

Sunday, October 6, 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 # 425 Joyful, Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
(Blue book)

Blessed be the name of God,
God of our ancestors,
God of the generations yet to come.
Blessed be the Creating God,
Redeeming Son and the Sustaining Spirit.

As we gather,
we hear the groans of Creation
and the cries of our sisters and
brothers.

As we gather,
we bring our seeds of hope,
the firstfruits of the Spirit.
(Rev Sikawu, Central Methodist Church, Cape Town)

Collect
God of evolving diversity,
made known in seed and soil,
and the wonder of animal worlds:
free our hearts from the anxiety
which knows only domination;
open our being to learn from the life
with which we share this earth;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest.
Amen

First Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Reader: Laurie Ljubojevic
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 8
Reader: Laurie Ljubojevic
O God, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O GOD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
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Psalm Hymn: Planets Humming as They Wander
(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 10: 13-16
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Affirmation of Faith
We have faith
in one God, one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth,
who created all things good.
And we have faith
in Christ, in whom we bear
God's likeness in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,
in working with these powers
for the wellbeing of life on Earth.

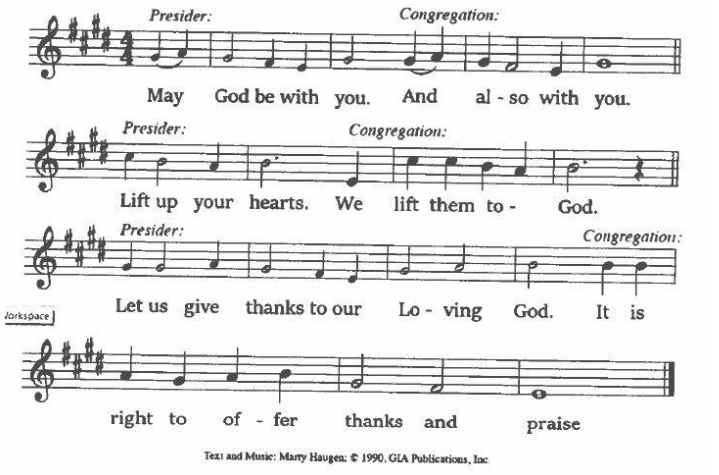
And we have faith
in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek,
unselfish and compassionate life-style,
so that the Earth is inherited in peace,
her life is transformed for all creatures
and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen. *from India*

The Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

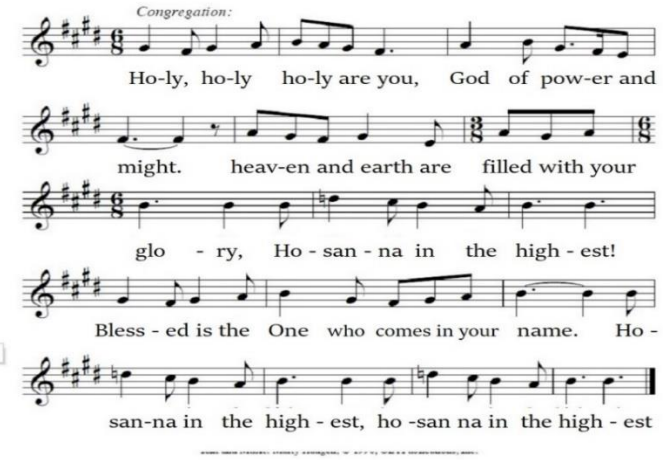
The Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 427 All Beautiful the March of Days *(Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer



Celebrant: Blessed are you Gracious God…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:...



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

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: Merciful God, we come to this table seeking:…
now and forever.

Amen

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: In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful *(See insert)*

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 60 I Come with Joy *(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: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Blessing and Dismissal