

Welcome to

# Grace St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*A Progressive Community — Loving God, Serving Others, Journeying Together*

## *Creation Sunday*

***October 9, 2011***

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Here you will find an energized and inclusive community of people seeking God's reconciling and transforming presence in their lives. Grace St. Paul's is a safe place to connect your spirit without disconnecting your mind. Experience Christ's love in a diverse congregation that celebrates individual gifts. Participate in liturgies that are rich and innovative. Take part in spiritual formation for all ages. Reach out to the world and act for social justice. We welcome you to share in this joyful journey!

# About Today's Services

## Sanctuary Flowers & Plants

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service.

- in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of Ralph Walker, given by Priscilla and their children, Melissa, Catherine, and Andrew.
- in memory of Hettie Lewis, Mary S. Turner, and Jane S. Blackwell, grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger, given by Ann Schlumberger.
- in loving memory of the shared Happy Birthdays: Carolyn Foster Wallace, Sept. 29; Kathryn Heitshu Hird, Sept. 28; Sara Carolyn Heitshu, Sept. 29, given by Sara Heitshu

If you would like to dedicate flowers or plants, please call the church office at 327-6857.

## Service Participants, 8 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nadine Martin  
Lectors: Lois Mervyn, Peter Foley  
Gospel in Spanish: Peggy Scott  
Chalice: Robin Beelen, Yvonne Maynard  
Acolyte: Sara Heitshu  
Altar Guild: Marina Curtis  
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Scott, Heather Williams

## Service Participants, 10 a.m.

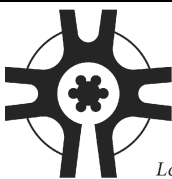
Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister Book  
Assisting: The Rev. Nadine Martin  
Lectors: Colleen Filippone, Peter Sincox  
Gospel in Spanish: Andrew Gardner  
Subdeacon: Beth Miksa  
Chalice: Gretchen Collins, Chuck Hannan, Allison Towner, Brigid Waszczak  
Server: Lu Pipentacos  
Crucifer: Forrest Brown  
Torches: Sarah Lipp, Savannah Lipp  
Ushers: Ann & Dan Misenhimer; Janet Roths & Frank Ballesteros  
Altar Guild: Pat & Phil Greenman, Laura Oney  
Bread Baker: Ann Dean

We thank St. Zeno's Zombie Choir (GSP Youth Ensemble), Paul Amiel, Bruce Stanley, Bruce Anderson, Jane Click, Rick Hanson, and Rhonda Whatley for their musical contributions at the 10 a.m. Eucharist today.

Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.

**CHILDCARE**—We offer childcare for all ages beginning at 9 a.m. on Sundays so that parents can attend choir rehearsal or the 9 a.m. adult education hour. If you'd like childcare provided for any other church event, please contact the church office at 327-6857.

**NURSERY**—Nursery care is available for children ages 3 and under from 9-11:30 a.m. on Sundays.



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## Weekly Worship

### Sunday

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

7 p.m. – Compline (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of the month)

### Tuesday

6 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
& Eucharist

7 p.m. – Meditation Group

### Wednesday

7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

### Thursday

6 p.m. – Spirit Now Service

# 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrant

You are invited to sit toward the front and center of the church for this service.

Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue) in your pew.

## The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Quiet Village

Les Baxter

arr. George Wright

## Announcements and Welcome Processional Hymn



1. Pray for the wil - der - ness, van - ish - ing fast,  
2. Learn from the el - e - phant, ea - gle and whale,  
3. Work for the jus - tice cre - a - ted things need,  
4. Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,  
5. Pray for the at - mo - sphere, pray for the sea,



Pray for the rain for - est o - pen and vast;  
Learn from the drag - on - fly, spi - der, and snail;  
Work for the health of each plant and each seed;  
Trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the good;  
Learn from the riv - er, the rock, and the tree,



Pray for the peo - ple who live in the trees,  
Learn from the peo - ple in neigh - bor - ing lands,  
Work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed,  
Trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er will grow,  
Work till sha - lom in full har - mo - ny rings,



Pray for the plan - et brought down by de - grees.  
Learn from the chil - dren who play in their sands.  
Work for the gar - den God's wis - dom once made.  
Trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver - flows.  
Trust the con - nec - tion of all liv - ing things.

Words: Daniel Charles Damon

Music: Slane, Irish balad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

## Opening Acclamation

The Opening Acclamation is from the Christian mystic Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179.

**Celebrant:** I am the one whose praise echoes on high.  
I adorn all the earth.  
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.  
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.  
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.  
I am the rain coming from the dew  
that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.  
I am the yearning for good. **Amen.**

## Chant of Praise

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "I Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: join the great thron, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

No. 390, *The Hymnal* 1982

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee and is presently being finalized for presentation at General Convention 2012.*

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship: Your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## A Reading from Deuteronomy [8:7-10]

**F**or Yahweh your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless Yahweh your God for the good land that God has given you.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Creation.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

- 1 The earth and all that is in it belong to the Holy One; \*  
the world and all who dwell therein are God's creation.
- 2 For God laid its foundations upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 Ascend the mountain of the Holy One, \*  
and seek the sacred places of the Living God.
- 4 Come with innocent eyes and clean hands,  
and do not lift up your heart to vanities; \*  
do not give yourself to idols,  
nor pledge yourself to lies.
- 5 Those who follow the Holy One shall be blessed; \*  
they shall learn wisdom from the God of their deliverance.

- 6 So it is for those who seek your face, O God; \*  
they shall rest in the arms of your compassion.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors, \*  
and the God of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this God of glory? \*  
the Holy One, strong and steadfast,  
the Holy One, steadfast in adversity.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors, \*  
and the God of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this God of glory? \*  
the God of all creation;  
this is the God of glory.

## **A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God to People of Faith**

*A Reading from The Peace of  
Wild Things by poet and farmer  
Wendell Berry.*

**W**hen despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

*A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.*

## **Sequence Music**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 22:1-14]**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

*Diácono:* Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según  
Mateo.

**Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Diácono:* El Evangelio del Jesucristo.

**Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo.**

*Please be seated.*

*Preacher:*

*The Rev. Steve Keplinger*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*The Creedal Statement is by*

*Anne Rowthorn and is her*

*Affirmation of Faith based on the*

*Nicene Creed.*

## **The Sermon**

*A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.*

## **Creedal Statement**

**We believe in the God of all creation,  
the maker of heaven and earth,  
of sun and moon,  
of planets and bright shining stars,  
of earth and water,  
of every living thing, of all that is,  
seen and unseen,  
of all that was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Son in human flesh who stands beside us.  
Born of a woman and servant of the poor,  
he was despised.  
Rejected and nailed to a tree,  
he suffered and died a cruel death.  
On the third day he rolled back the rock  
and rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven and he is  
now everywhere present throughout all creation.  
He is judging the living and the dead and  
his reign of justice will never end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,  
God's breath within us and scattered  
throughout the universe.**

**Creating God, Jesus the Christ, Holy Spirit—  
Triune God—**

**you are worshiped and glorified.**

**You spoke through the prophets before us,  
you speak through prophets among us now,  
you are source of judgment,  
the forgiveness of our sins  
and the healing of all creation.**

**We look for restoration  
of the beauty of your creation,  
the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Almighty God, Master Planner and Architect of the Universe, we gather to praise your holy name and give thanks for all of your creation and our place in it.

Majestic mountains point our hearts and minds upward to your splendor. You bless us with peace and grace that flow like your rivers. Like the flowers bursting with blooms, we too can glorify your Name. Like your love and kindness, the twinkling stars and blazing sun give us warmth and light for the journey.

For these and all of the other blessings of creation, we thank you.

**People: Give us grace to learn lessons from nature.**

*The Prayers of the People were adapted from those written by The Rev. Claudia Heath.*

*Parish intercessions appear on page 39.*



*Leader:* In speaking your word and truth, help the Church be like the determined and single-minded salmon who goes upstream against the current.

*(People add specific prayers for the church either silently or aloud.)*

God, who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to swim upstream.**

*Leader:* When we gather to form nations, cities, and governments, help those in high places and all of us learn from the small black ants who teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility, and diligence.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to live in harmony with each other.**

*Leader:* We thank you for the creatures that are irritants to us, reminding us that challenges and conflicts are a part of life. We especially pray this week for those who are struggling with loss, despair, illness, death, or addiction.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to live life with passion and joy.**

*Leader:* Give us the wisdom to see that our hearts can be like the fire, sending sparks out into the world as light and warmth for others. We pray for those in need on our prayer list and for those we name now either silently or aloud.

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to kindle our hearts with your Love.**

*Leader:* Comfort us with the lessons from seeds. We are born; we grow; we bloom; we die; and we are born again. This week we pray especially for Gerry Swann.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to believe in our own resurrection.**

*Leader:* Wet kisses from puppies, purrs and rubs from kittens remind us to cherish each other and love unconditionally.  
God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to take time for fellowship and friendships.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant:*

O God of earth and sky, assist us in being aware of your presence in the world around us. Teach us to treat all of creation as part of your glory and to realize that we are not masters of the earth, but a strand in its web. We ask that these things be revealed to us through the power of the incarnation. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Composed and/or adapted by  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*The Confession is said, the People standing, sitting, or kneeling (as able).*

*The Confession of Sin is by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee and is presently being finalized for presentation at General Convention 2012.*

*Deacon:*

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and God's creation.

**People:**

**Merciful and sustaining God:**

**we confess that we have sinned against you ,  
lacking humility and gratitude for the beauty and bounty  
of your creation as it sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth;  
grant us amendment of life, we pray.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our  
appetites;**

**strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your  
world for granted;**

**make us urgent now for its protection,**

**and, through our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive and renew us  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**with whom you live and reign one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Composed and/or adapted by  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*Celebrant:*

May the God of Creation pardon us for the sins that we heap upon God's earth, our island home. May the Creator refresh us and renew us with love, and guide us again to see all of the cosmos as our kin. Give us the strength to protect all of God's world as a Mother protects her children. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon us and all of the cosmos. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of God be always with you and all of  
God's Creation.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:*

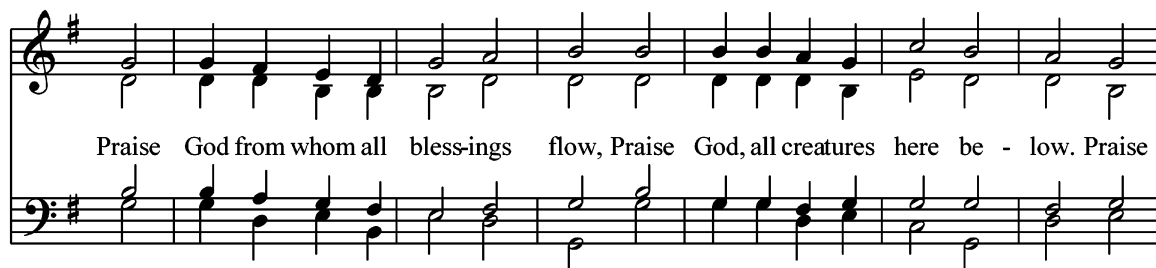
O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and  
power; because you have created all things, and by your will they  
were created and have their being. (*Revelation 4:11*)

*Please be seated.*

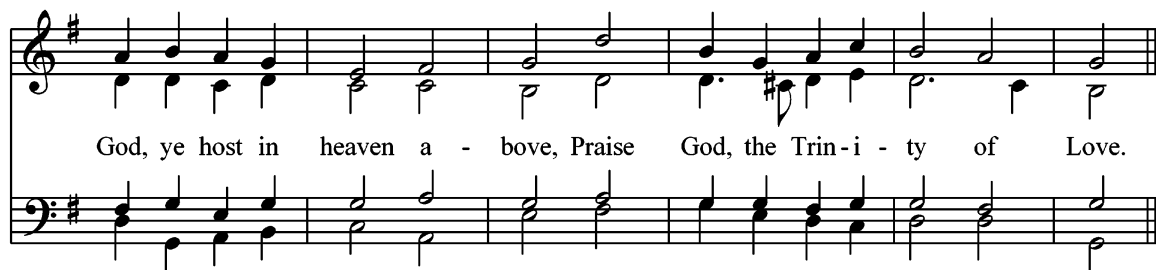
### Offertory Music

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### Table Chant



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here be - low. Praise



God, ye host in heaven a - bove, Praise God, the Trin-i - ty of Love.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt.

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

*The Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, page 369.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* God is with us.

**People:** **God is present here.**

*Celebrant:* Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift our hearts to the Most High.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**People:** **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:**

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the caretakers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:**

**Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:**

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

# Sanctus (Holy)

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly One.

Ho - ly Be - ing in us all, Ho - ly, ho - ly One!

Verse

1. All cre - a - tion, filled with Light, is your glo - ry and your joy;  
2. Bless - ed is the One who comes, show - ing us your way of life;

All cre - a - tion, filled with Life, is your ho - ly Love. *Repeat*  
Bless - ed is the One who comes: Ho - san - na, praise to you! *Refrain*

*Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.*

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*You may choose to stand or kneel.*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

*Celebrant:*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People and Celebrant:**

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:*

God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Sarah, Leah, Rebecca and Chloe, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. We give thanks for the opportunity to come to this Table for solace and for strength, for pardon and for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People and Celebrant:**

**Risen Christ, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(traditional)*

*Deacon:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

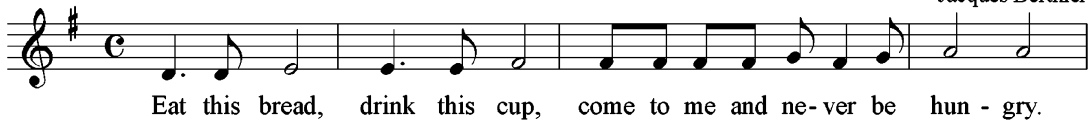
**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

## Fraction Anthem

Jacques Berthier



*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. You may choose to stand or kneel for communion.*

*After communion, the service resumes here. The Celebrant may name the Eucharistic Visitors and those who may receive Holy Communion at home. All say together:*

*Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you are able.*

### Communion of the People

### Communion Music

### Sending Eucharistic Visitors

**We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts. May those to whom you go share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### Prayer after Communion

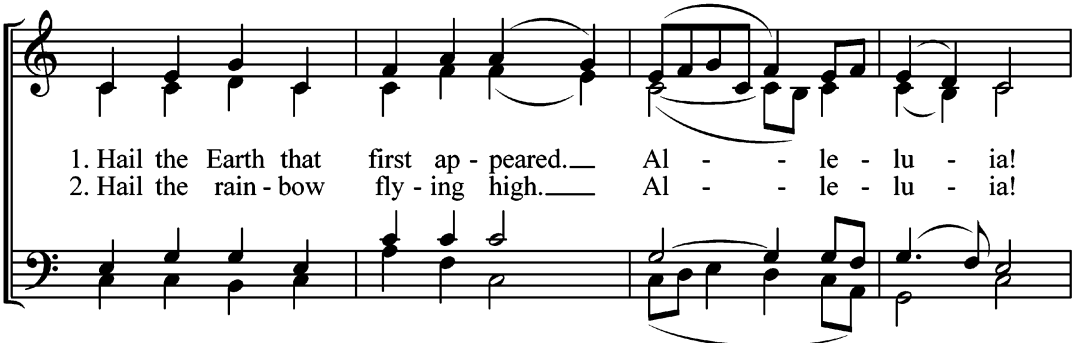
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

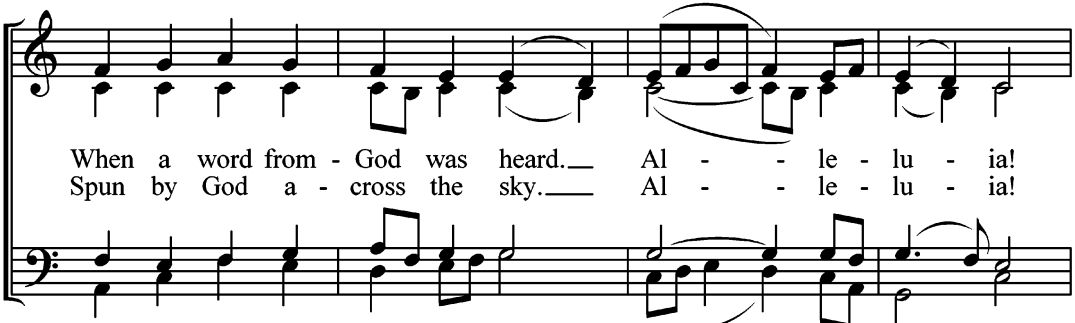
**Holy One, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Christ and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love for us, blessed us with your grace and opened the gate of life. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to our world. Amen.**

### Blessing

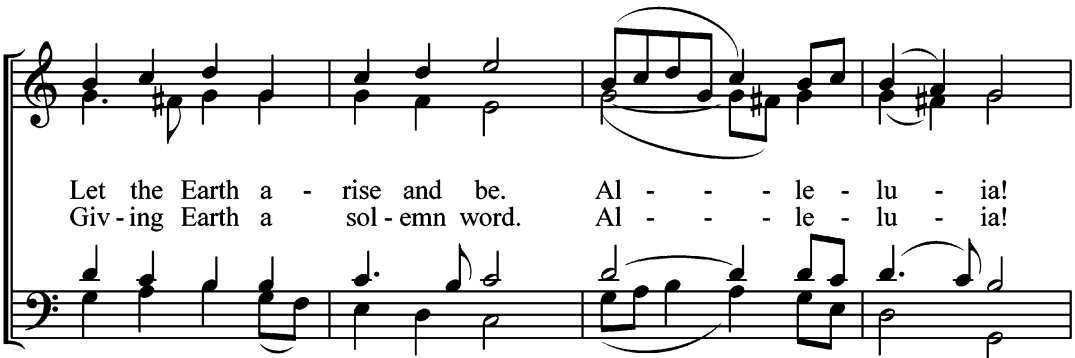
# Recessional Hymn



1. Hail the Earth that first ap - peared. — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hail the rain - bow fly - ing high. — Al - - le - lu - ia!

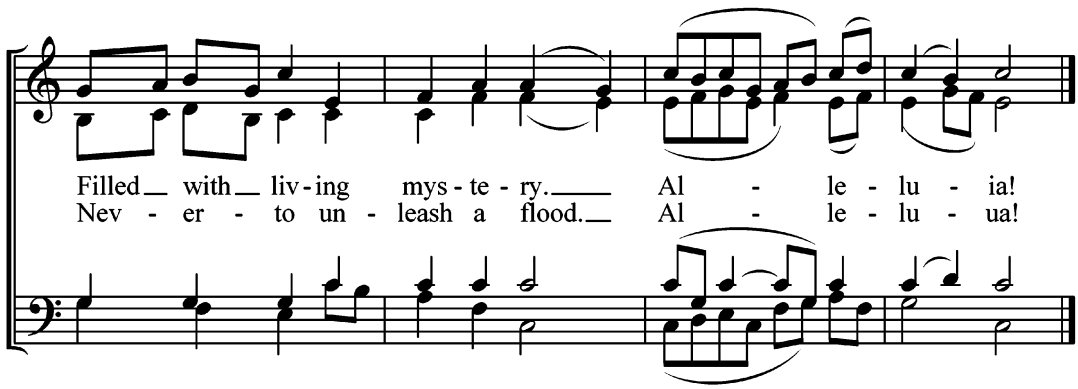


When a word from - God was heard. — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Spun by God a - cross the sky. — Al - - le - lu - ia!



Let the Earth a - rise and be. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Giv - ing Earth a sol - emn word. Al - - - le - lu - ia!





Filled with living mystery. Alleluia!  
 Never to unleash a flood. Alleluia!

Words: Norman Habel

Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.

## Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the beauty of God's world. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

*Title*

*Composer*

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***Please join us following this service for Coffee Hour in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth), or join us for classes—classrooms are downstairs beneath the sanctuary, with access either by the stairs off the breezeway or by the ramp near the parking lot.***

# 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrant

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## SACRED SPACE

As you enter the sanctuary, please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the Narthex and in McBride Hall. Your sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer.

Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (green) in your pew racks.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

*Quiet Village*

Les Baxter  
arr. George Wright

### Greeting and Welcome

Please stand, as you are able.

The congregation and the four directions are censed as we give praise and thanksgiving for Earth, for wind, for fire and for water.

The Litany of the Four Elements is by Kate Compston and is taken from Earth and all the Stars, edited by Anne Rowthorn.)

A bowl of earth is presented at the Earth station.

### Litany of the Four Elements

#### Procession to the Earth Station

*Celebrant:* Earth, wind, fire, and water are traditionally symbols of life. Our “slavery to sin” has meant that these elements may equally carry and contain death.

*Life:* I am life. I offer earth to share between the daughters and sons of God—soil for bearing plants to sustain the planet’s life and yield bread for all people.

*Death:* I am death. I take earth away from the many and give it to the few. I exploit and overuse it. I waste its bread, while many starve.

*Celebrant:* O God, who wore our clay in Christ, we confess we have not shared the land; we have broken our bond with the earth and one another.

**All: Forgive us: we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.**

### **Procession to the Wind Station**

*Feathers are presented at the Wind station.*

*Life:* I offer air to breathe; for the endless energy of the wind, for birds to fly, and seeds to blow. Air has no frontiers; we share the breath of life.

*Death:* I fill the air with poisonous fumes which all must breathe, and which claw away the threads of the universe.

*Celebrant:* O God, who breathed life into the world, we confess that we have polluted the air; we cannot sense the harmony of your creation.

**All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.**

### **Procession to the Fire Station**

*A candle is presented at the Station for fire.*

*Life:* I offer fire for life and warmth, for purification and power. Fire draws us together in fellowship, around a meal cooked and shared together.

*Death:* I use fire for my own violent ends. I burn the forest and choke the air. I give the rich the earth's energy to waste: I deny the poor their fuel to cook with.

*Celebrant:* O God, pillar of fire, and Pentecostal flame, we confess our lack of inner fire for your justice to be done, your peace shared on earth.

**All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.**

### **Procession to the Water Station**

*Water is sprinkled on the congregation from the water station.*

*Life:* I offer water to drink and cleanse; to be the veins and arteries of the land; I offer strong waves for energy and still lakes for calm of spirit.

*Death:* I pollute water with waste from the mines and factories, that it may kill the fish, be bitter to drink, and carry disease. I withdraw water from the land and make a desert; I extend the waters of the sea and drown cities.

*Celebrant:* O God, fountain of all living waters, we confess that we are cracked cisterns, lacking stillness to listen to your word, and energy to act on it.

**All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.**

*Celebrant:* God of earth, wind, fire, and water, we surrender to you our old humanity;

**All:** **Christ, we would rise with you: we would be born anew.**

*Celebrant:* Christ has died: Christ has risen. We are forgiven: we too may leave the grave.

## Entrance Hymn



1. Pray for the wil - der - ness, van - ish - ing fast,  
2. Learn from the el - e - phant, ea - gle and whale,  
3. Work for the jus - tice cre - a - ted things need,  
4. Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,  
5. Pray for the at - mo - sphere, pray for the sea,



Pray for the rain for - est o - pen and vast;  
Learn from the drag - on - fly, spi - der, and snail;  
Work for the health of each plant and each seed;  
Trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the good;  
Learn from the riv - er, the rock, and the tree,



Pray for the peo - ple who live in the trees,  
Learn from the peo - ple in neigh - bor - ing lands,  
Work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed,  
Trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er will grow,  
Work till sha - lom in full har - mo - ny rings,



Pray for the plan - et brought down by de - grees.  
Learn from the chil - dren who play in their sands.  
Work for the gar - den God's wis - dom once made.  
Trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver - flows.  
Trust the con - nec - tion of all liv - ing things.

Words: Daniel Charles Damon

Music: Slane, Irish balad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

## Opening Acclamation

The Opening Acclamation is from the Christian mystic Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179.

Leader: I am the one whose praise echoes on high.  
I adorn all the earth.  
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.  
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.  
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.  
I am the rain coming from the dew  
that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.  
I am the yearning for good. **Amen.**

## Chant of Praise

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'I Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody. The vocal line is a simple, melodic chant.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.

No. 390, *The Hymnal* 1982

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* May God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee and is presently being finalized for presentation at General Convention 2012.*

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship: Your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

*Please be seated.*

### **A Reading from Deuteronomy [8:7-10]**

**F**or Yahweh your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless Yahweh your God for the good land that God has given you.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Creation.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

### Antiphon

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors.

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*The Choir sings the Antiphon once, then all repeat the Antiphon.*

- 1 The earth and all that is in it belong to the Holy One; \*  
the world and all who dwell therein are God's creation.
- 2 For God laid its foundations upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 Ascend the mountain of the Holy One, \*  
and seek the sacred places of the Living God.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

- 4 Come with innocent eyes and clean hands,  
and do not lift up your heart to vanities; \*  
do not give yourself to idols,  
nor pledge yourself to lies.
- 5 Those who follow the Holy One shall be blessed; \*  
they shall learn wisdom from the God of their deliverance.
- 6 So it is for those who seek your face, O God; \*  
they shall rest in the arms of your compassion.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors, \*  
and the God of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this God of glory? \*  
the Holy One, strong and steadfast,  
the Holy One, steadfast in adversity.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors, \*  
and the God of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this God of glory? \*  
the God of all creation;  
this is the God of glory.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

## **A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God to People of Faith**

*A Reading from The Peace of  
Wild Things by poet and farmer  
Wendell Berry.*

**W**hen despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

*A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **Sequence Music**

Paul Amiel, ney  
Bruce Stanley, percussion

## **A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 22:1-14]**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

*Diácono:* Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según  
Mateo.

**Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!**

**O**nce more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying:  
“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who  
gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to  
call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they  
would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who  
have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and  
my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come  
to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away,  
one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his  
slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He



sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Diácono:* El Evangelio del Jesucristo.

**Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo.**

*Please be seated.*

*Preacher:*

*The Rev. Steve Keplinger*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*The Creedal Statement is by*

*Anne Rowthorn and is her*

*Affirmation of Faith based on the*

*Nicene Creed.*

## **The Sermon**

*A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.*

## **Creedal Statement**

**We believe in the God of all creation,  
the maker of heaven and earth,  
of sun and moon,  
of planets and bright shining stars,  
of earth and water,  
of every living thing, of all that is,  
seen and unseen,  
of all that was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Son in human flesh who stands beside us.  
Born of a woman and servant of the poor,  
he was despised.  
Rejected and nailed to a tree,  
he suffered and died a cruel death.  
On the third day he rolled back the rock  
and rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven and he is  
now everywhere present throughout all creation.**

**He is judging the living and the dead and his reign of justice will never end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, God's breath within us and scattered throughout the universe.**

**Creating God, Jesus the Christ, Holy Spirit—  
Triune God—**

**you are worshiped and glorified.**

**You spoke through the prophets before us,  
you speak through prophets among us now,  
you are source of judgment,  
the forgiveness of our sins  
and the healing of all creation.**

**We look for restoration  
of the beauty of your creation,  
the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Almighty God, Master Planner and Architect of the Universe, we gather to praise your holy name and give thanks for all of your creation and our place in it.

Majestic mountains point our hearts and minds upward to your splendor. You bless us with peace and grace that flow like your rivers. Like the flowers bursting with blooms, we too can glorify your Name. Like your love and kindness, the twinkling stars and blazing sun give us warmth and light for the journey.

For these and all of the other blessings of creation, we thank you.

**People: Give us grace to learn lessons from nature.**

*Leader:* In speaking your word and truth, help the Church be like the determined and single-minded salmon who goes upstream against the current.

*(People add specific prayers for the church either silently or aloud.)*

God, who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to swim upstream.**

*The Prayers of the People were adapted from those written by The Rev. Claudia Heath.*

*Parish intercessions appear on page 39.*

*Leader:* When we gather to form nations, cities, and governments, help those in high places and all of us learn from the small black ants who teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility, and diligence.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to live in harmony with each other.**

*Leader:* We thank you for the creatures that are irritants to us, reminding us that challenges and conflicts are a part of life. We especially pray this week for those who are struggling with loss, despair, illness, death, or addiction.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to live life with passion and joy.**

*Leader:* Give us the wisdom to see that our hearts can be like the fire, sending sparks out into the world as light and warmth for others. We pray for those in need on our prayer list and for those we name now either silently or aloud.

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to kindle our hearts with your Love.**

*Leader:* Comfort us with the lessons from seeds. We are born; we grow; we bloom; we die; and we are born again. This week we pray especially for Gerry Swann.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to believe in our own resurrection.**

*Leader:* Wet kisses from puppies, purrs and rubs from kittens remind us to cherish each other and love unconditionally.

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People: Give us grace to take time for fellowship and friendships.**

*Silence*

*Composed and/or adapted by  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*The Confession is said, the People  
standing, sitting, or kneeling (as  
able).*

*The Confession of Sin is taken  
from the Web of Creation  
website.*

*Composed and/or adapted by  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*Celebrant:*

O God of earth and sky, assist us in being aware of your presence in the world around us. Teach us to treat all of creation as part of your glory and to realize that we are not masters of the earth, but a strand in its web. We ask that these things be revealed to us through the power of the incarnation. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

### **A Remembering**

*A small piece of rosemary is given to each person as a reminder of our past connection with creation.*

*Celebrant:* As we rub this symbol in our hands we remember our wonder when we first saw Earth as a green-blue planet spinning in space.

**All: O God, we thank you for our planet home.**

*Deacon:* We remember and confess how we have violated and polluted our garden planet.

**All: Christ, born on planet Earth, hear our cry.**

### **A Confession**

*Deacon:* God, we have treated our planet as disposable, as an endless pool of resources, as a mere stopping place on route to heaven,

**All: Christ, born on planet Earth,  
We have turned our greed into global warming,  
We are sorry. We are sorry.**

### **The Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins against the planet.

**All: Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home and  
the planet as a precious sanctuary.**

*Celebrant:*

May the God of Creation pardon us for the sins that we heap upon God's earth, our island home. May the Creator refresh us and renew us with love, and guide us again to see all of the cosmos as our kin. Give us the strength to protect all of God's world as a Mother protects her children. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon us and all of the cosmos.

**All: Shalom! Earth is our home. Amen.**

The children enter.

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of God be always with you and all of God's Creation.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. (*Revelation 4:11*)

Please be seated.

If you are visiting us for the first time, please do not put anything in the offering. Your presence is gift enough for God and for us.

### Offertory Anthem

*Let us depart in peace*

(*Reprise of Canticle of Brother Sun*) from *Missa Gaia*

Jim Scott & Paul Winter

Rhonda Watley, soprano saxophone; Bruce Anderson, cello;  
Jane Click, piano; Rick Hanson, percussion

Pause

Please stand, as you are able.

### Table Chant

**Voices Found, No. 85**



1 Cir-cle the ta - ble, hands now ex - tend.	Wel-come a stran - ger,
2 See on the ta - ble, set in Christ's name,	signs of the suf - fering
3 Eat and be thank - ful, lift up your praise.	God has for-giv - en



greet a new friend.	O - pen your cir - cle, let it ex - pand.
love ov - er - came:	cup of sweet wine and loaf of fine bread.
your self-ish ways.	Go from the ta - ble, go forth to share



Wel-come God's child - ren from far a - way lands.	
All things are rea - dy so come and be fed.	
with your new neigh-bors the	love you found there.

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*You may choose to stand or kneel for the Great Thanksgiving.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* God is with us.

**People:** **God is present here.**

*Celebrant:* Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift our hearts to the Most High.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**People:** **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty.

Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:

# Sanctus (Holy)

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly One.  
Ho - ly Be - ing in us all, Ho - ly, ho - ly One!

Verse

1. All cre - a - tion, filled with Light, is your glo - ry and your joy;  
2. Bless - ed is the One who comes, show - ing us your way of life;  
All cre - a - tion, filled with Life, is your ho - ly Love. *Repeat*  
Bless - ed is the One who comes: Ho - san - na, praise to you! *Refrain*

*Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.*

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*Celebrant:*

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you.

Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you, means caring for your earth, and for each other.

***People and Celebrant:***

**Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.**

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

*Celebrant:*

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

Therefore, let us pray:

***People and Celebrant:***

**Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.**

*Celebrant:*

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. We offer them as well as ourselves that we may be food for the world.

***People and Celebrant:***

**+Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. + Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.**



*Celebrant:*

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (*Contemporary*)

*Deacon:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

## Fraction Anthem

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Re - veal your - self to us, O Christ, in break - ing of the Bread,  
Re - veal your - self to us, O Christ, in shar - ing of the Wine,  
As once you showed your - self to those who walked the road with you,  
Re - veal your - self to us, O Christ, re - veal your face Di - vine.

*Text inspired by Luke 24:31.*

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Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Please approach the altar rail from the center aisle and take the first available space at either side. You may choose to stand or kneel for communion. You may come forward to receive a blessing if you prefer not to receive communion. Place crossed arms on chest to signal your desire for a blessing. You may also do this if you prefer not to receive the wine. You may touch the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

## The Communion

### Communion Anthem

*Da-lar 4e Taşlar 4e*

Kutsi Dede & Yunus Emre

St. Zeno's Zombie Choir; Paul Amiel, ney;

Bruce Stanley, percussion

# Communion Hymn

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 6. For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

## *Refrain*

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

Music: *Dix 77. 77.*; Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1899); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

*After Communion, the service resumes here.*

*The Celebrant may name the Lay Eucharistic Ministers and those who may receive home Holy Communion. All say together:*

*Please stand, sit, or kneel, as you are able.*

*The first half of the prayer is from China and the second half is from New Zealand. Both were taken from Meditations and Prayers from Around the World, Morehouse Publishing.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*The Benediction was written by Edward Abbey. The first half of the blessing is from Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman.*

## **Sending Eucharistic Visitors**

**We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts. May those to whom you go share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:*

May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your rivers flow without end, meandering through pastoral valleys tinkling with bells, past temples and castles and poets' towers into a dark primeval forest where tigers belch and monkeys howl, through miasmal and mysterious swamps and down into a desert of red rock, blue mesas, domes and pinnacles and grottos of endless stone, and down again into a deep vast ancient unknown chasm where bars of sunlight blaze on profiled cliffs, where deer walk across the white sand beaches, where storms come and go as lightning clangs upon the high crags, where something strange and beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams wait for you—beyond that next turning of the canyon walls.

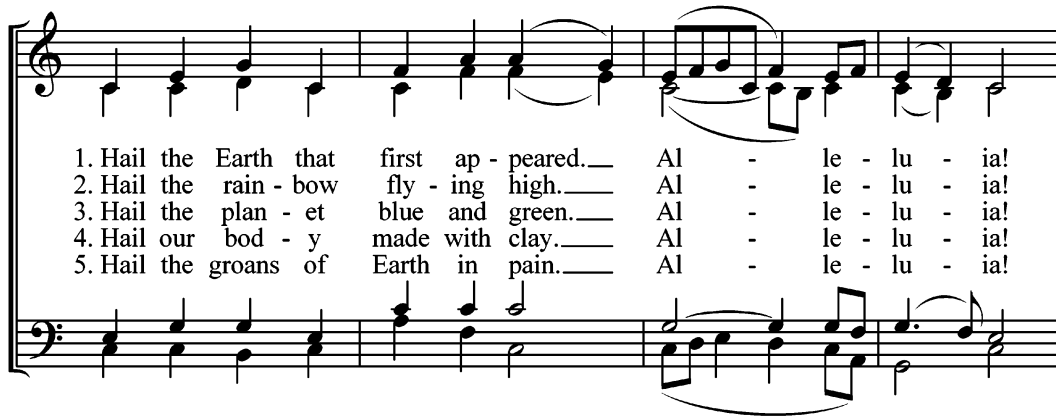
### **Blessing**

*Celebrant:*

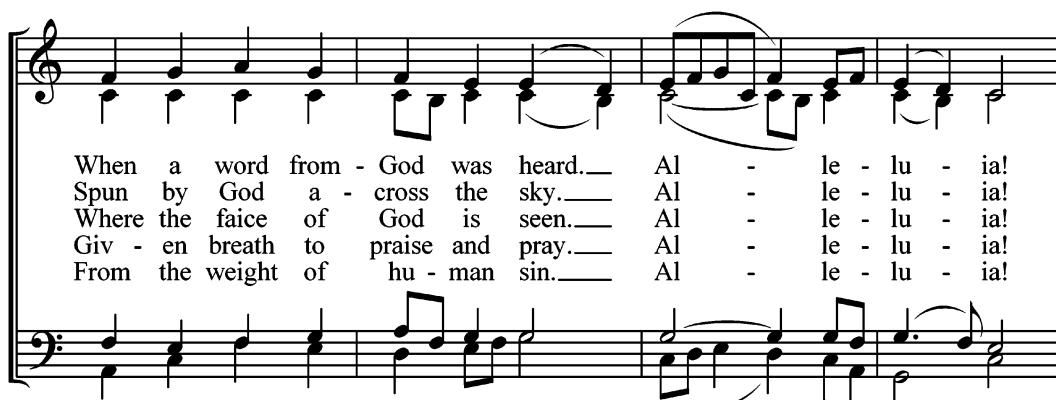
This is what you shall do. Love the earth and the sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, argue not concerning God.

And may the blessing of the God who surrounds us continue to be known to us in the beauty of Creation. **Amen.**

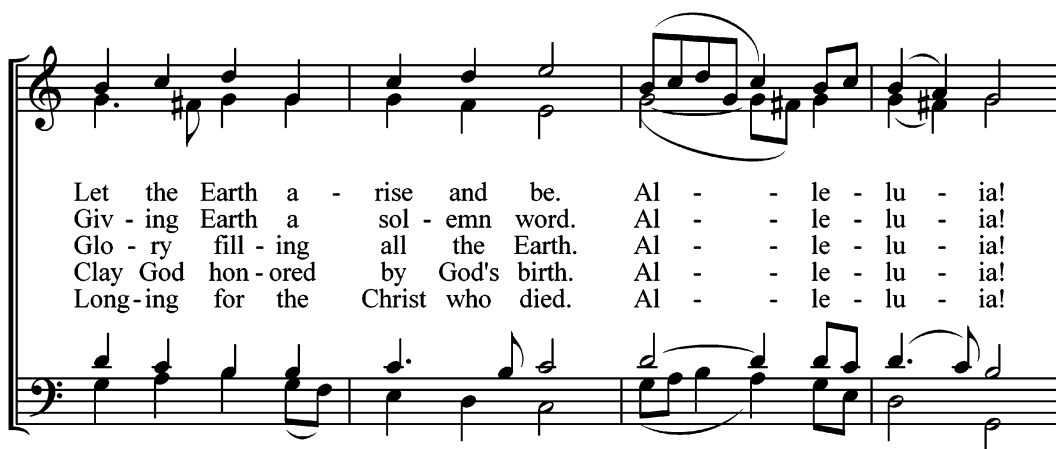
## Recessional Hymn



1. Hail the Earth that first ap - peared. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hail the rain - bow fly - ing high. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Hail the plan - et blue and green. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Hail our bod - y made with clay. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. Hail the groans of Earth in pain. — Al - le - lu - ia!



When a word from - God was heard. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Spun by God a - cross the sky. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the faice of God is seen. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Giv - en breath to praise and pray. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 From the weight of hu - man sin. — Al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Earth a - rise and be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Giv - ing Earth a sol - emn word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Glo - ry fill - ing all the Earth. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Clay God hon - ored by God's birth. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Long - ing for the Christ who died. Al - le - lu - ia!

Filled with liv - ing mys - te - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Nev - er - to un - leash a flood. Al - le - lu - ua!  
 Cel - e - brat - ing ev - ery birth. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 As a hu - man life on Earth. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All cre - a - tion to re - vive. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Norman Habel

Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.

## Dismissal

*Composed and/or adapted by  
 The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*Deacon:* Let us go forth and celebrate, rejoicing in the beauty of  
 God's world! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Paul Amiel, ney  
 Bruce Stanley, percussion

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***Please join us in McBride Hall following this service for Coffee Hour in  
 McBride Hall (across the labyrinth), or join us for classes or meetings—  
 classrooms and meeting rooms are downstairs beneath the sanctuary, with  
 access either by the stairs off the breezeway or by the ramp near the  
 parking lot.***

*During the Prayers of the People today, we hold the following in our prayers today:*

We pray for Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Kirk our bishop; Steve, our Rector; and the clergy who serve Grace St. Paul's; the Diocese of Swaziland in South Africa; Epiphany on the Desert in Gila Bend; and progressive congregations and organizations including the Progressive Christian Network in South Australia; the Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity; and the Center for Progressive Christianity in the U.S.

We pray for peace in Zimbabwe, Congo, Sudan, Gaza, and in all places. We pray for those in the military, especially those serving in combat zones, including Ronald Berryhill; Christopher Gallo; Michael Hannan; Andrew Harris; Frederick Jenning; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble.

We pray for Barbara Bourne; Catherine Brown; William Brown; the family and friends of Doris Ceccon; Walter Collins; Miriam Cummings; the family and friends of Mary Betty Eager; Jeanne Erickson; Eleanor Feeney; Mary Gould; Linda Hutson and family; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; Maribelle Ortiz; Elise Petropoulos; Danielle Phillips; Gini Pilon; Susan Southwick; Ann M. Stephens; the family of Tom Thompson; Priscilla Walker; Rhonda Whatley; Heather Williams; Ed; Lee; Ana; Michi; Kendra Gaines; The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords; Mary Jane Hunt; Elizabeth Barrett Hunter; Francesca Jarvis; Laurie Petrie; The Rev. Jeffrey Reed; James Sincox; Amy Young; Bill Young; Charlie; Don; John; Natalie; Rob.

We hold in prayer the following animal companions that are in need: Zippy; Lark and Tavi; Sammy; Shadow; Beatrix; Gracie; Sunny; Holly Kohler; Tigger; Gussie; Raffi; Shonee; Skylee; Mollie; Zeus; Izzy; Spike.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died, especially Jack, Kelly, and Petrushka.

We pray for those who have died, especially Gerry Swann; Janice V.H. Lawson (sister of Priscilla V.H. Walker); Ken Wolfgang; and Mary Betty Eager.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border, and all those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially Adrian G. Mills; Danny Chen; Caleb A. Nelson; Christopher Diaz; Nicholas A. Sprovtsoff; Billy J. Siercks; James A. Butz; John R. Cagle; Ryan K. Lannelli; Ivan D. Lechowich; Steven E. Gutowski; David A. Drake..

# Grace St. Paul's Parish Life – Oct. 9, 2011

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The Sunday bulletin is filled with information about events at Grace St. Paul's or of interest to the Grace St. Paul's community. Please take it home and read it at your leisure. There's something for everyone!

**Check out GSP's website: [www.gsptucson.org](http://www.gsptucson.org)!**

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## **Grace St. Paul's Wellness: Monitoring and Feedback Sunday, October 16, 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in McBride Hall**

Please join the senior warden, members of the vestry, and other parish leaders in an ongoing conversation about parish life, including Grace St. Paul's financial health. See you there!

*Facilitated by Senior Warden Martha Whitaker.*

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## **Join GSP for Pride in the Desert**

**Saturday, Oct. 15: Pride in the Desert—this year at the Kino Memorial Stadium (2500 E. Ajo Way)**

Help us staff the GSP information table. Meet the community and help us spread the word! Last year's participants can attest to the fun. Contact Bruce Anderson at [azlizard@comcast.net](mailto:azlizard@comcast.net) to get on the table roster. Times available are noon – 2:00, 2-4 and 4-6 p.m. We have many free entrance passes, so there will not be a cost to represent us!

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## **Quilters Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 12, 10–11:30 a.m. in McBride Hall**

Everyone welcome—bring a friend! Come join the fun! If you have any questions, please call 822-4227 or e-mail [bearquilt20@gmail.com](mailto:bearquilt20@gmail.com). Thanks go to everyone for donations towards making quilts.

Gods Blessings—Judith Turner

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## **Activities This Fall at Grace St. Paul's**

**Candlelight Compline:** Have you heard the buzz? Compline or Night Prayer is a music-centered, contemplative service focusing on spiritual peace. One enthusiast compared it to a sung lullaby for adults. Amid candlelight and ancient music come and let the strain of the day melt away. Compline is at 7 p.m. in the chancel on the first and third Sundays of every month. *Facilitated by The Rev. Kate Baird.*



**The 20&30 Group** is growing but there is always room for more. If you are between the ages of 20 and 40 come join us for fun, food and fellowship. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Whether it's at baseball games, bowling, or just sharing a meal you can count on laughter and a good time. Come check it out! *Facilitated by The Rev. Kate Baird.*

**Children's Eucharistic Service:** Mother Kate and GSP's young people continue to enjoy our children's Eucharistic Service in the Weeks Room on the last Sunday of each month. This service, while open to everyone, is designed specifically for the elementary aged children. Taking place at the 10 o'clock hour it encourages children to question and interact with all parts of the service as well as the sermon.

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## **Got Too Much Stuff?**

We want it! J2A youth will be accepting donations for a GSP's Rummage Sale to benefit the J2A pilgrimage 2012. We will begin collecting very soon. Watch this space for more information and please save your stuff a little while longer!

## **AIDSWalk**

J2A youth are participating in this year's AIDSWALK on Sunday, October 16 to benefit the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation. If you would like to help by sponsoring our youth, J2A will have a table in McBride Hall this morning to sign you up for any amount. Thank you for your help!

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## **Coffee Hour: Help Wanted**

Is your mind wandering? Are you thinking about what may be on the menu at coffee hour after this service? Our wonderful spread of goodies is entirely up to you. Kathy Allen and Phoebe Goodwin have begun coordinating coffee hour, and we need your help. If you have some time to bake something and drop it by the kitchen before the service, we would be delighted to put it out for all to enjoy after the service. We have particular need for healthful items, such as fruit, vegetable trays, or cheese and crackers. If you'd like to be more involved, we have need for people to prepare food before both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, set out the food right after communion, and help with clean up at the end. This ministry relies on volunteers, so please help. Contact Kathy at [krishelallen@gmail.com](mailto:krishelallen@gmail.com) or Phoebe at [pgoodwin11@gmail.com](mailto:pgoodwin11@gmail.com) to volunteer, or let us know when you see us at coffee hour.

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## **Your Help Needed with Bulletins & Briefly!**

We need new crews to assemble bulletins each week and the *Briefly* once a month. A few people have stepped forward, but more are always welcome. Please volunteer! It would

be great to have two teams for each task. Let David Wachter or KiKi Fenik know if you can help. Contact the church office at 327-6857 or [gsp1@dakotacom.net](mailto:gsp1@dakotacom.net). Thank you!

<b>JANUARY-AUGUST FINANCIAL RESULTS</b>					
	<b>AUGUST</b>		<b>JANUARY-AUGUST</b>		
	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>					
Pledges	30,375	26,371	247,125	231,351	-15,774
Other Income	6,072	7,190	57,085	75,784	18,699
Total Income	36,447	33,561	304,210	307,135	2,925
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Staff	24,184	23,842	191,234	193,794	2,560
Other Expenses	18,084	23,930	147,242	164,209	16,967
Total Expenses	42,268	47,772	338,476	358,003	19,527

## Liturgy & Music

### **SPIRIT NOW: EVERY THURSDAY EVENING**

**6 p.m. every Thursday, in McBride Hall**

Looking for a different kind of worship experience? Originally called Mass for the Third Millennium, M3M has a new name—**Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration.**

### **INTERFAITH MEDITATION GROUP**

The group meets in the Julian Chapel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. There is slow walking meditation for about 10 minutes, followed by silent seated meditation for 25 minutes. Thereafter, there is a short talk from an authority (e.g., John Maine—a Benedictine monk who learned to meditate in the eastern tradition and then researched contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition). While it is primarily Christian contemplative, the meditation crosses all faith traditions and is very inclusive. *For more information, please contact David Clements at 408-7446.*

**RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**—Audio recordings of the 10 a.m. sermon may be ordered at the Rector's Bookshelf. Videos of special events may also be ordered there.

**FLOWERS**—*Did something special happen to you recently that you'd like to celebrate? Honor it with altar flowers or plants! Perhaps you want flowers or plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one. If so, call the office (327-6857) to arrange flower or plant dedications! Any*

Office Welcome Team volunteer will be happy to take your information and give it to KiKi Fenik, our Parish Administrator.

## Adult Spiritual Formation & Education

- **Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP): Principles and Applications—A revisit and further study—Tues. mornings, Oct. 11 & 18 from 10–11:30 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** (*Preregistration by October 3 is required for Tuesday classes.*) This class is a brief introduction to NLP, how it can benefit you and others, and its applications to issues like PTSD, allergies, personal relationships, and others. The class will also teach you how NLP helps you understand body language. The Tuesday classes require a minimum of 5 students; you may register through the church office at 327-6857. *Facilitated by Patricia Williams, certified Master NLP practitioner.*
- **Exploring Inter-spirituality Through The Mystic Heart—Thurs. evenings, Oct. 6-27, 7:30–9 p.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** While “rooting” the exploration of inter-spirituality within Christianity, this class will draw upon sister traditions to enhance solidarity with all life, moral capacity, nonviolence, self-knowledge, selfless service, simplicity of lifestyle, daily spiritual practice, and serving as a prophetic witness in the causes of peace, justice, and protecting creation. Reading of Brother Wayne Teasdale’s *The Mystic Heart: Discovering a Universal Spirituality in the World’s Religions* is highly recommended, as it will provide a guide to our discussions. This book may be purchased through the Rector’s Bookshelf. *Facilitated by Ana Teresa Ortiz, a member of Grace St. Paul’s and an ordained interfaith minister.*
- **Spirit Players: A Play Reading Experience—First Fridays: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, and Jan. 6, 6:30–8 p.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** The theme for these readings is “Touching the Untouchable.” Plays will include *The Normal Heart*, *The Living*, and *Angels in America*. The specific plays will be determined from the prior month. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in “cold” readings of each play. No theatre or public speaking experience is necessary; parts will be randomly assigned to anyone who shows up. Non-readers are welcome as well and can participate as an “audience.” All the plays are appropriate for all ages. *Facilitated by Eric Rau and Nanalee Raphael, Grace St. Paul’s Spirit Players.*
- **Woofs, Meows, and God: How Do Our Animal Companions Guide Our Spiritual Growth?—Sun., Oct. 9, 9-9:45 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** Creation spirituality focuses on affirming the goodness of God’s creation and our role of being responsible caretakers of God’s creation. The creatures with which we are most familiar are our animal companions: our dogs, cats, birds, and all those creatures that share our homes and give us joy and love. This class will focus on how we, individually and as a church

community, can foster that blessed relationship, provide care for our animal companions, and remain open to the love and guidance that they so freely offer us during our spiritual growth. *Facilitated by The Reverend Nadine Martin, Deacon, n/TSSF; Chris, Ledyard, TSSF, vestry member; and Fr. Steve Keplinger, Rector of Grace St. Paul's.*

- **Care of Creation: Green Church—Rescheduled to Sunday, November 20, at 11:45 a.m. Please attend the Parish Wellness Meeting on Sunday, October 16, at 9 a.m. in McBride Hall!** Creation spirituality is celebrated at Grace St. Paul's and can also include home activities. Join a discussion about some simple actions you can take at home that will honor and establish relationship with God's Creation. Think carbon reduction! *Facilitated by Spencer Hunter, chairperson of Grace St. Paul's Green Church committee.*
- **Film Festival and Fellowship—Third Fridays: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 & Jan. 20, 6:30–9:30 p.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** This month's Film and Fellowship feature will be *The Cup (Phorpa)*, a family-friendly film and the surprise hit at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival about young monks obsessed with viewing the World Cup. *The Cup* was the first feature film from Bhutanese filmmaker lama Khyentse Norbu, and the first from an eminent teacher of Tibetan Buddhism. *The Cup* takes place at Chokling Monastery, situated in the foothills of the Himalayas over the mountains from Tibet, and stars authentic members of the monastic community, all non-actors, all playing characters like themselves. Based on a true story, *The Cup* takes a refreshing, humorous and sometimes poignant look at Tibetan refugee life through the experience of the young monks and their teachers, and is a funny, uplifting, and moving film.  
  
We will have a potluck dinner. Feel free to bring a dish, but come even if you can't! Potluck will start at 6:30, and we usually start the film at 7:00. *Coordinated by Eric Carr and Kitt Cordero.*
- **Comfortable with Uncertainty: Freeing Ourselves from Decisions Based on Fear—Sun., Oct. 23, 9–9:45 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center.** How often do we react to situations based on old habits and fears? Would you rather seek new paths in your life? It is within our power to break free of destructive patterns in our lives. Based on the writings of Pema ChÖdrÖn, an American Buddhist nun, we'll discuss ways to cultivate fearlessness and compassion. *Facilitated by Patricia Galvin, a member of Grace St. Paul's, and seeker of a compassionate path.*

# UPCOMING FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AT GSP!

(Those events marked with \*\* are open to children younger than 7th grade, but those younger than 7th grade must be accompanied by an adult)

- \*\* Sunday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m.— AIDS WALK
- \*\* Friday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.— Family-friendly film night and potluck dinner in McBride Hall. The film is *The Cup (Phorpa)*.
- Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.—Children, Youth and Family volunteer party
- \*\* Sunday, Oct. 23, after the 8 a.m. service—Trip to Apple Annie's in Wilcox
- Friday, Oct 28, 6:30 p.m.—Youth Halloween Party
- \*\* Sunday, November 6, 2011, meet at 4 p.m. in GSP's parking lot—All Souls Procession; we will car pool to the Epic Café on 4th Avenue to begin our adventure!
- \*\* Sunday, Nov. 13, registration at 1:30 p.m.—CROP WALK

For all the details, please contact Rosalind Garcia at [Rosalind.Garcia4236@gmail.com](mailto:Rosalind.Garcia4236@gmail.com) or 327-6857.

## MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT GSP!

Music programs are being cut in public schools, but we have strong music programs here!

- **St. Cecilia's Children's Choir**, first through sixth grades. Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Weeks Room. Contact Joan Brundage at [ajbrundage@gmail.com](mailto:ajbrundage@gmail.com) for more information.
- **GSP's Handbell Choir**, third grade through high school. Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the Wardall Room. Contact Jane Click at [jwclick@gmail.com](mailto:jwclick@gmail.com) for more information.
- **GSP's Youth Ensemble**, high school and college age with others admitted by the permission of the Director. Rehearsals continue today at 12:30 p.m. in the Chancel. You may come for rehearsal today or contact Christina Jarvis at [clj@delegation.org](mailto:clj@delegation.org) for more information.

Or, for any of these, contact Rosalind Garcia at [Rosalind.Garcia4236@gmail.com](mailto:Rosalind.Garcia4236@gmail.com) or 327-6857.

## ***Health & Healing Ministries***

### **NEW PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER**

We have made reaching a member of the pastoral care team easier and quicker. If you would like to receive a visit or just speak with someone, call **(520) 668-5727**. Members of our pastoral care team who rotate being “on call” include Lynne Albright, Kay Bigglestone, Chuck Hannan, Linda Hutson, Nadine Martin, and Nancy Meister Book. If you would like to learn more about how to become a trained pastoral care team member, please contact Lynne or Kay.

### **PASTORAL CARE VISIT AND/OR COMMUNION**

If you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit or home/hospital communion please call the office number. During the day the volunteer will take the message and pass it along to the “on-call” person. When the office is closed please use the Pastoral Care phone number, 668-5727. The person on call will contact a clergy person or lay pastoral visitor as appropriate.

## ***Social Justice & Outreach***

### **GIVE THEM THIS DAY THEIR DAILY BREAD...**

You can be a part of this living message here and now! **Bread from the Pantry** needs delivery volunteers for Friday mornings starting at 11:30 a.m. Vehicle needed! Contact Dorée Ramey at 419-1307 for more information.

## ***Parish Membership & Administration***

We believe everyone who comes to Grace St. Paul has something to offer this community, and we are happy to welcome you. Information forms are available in the church office Monday through Friday, and in McBride Hall at the Welcome Table on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon.

### **GET YOUR NAME TAG!**

If you don't already have a name tag, please sign up for one at the Welcome Table in McBride Hall or on the bulletin board across from the Welcome Table. Your tag will be ready two weeks to a month after you sign up.

# The Sunday Octave: October 9 – 16

## Sunday, October 9

### The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Creation Sunday

- 8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist – *Sanctuary*
- 8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – *McBride Hall*
- 9 a.m. – Woofs, Meows, and God: How Do Our Animal Companions Guide Our Spiritual Growth? (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – *Bloom Education Center*
- 9 a.m. – Childcare begins – *Nursery*
- 10 a.m. – Sunday School (Ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade) – *Undercroft*
- 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour – *Sanctuary, McBride Hall*
- 11:30 a.m. – Rite 13 (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades) – *Mary of Bethany Room*
- 11:30 a.m. – J2A Youth Group (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades) – *Wardall Room*
- 11:30 a.m. – GSP's GPS (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – *St. Francis Room*
- 11:30 a.m. – Shawls of Grace – *McBride Hall*
- Noon – GSP Library – *Weeks Room*
- 12:30 p.m. – Youth Ensemble rehearsal – *Chancel*
- 5 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals – *Labyrinth*

## Monday, October 10

- 5:30 p.m. – Congregational Development Covenant Group – *Bloom Education Center*
- 7:30 p.m. – AA Southside Group – *McBride Hall*
- 7:30 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – *Weeks Room*

## Tuesday, October 11

- 10 a.m. – Neurolinguistic Programming (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – *Bloom Education Center*
- 4 p.m. – Building & Grounds Committee – *Bloom Ed. Ctr.*
- 6 p.m. – Evening Prayer & Eucharist – *Julian Chapel*
- 6 p.m. – Arizona Repertory Singers rehearsal – *McBride Hall*
- 6:30 p.m. – EfM Year 12 Group – *Bloom Education Center*
- 7 p.m. – Interfaith Meditation Group – *Julian Chapel*
- 7 p.m. – Divorce Recovery Support Group – *Wardall Room*

## Wednesday, October 12

- 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist – *Julian Chapel*
- 9 a.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – *Weeks Room*
- 10 a.m. – Spiritual Direction with Brigid Waszczak – *Julian Chapel*
- 10 a.m. – Quilters' Meeting – *McBride Hall*
- Noon – Staff Meeting – *Bloom Education Center*
- 1:15 p.m. – Liturgy Planning Meeting – *Bloom Education Center*

- 3:30 p.m. – Children's Choir rehearsal – *Weeks Room*
- 4:15 p.m. – Handbell Choir rehearsal – *Wardall Room*
- 6:30 p.m. – Soul Feast: An Invitation to Spiritual Life (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – *Weeks Room*
- 7 p.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – *Bloom Education Center*

## Thursday, October 13

- 9 a.m. – Conversational French Class – *Weeks Room*
- 11:30 a.m. – Bridge Group – *Bloom Education Center*
- 3 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – *Weeks Room*
- 6 p.m. – Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration – *McBride Hall*
- 6 p.m. – Tucson Adoption Reunion Support – *Bloom Education Center*
- 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – *Chancel*

## Friday, October 14

- 9 a.m. – Qigong Class – *Bloom Education Center*
- 8 p.m. – AA Goodlife Group – *McBride Hall*

## Saturday, October 15

- 8:30 a.m. – Saturday Morning Coffee – *Epic Café, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at University Blvd.*
- 10 a.m. – Good Grief: A Journey of Healing – *Bloom Education Center*
- 7:30 p.m. – Desert Alchemy Concert – *Sanctuary*
- 4:30 p.m. – ISO Dance & Dinner – *McBride Hall*

## Sunday, October 16

### The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### The Second Sunday of Creation

- 8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist – *Sanctuary*
- 8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – *McBride Hall*
- 9 a.m. – Parish Wellness Meeting – *McBride Hall*
- 9 a.m. – Childcare begins – *Nursery*
- 10 a.m. – Sunday School (Ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade) – *Undercroft*
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- Noon – GSP Library – *Weeks Room*
- 12:30 p.m. – Youth Ensemble rehearsal – *Chancel*
- 1 p.m. – Desert Alchemy Workshops – *Bloom Education Center, Weeks Room*

### **Our Mission:**

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a spiritual home, open to all, built on a progressive Christian theology, providing food for the journey and calling people to change the world.

### **Our Vision:**

Grace St. Paul's will be known for its commitment to the spiritual formation of people, that they might live a dynamically transformative Christian life. This vision will be embodied in:

- experience of Christ's love
- innovative Episcopal worship
- education in progressive Christianity for all ages
- a diverse congregation
- full integration of children and youth
- celebration of individual gifts
- action in the community.

### **Vestry**

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### **Health & Healing Ministry Covenant Group**

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