

Season of Creation 3, September 13, 2026
Music, Ministers, News, Prayers, and Readings

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on Quem Pastores		Healey Willan
Entrance Hymn: Hymnal 11	<i>Awake, my soul</i>	Morning Hymn
Song of Praise: Hymnal S-278		
Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 674	<i>Forgive our sins as we forgive</i>	Detroit
Offertory Anthem: Sing Alleluia to the Lord		
Sanctus: Hymnal S-128		
Fraction: Hymnal S-165		
Communion Hymn: Hymnal 304	<i>I come with joy</i>	Land of rest
Mission Hymn: Hymnal 437	<i>Tell out, my soul</i>	Birmingham
Postlude: G Minor Fugue "The Little"		J. S. Bach

Today's Ministers

Preacher: Canon Serena B
Readers: (8AM) Cheryl W, Larry S
(10AM) Dr. Jim B, Brandon H,
Melissa S
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Canon
Serena Beeks (10AM) Kimberly C,
Brandon H

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Michael &
Emilio D
Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Dale B
Hospitality: Connie W, Dale B,
Judy H
Ablution Guild: Ginger R

Acknowledgements

Season of Creation: Genesis 1:9-13; Book of Creation, Via Creationis;
Proper 19: Psalm 103:8-13; Matthew 18:21-35

Good News

Caring for the Earth Film Series: Sundays, 9 AM in room 16

Ice Cream Social: Sept 13, 11 AM

Baby and Feminine Hygiene Supplies Drive Blessing: Sept 13

Worship Committee Meeting: Sept 14, 7 PM Zoom

Bible Study: Sept 15, 9 AM

Book Club: Murder Before Evensong by R Coles, Sept 19, 10 AM

Trunk or Treat Sign Ups (Oct 24, 4-7PM) See Betty F.

Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador Training: Oct 17, 9-1 PM

Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 7-8PM, Chapel

The Creation Collect of the Day

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Testament: The Third Day

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between reader, first, and then the community.

(10AM)

Thomas Dupuis
(1733–1796)



⁸ The LORD is full of com- / passion and / **mercy**, *
slow to anger and / öf / grät / **kindness**.

⁹ The LORD will not / always ac- / **cuse us**, *
nor re- / mäin / angry for / **ever**.

- ¹⁰ The LORD has not dealt with us according / to our / **sins**, *
nor rewarded us ac- / cor-ding / to our / **wickedness**.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high a- / bove the / **earth**, *
so is the LORD's mercy great u- / pön / those who / **fear him**.
- ¹² As far as the east is / from the / **west**, *
so far has the / LORD re- / moved our / **sins from us**.
- ¹³ As a father cares / for his / **children**, *
so does the / LORD care / for the / **God-fearing**.

Book of Creation

A reading from the Book of Creation.

About 4.4 billion years ago, Earth gradually cooled and its surface of molten rock turned into a crust of rock. A beautiful shell of sacred rock. The water vapor escaping through volcanoes from its boiling interior formed clouds that discharged rain. A lot of rain. The process lasted a very long time, drenching the young planet and gradually forming majestic seas. A never-ending dance of waves and currents suffused the sacred seas. Over billions of years, water and sky molded the Earth's rocks into all sorts of sculptures, stones, pebbles, sand grains, and clay. A sacred blanket of rocky ornaments covered the earth.

About 335 million years ago, the "supercontinent" Pangea emerged, with a vast ocean surrounding it. About 175 million years ago, Pangea started to break apart, gradually becoming the seven continents, with a myriad of islands in between. They were adorned with all sorts of mountains, hills, plateaus, and plains. A rich array of sacred landscapes.

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Text drafted by Laudato Si' Movement, with portions of the Book of Creation readings inspired from the "Universe Story" meditation by the Wheaton Franciscans, inspired in turn by the book "The Universe Story" by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme.
For more information, please go to SeasonOfCreation.org

Gospel: Please rise in body or spirit

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Preachers

Canon Serena B, Sep 13

Dr. Jim B, Sep 27

Reverend Sally M, Oct 11

More to be announced

Blessing of Pledges, Nov 1