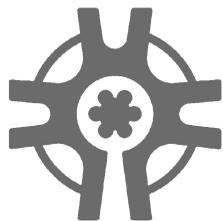


Welcome to



# Grace St. Paul's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Earth Justice — Migrant Justice — Social Justice*

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### *Creation Sunday*



*October 3, 2021*

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Here you will find an energized and inclusive community of people seeking God's transforming presence. Grace St. Paul's is a safe place to connect your spirit and your mind. Please join with us in experiencing Christ's love in a diverse congregation that celebrates individual gifts. We invite you to take part in liturgies that are rich and innovative, in spiritual formation for all ages, and in action for social justice. We welcome you to share in this joyful journey!

## Table Flowers

- In memory of Cricket Kelbaugh with gratitude from the Grace St. Paul's Choir for her years of dedicated service; she will be missed!
- In loving memory of Hettie Lewis, Mary Turner, and Jane Blackwell—the grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger.

*If you would like to dedicate table flowers or plants, please email Jane Thrall at [tucsonjane@aol.com](mailto:tucsonjane@aol.com).*

COVER PHOTO: Stikine-LeConte Wilderness, LeConte Glacier expanse and hiker, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, AK. September 01, 2017. (U.S. Forest Service Photo by Carey Case.)



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## Live-Streaming Weekly Worship

**Sunday: 7:45 a.m. – Live Sunday Worship  
In-Person**

**10 a.m. – Live Sunday Worship  
In-Person and Live-Streamed**  
[tinyurl.com/gspvirtual](http://tinyurl.com/gspvirtual)

**Sunday bulletins:**

[GSPtucson.tumblr.com/tagged/bulletins](https://www.gsptucson.tumblr.com/tagged/bulletins)

High-quality recorded: [www.tinyurl.com/gspvids](http://www.tinyurl.com/gspvids)

## Zooming Weekly Worship

**Monday: 4:30 p.m. – Migrant Prayer Vigil,  
every other Monday** <https://zoom.us/j/336535932>  
Bulletin for Prayer Vigil: [www.gsptucson.org/vigil/](http://www.gsptucson.org/vigil/)

**Tuesday: 6 p.m. – Evening Prayer**  
<https://zoom.us/j/217869100?pwd=YTk5bDlZeVkySlUraDNuNlNlJlMEdaQT09>

**Wednesday: 7 p.m. – Guided Meditation**  
<https://zoom.us/j/97338942835>

**Thursday: 9 a.m. – Morning Prayer**  
<https://zoom.us/j/97784384154?pwd=U3p0YlhCRGFZd1BEOTV3dHJsVzhUUT09>

**5 p.m. – Spirit Now**  
**Spirit Song (Taizé) First Thursday, 5 p.m.**  
<https://zoom.us/j/948146775>

**Friday: 4 p.m. – Centering Prayer,**  
followed by a discussion  
<https://zoom.us/j/587634086?pwd=SWWhUTW9oQWU0SzBKSUWlFNWlNlMVFPdz09>

**7 p.m. – Evening Prayer**  
<https://zoom.us/j/95447916338>

## Zooming Spiritual Formation

**Monday: Noon – GSP Today with Rector Steve**  
<https://zoom.us/j/93155960292>

**Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. – Education for  
Ministry (EfM)** <https://zoom.us/j/314630009>

**Thursday: 10–11:30 a.m. – Between the Lines:  
Scholarship & Depth Psychology Meet Sunday's  
Lectionary**  
<https://zoom.us/j/407160034?pwd=dEg5WGFMt0NrcnFiaHRjQWlYb1Mxdz09>

# 7:45 and 10 a.m. Communion Services

*The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrant*

The people of Grace St. Paul's acknowledge the original caretakers of the desert in which we reside. The indigenous habitation of the Tucson Basin dates back approximately 12,500 years, likely representing the oldest, continuously inhabited area in what is now the United States. Contemporary native people that constitute our ethnographic history include the Akimel O'odham, Apache, Hopi, Maricopa, Yaqui, Tohono O'odham, Yavapai, and Zuni people.

*Source: [friendsofsaguaro.org](http://friendsofsaguaro.org)*

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## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Please remember to silence your electronic devices.*

*The Season of Creation begins today with this festival service. It is a celebration of the life of the earth and a call to humanity to recognize our relationship with the earth. It is a recognition that God's incarnation is found not just in humanity, but in all of the created order. It celebrates God's presence with us, in the face of the stranger and in the beauty of a flower. It is also a cry of hope that all of humanity will recognize the sacredness of creation and the interconnectedness of everything in the cosmos. It is a religious statement that love of neighbor extends to the entire cosmos.*

*At 7:40 and 9:55, the church bell will be tolled.*

### **Prelude**

*Images of the Cosmos  
Allegro con brio, from Sonata No. 4*

Felix Mendelssohn

### **Greeting and Announcements**

*Silence*

### **Native Flute**

Karen Hanson

## Native Voices for the Land

*Edge of Morning, Torrey House Press*

As traditional people, we always have a focal point and it starts at the center, and I think things radiate out from the center of that energy...If we can preserve it, we can help maintain the health of many different ecological systems that are very dependent on what exists there now. The minute we alter it in any way, we affect something down the road...Every aspect of the land serves a purpose...If the land gets destroyed, we won't have a tool or a mechanism to teach the next generation...If the land is plundered, we lose that knowledge because the land is our teacher.

Regina Lopez Whiteskunk, *Ute*

An important aspect of cultural preservation, from the Hopi perspective, requires that one be able to experience the natural settings of their ancestors, be able to journey back to those places and see first-hand how their ancestors lived...It's about the protection of Indigenous cultures so that we can retain our ability to pass on our traditional knowledge for future generations. Protection of this landscape allows us to share with the outside world that we are more than historical footnotes...

Lyle Balenquah, *Hopi*

The necessity of being a voice for the earth is built into our epistemologies and ways of life. We do it for the future of all people but also for the future of our land, flora, and fauna. If governments, companies, miners, and settlers can come in and strip the land of minerals, drill with no concern, dam the rivers, siphon the the water, and let the land run dry, blow up mountains and watch the earth itself run red, spill toxins into the water and watch the rivers die, then who will protect the land from this destruction? We will...These fights aren't just about us, they are about the land, the earth, everything.

Cutchá Risling Baldy, *Hupa*

Medicine Lake is our church. It is there we heal our bodies and our spirits. Would you want a power plant in your church?

Cecelia Silvas, *Ilmawi Band Leader*

Sacred is sacred, our ways from the Creator: Our prayers, our dances, our songs since the beginning of time we never surrender, our spirits are strong. Don't ask us what makes it sacred. Believe our people. Believe the Creator. Our answer will always be Sacred is Sacred. Remember the ancestors. Their spirits are strong.

Wayland Gray, *Muscogee*

*Video during Native Voices for the Land is from National Geographic*

*Silence*

*Canyon Wren call*

*Silence*

*At the 10 a.m. service, the children process with animals, streamers, and earth balls.*

# Processional Hymn *Creative God, you spread the earth*

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

**(7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2); 10 a.m.: all stanzas)**

1. Cre - a - tive God, you spread the earth with life in ma - ny forms:  
2. The plan - et teemed with liv - ing things be - fore all hu - man birth,  
3. O play - ful God, you fill the field with lav - en - der and blue.

the deer and elk and col - um - bine, the bee in hum - ming swarms.  
and e - ven fire and beasts of prey re - newed the life of earth.  
You paint the bird with in - di - go, with red or taw - ny hue.

For - give us for each flower and bird now van - ished by our hand.  
For - give us that, the last to come, we threat - en sea and air.  
For - give us that we grieve your heart, de - stroy - ing what you do.

Teach us to treat with lov - ing care the crea - tures of the land.  
 Teach us to tend life's fra - gile web with wise and ten - der care.  
 And teach us sim - pler, gen - tler ways to live on earth with you.

Words: Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## Opening Acclamation

*Adapted from Living Faithfully in the Time of Creation, Galloway and Preston.*

**Celebrant:** Praise Creator God, all you people of the earth.

**People:** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant:** From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People:** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant:** As high as the tree soaring above the forest,  
 as beautiful as the river flowing through many lands,  
 as rich as the ecosystems of a biodiverse earth,  
 as close as the smallest creature on the ground,  
 so good is the God of all creation.

**People:** **Blessed be God forever.**

## Chant of Praise

**(7:45 a.m.: sung once)**

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Through Cre - a - tion God is sing - ing, through Cre -  
 a - tion danc - ing with joy, God de - lights in  
 All That Is, God de - lights in us.

Music & text © 2001, 2005 KELmusic.com

## **The Collect of the Day** *Adapted from The Book of Occasional Services, 2018, Church Publishing.*

*Celebrant:* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:*

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 Liberator, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who lives and loves with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

### **A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God** [Wendell Berry]

*Please be seated.*

**D**espite its protests to the contrary, modern Christianity has become willy-nilly the religion of the state and the economic status quo. Because it has been so exclusively dedicated to incanting anemic souls into Heaven, it has been made the tool of much earthly villainy. It has, for the most part, stood silently by while a predatory economy has ravaged the world, destroyed its natural beauty and health, divided and plundered its human communities and households. It has flown the flag and chanted the slogans of empire. It has assumed with the economists that “economic forces” automatically work for good and has assumed with the industrialists and militarists that technology determines history. It has

assumed with almost everybody that “progress” is good, that it is good to be modern and up with the times. It has admired Caesar and comforted him in his depredations and defaults. But in its de facto alliance with Caesar, Christianity connives directly with the murder of Creation. For in these days, Caesar is no longer a mere destroyer of armies, cities, and nations. He is a contradictor of the fundamental miracle of life. A part of the normal practice of his power is his willingness to destroy the world. He prays, he says, and churches compliantly pray with him. But he is praying to a God whose works he is prepared at any moment to destroy. What could be more wicked than that, or mad?

### **Sequence Music (7:45 a.m.)**

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

# Sequence Hymn (10 a.m.)

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

**Sonora blooms in early spring**

Text: Kari Boyd McBride

**(stanzas 1-3)**

1. So - no - ra blooms in ear - ly spring, be - fore the heat takes  
2. The sum - mer sun glares down up - on the tor - rid ci - ty -  
3. The earth turns up its south - ern face to greet the great - er  
4. Chill morn - ings send the ar - thro - pods to bur - rows un - der -  
5. What - ev - er sea - son brings us here, how - ev - er long the

o'er; God's prom - ise of new life is traced up -  
scape, and still the des - ert teams with life; God's  
light; our des - ert even - ings cool, and now O -  
ground, but sun - ny days en - tice the bees to -  
way, Love bore us, nur - tured, guid - ed us, and -

on the des - ert floor. The mock - ing - birds sing  
love shines in this place. We liz - ards catch the  
ri - on rules the night. Mi - grat - ing crea - tures  
make their flo - ral rounds. Co - yo - tes wear their  
brought us home to stay. The des - ert is just -

forth their joy, the coo - ing doves, their praise; we  
 morn - ing rays but seek the shade by ten; and  
 make their way a - long the au - tumn tracks, the  
 win - ter coats, the cot - ton - tails a - bound. We  
 one of God's wild E - dens on this earth, but

join the cho - rus, thank - ful for the beau - ty of these days.  
 all a - wait the thun - der - storms that speak our loud A - men!  
 ho - ly round of life and hope that soon will bring them back.  
 seek each oth - er's com - pa - ny, where God is al - ways found.  
 it is ours; we be - long to it. Praise the One who gave it birth!

Words: Kari Boyd McBride

Music: *Wolvercote*, William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Mark 10:13-16]

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

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

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

**Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the

kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

*Diácono:* El Evangelio del Jesucristo.

**Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo.**

## The Sermon

*Please be seated.*

*Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger*

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

## An Environmentalist's Creed

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

*Adapted from*

[http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/environmentaled/Environmental Prayers/Prayers for Creation An EcoSchools Resource.pdf](http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/environmentaled/Environmental%20Prayers/Prayers%20for%20Creation%20An%20EcoSchools%20Resource.pdf)

**We believe in God, the Creator of the universe and all that it contains.**

**We believe that God is love and that God's love is evident in all created things.**

**We believe that everything exists for a purpose.**

**We believe that we can learn of this purpose only after we acknowledge the sacred harmony of the universe.**

**We believe that in God's son, Jesus, is revealed the ultimate purpose of humanity's existence—**

**to experience God's love to the fullest and to share that love with all of Creation.**

**We believe that our efforts to love are tied to all of Creation;**

**That when any created thing is reduced from being all that it can be,**

**it reduces our capacity to become all that we might become.**

**We believe that we have been called in a special way to care for our planet.**

**We believe that God's Spirit can be experienced in all of Creation.**

**We believe that the Church is called to be a caretaker not just of souls but of every created thing.**

**We believe that Jesus' resurrection points to the transformation of Creation itself.**

**We believe that, with God's love, the effects of sin can be overcome in our lives and in the life of the world.**

**We look forward to the renewal of every created thing at the end of time. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*The parish prayer intercessions are on pages 21 & 22.*

*Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services, 2018, Church Publishing.*

**At 7:45 a.m.:** Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer. **At 10 a.m.:** For the sake of live-streaming, the quartet will represent the entire congregation in reciting prayers.

