

Season of Creation

St. Francis Day, October 4, 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 # 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(Blue Book)

Blessed be the One who creates all things.
The Holy One's love is new every morning.
O Divine Voice,
You sing and the universe comes into being;
O Divine Breath,
You breathe and all things spring to life;
O Divine Word,
You call and creation is sustained;
O Divine Flesh,
You are born among us,
and the Creator is clothed in creation;
O Divine Spirit,
You fill all that has been formed;
O Divine Life,
You are the pulse of all that is.
And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery:
In you all things live and move and have being,
In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry; And so we join with creation With voice and breath and song
To give you praise.

Collect
Most high, omnipotent, good Lord,
grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18
Reader: Spencer Stevens
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Canticle of the Sun (Francis of Assisi)
Reader: Spencer Stevens
Most high, most powerful, good Lord,
Praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours.
To you alone do they belong, most High,
And there is none fit to mention you.
Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures, Especially to my reverent Brother Sun, who lights up the day,
and gives us your brightness;
Beautiful is he and radiant with splendor great; singing of your significance.
Praised be my Lord,
for Sister Moon and for the stars,
In heaven you have formed them clear and precious and fair.
Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind
And for the air and clouds and every kind of weather by which
you give your creatures nourishment.
Praised be my Lord for Sister Water,
helpful and humble and precious and pure.
Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire,
By which you light up the dark.
Fair is he and joyful and mighty and strong.
Praised be my Lord for our sister,
Mother Earth,
which sustains and keeps us

And brings forth diverse fruits
with grass and flowers bright.
Praised be my Lord for those
who forgive others for your sake
and bear weakness and tribulation.
Blessed are those who shall in peace endure,
for you, most High, will crown them.
Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death,
from which no living thing can flee.
Blessed are those who find themselves
in your most holy will.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 558 God, When I Stand, No Path Before Me *(Blue 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 11: 25-30
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Corinne MacLean*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life *(Red 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
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)*

Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
Happy are all, called to the Supper of creation.

Chant # 314 Laudate Omnes Gentes
(Blue Book) Vs 1 Latin, Vs 2 English, Vs 3 Latin

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace *(See Insert)*

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 # 506 Lord of All Hopefulness
(*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal