you to revive creation.
Through Jesus Christ,
Lord of life, prophet of renewal. **Amen**

Hymn # 601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(Blue Book)

First Reading: Jonah 1
Reader: Andrew McGoey- Smith

Reflection One
Poem: *Negotiation with a Higher Power* by Thomas John Carlisle

Sonnet: *The Christian Plummet*, by Malcolm Guite.
Illumination: *Jonah and the Great Fish*, 2019

Reflection Two
2nd Reading Poem: Jonah 2
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Then Jonah prayed to YHWH his God from the belly of the fish, saying,
"I called to YHWH out of my distress,
and YHWH answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
Then I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?'
The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"

Then YHWH spoke to the fish, and it vomited
Jonah out onto the dry land.

Illumination: *In the Belly of Sheol*, 2019

3rd Reading: Jonah 3-4
Reader: Andrew McGoey- Smith

Reflection Three
Poem: *Question,* by Thomas John Carlisle
Illumination: *Under the Gourd Vine*, 2019

Profession of Faith
We believe in God,
who creates all things, who embraces all things,
who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God, who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope
that one day God will put an end to death
and all destructive forces.

The Prayers of the People – Corinne MacLean

The Peace
Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Longing for Light *(see insert)*

Prayer over the gifts

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

Celebrant: Blessed are you Gracious God …….
……..join their unending hymn.

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: Before he died, …….
……..of one loaf and one cup.

Amen

The Lord's 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 echo 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 commonwealth 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 for ever. Amen. - *The New Zealand Book of Prayer |*
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

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

Chant: With You O God

With you, O God, is life in all its fullness,
And in your light we shall see true light.
With you, O God, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light. X4

THE COMMUNION

Hymn # 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Skies
(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 # 344 From All that Dwell Below the Skies
(Blue Book)

Blessing and Dismissal