*During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor:* In the beginning,

**God was.**

Here and now,

**God is.**

In the future,  
**God will continue to be.**

Intercessor: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us to your earth.**

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our desert and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to preserve it

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us with our desert.**

Intercessor: Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us with the pain of creation.**

Intercessor: Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us with the creatures of the world.**

Intercessor: Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us, Congress, and the President with the land contained in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.**

Intercessor: Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,  
**Connect us with the wild.**

Intercessor: Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Connect us the biodiversity of the planet and its needs.**

Intercessor: Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Connect us with the healing of the planet.**

Intercessor: Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people and animals of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help especially our companion animals.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Connect us with our domestic siblings.**

Intercessor: Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died including Anagrethe Christiansen, Cricket Kelbaugh, and all the companion animals who have died this past year.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Connect us with the Circle of Life.**

*Prayer adapted from Anne Kelsey*

*The Presider concludes:*

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Teacher Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services 2018, Church Publishing.*

*Deacon:*

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

**People:**

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its diversity, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and preserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*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 Grandfather Creator, Christ Liberator, and Spirit Sister be upon us and all of the cosmos. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrante:* La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**Pueblo:** **Y con tu espíritu.**

*Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.*

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Please be seated.*

*Celebrant:*

“All the creatures on earth, and all the birds that fly with wings, are communities like you.”

[Quran 6:38]

### **Offertory Music (7:45 a.m.)**

### **Offertory Anthem (10 a.m.)**

*For the beauty of the earth*

John Rutter

Christina Jarvis, Susan Marcus, Harlan Hokin, & Spencer Hunter, singers

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

Over and around us lies

God of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour

Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flower

Sun and moon and stars of light

Sun and moon and stars of light

God of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

God of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given  
Graces human and divine  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

God of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of praise  
This our joyful hymn of praise

Pause

## Prayer over the Gifts

*The Prayer over the Gifts is from A New Zealand Prayer Book.*

**Celebrant:** Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

**People:** **Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through our hearts. Amen.**

## Table Chant

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

### Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



From the fruit of your Cre - a - tion Bread and wine we bring to share,



From the boun - ty of the Plan - et That you give to hu - man care.

### Verse



By your Spir - it all is sac - red So your Pres - ence may ap - pear,



In thanks - giv - ing cel - e - bra - tion For your peo - ple gath - ered here.

*Repeat  
Refrain*

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer was written  
and is copyrighted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

*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:

**(7:45 a.m.)**

***Celebrant and People:***

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Sanctus (Holy) (10 a.m.)**

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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*The Celebrant continues:*

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.**

*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."

*Deacon:* 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.

+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.

***People and 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.**

*Celebrant:*

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** (*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*)    *The people may stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

## Fraction Anthem

*The Fraction Anthem is adapted from other texts by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

*People:* **The bread which we break makes all of us one with you. Alleluia.**

## The Invitation to Communion

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

## The Communion

*Please be seated.*

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be served in one kind. There will be two stations. Please stand a minimum of six feet behind the person in front of you.*

## Communion Music (7:45 a.m.)

### Communion Anthem (10 a.m.)

*Creation-centered original composition*

Fiona Fischer

### Post-Communion Hymn (10 a.m.)

*Singing Skies and Dancing Waters*

John Denver

Christina Jarvis, Susan Marcus, Harlan Hokin, & Spencer Hunter, singers; Phil Johnson, guitar

*Quartet will sing the verses and Congregation will join in on the chorus.*

So many years ago, I can't remember now

Someone was waiting for me

I had the answers to all of my questions

Love was so easy to see, I didn't know

When I was younger, I should have known better

I thought nothing was new

Through all the spaces, and all of the changes

What I lost sight of was you

I didn't know, I didn't know

**I could see you in singing skies and dancing waters**

**laughing children growing old**

**And in the heart and in the spirit**

**And in the truth when it is told**

My life became shady, and I grew afraid

And I needed to find my way home

I just couldn't see you, I thought that I'd lost you

I never felt so much alone, are you still with me

Somehow in reason, I lost sight of seasons  
I'm growing out, growing in  
Sometimes in evenings, when daylight was needed  
I thought I'd never see you again  
Are you still with me, are you still with me

**I'm with you in singing skies and dancing waters  
laughing children growing old  
And in the heart and in the spirit  
And in the truth when it is told**

If my faith should falter  
And I should forsake you, and find myself turning away  
Will you still be there, will you still be there

**I'll be there in singing skies and dancing waters  
laughing children growing old  
And in the heart and in the spirit  
And in the truth when it is told**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*The people may stand in body or spirit.*

*The Postcommunion Prayer was written by Edward Abbey.*

*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. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Adapted from Kathy Galloway and found in Living Faithfully in the Time of Creation.*

*Celebrant:*

Let us go out giving thanks for the good earth.

Let us go out in unity with all who seek to preserve the earth.

Let us go out in the conviction that change is possible  
and climate disaster is not inevitable.

And the blessing of God the Creator, Christ the Liberator, and Spirit,  
the Sustainer of all life in the cosmos,

be with you, and all of the animals of the planet, now and always. **Amen.**

# Recessional Hymn We are a part of all creation

No. 131, My Heart Sings Out (7:45 a.m.: stanzas 3 & 4; 10 a.m.: all stanzas)



1 We are \_\_\_ a part of all cre - a - tion,  
 2 We are \_\_\_ a part of ev - 'ry per - son,  
 3 We are \_\_\_ a part of God's cre - a - tion,  
 4 We are \_\_\_ a part of all cre - a - tion



all of \_\_\_ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and  
 all of \_\_\_ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,  
 God is \_\_\_ the voice that sings in us, be our jour - ney,  
 giv - en \_\_\_ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea - tures, join in \_\_\_ the dance of life and love.  
 one our path - way, one in \_\_\_ the dance of life and love.  
 be our path - way, come be \_\_\_ our dance of life and love.  
 of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry - where.



All of \_\_\_ cre-a - tion, one o - ha-na,\* All of \_\_\_ cre-a - tion sings in you;



Ma-ny \_\_\_ the voic-es, one great mu-sic, part of me \_\_\_ and part of



you. \_\_\_ you; part of me \_\_\_ and part of you. \_\_\_

*\*ohana = great family*

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## Dismissal

*The Dismissal is by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*Deacon:* Go now, protect and celebrate Creation, welcome Wilderness, embrace Earth.  
Revel in God's wonder present in the deserts, the oceans, and the forests.  
Then bring that love of wilderness to all of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## Postlude

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

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***Please join us following the 10 a.m. service for a reading of Gregory A. Turtle Saves His Friends by the author, Alice Brown.***

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### ***Service Participants, 7:45 a.m.***

*Deacon:* The Rev. Laurie Finn  
*Reader:* Laurie Camm  
*Gospel in Spanish:* Deb Tinajero  
*Acolyte:* Edwin Andrade  
*Altar Guild:* Yvonne Maynard, Jane Thrall  
*Organist:* David Wachter

### ***Service Participants, 10 a.m.***

*Deacon:* The Rev. Nancy Meister  
*Reader:* James Neeley  
*Gospel in Spanish:* Edwin Andrade  
*Acolyte:* Edwin Andrade  
*Ushers:* Michele Clark, Beatrice Washburn  
*Altar Guild:* Barbara Morehouse,  
Sr. Alexandra Zarris  
*Organist:* David Wachter  
*Facebook live-stream production:*  
Bruce Anderson  
*YouTube video production:*  
Jesse Thrall

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

*We hold the following in our prayers today:*

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Steve, our Rector; Richard, our Associate Rector; The Church in Wales; Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry in Flagstaff; Flowing Wells Assembly of God in Tucson.

We pray for peace in Zimbabwe, Syria, Congo, Sudan, Gaza, and in all places. We pray for the men and women in detention in Eloy. We pray for those in Wilmot State Prison. We pray for those in the military, especially those serving in combat zones, including Ronald Berryhill; Christopher Gallo; Andrew Harris; Donna Heath; Frederick Jenning; Jordan S. Marks; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble; Jose Carlos Tinajero; Brian.

We pray for the people of South Sudan; Clare Abel; John Anyieth & Daruka Ajang; Carl & Carol Anderson; Beth Banks; Robin Beelen; James Bliss; Toni Sue Brooks; Phyllis & Richard Cameron; Molly Cassidy; the family and friends of Annegrethe Christensen; Alysha Collins; Klaus DeBoer; Rosemary DeCook; Pamela Decker & Ken Yukl; Kate Delaney; Jay Elliston; Argelia El Khayat and family including Yamila and Samyra; Deanna Fitzgerald; Mary Fitzgerald; Craig Garver; Henri Elizabeth Graves; Mildred Gregory; Sara Heitshu; Joyce Henderson; Jacque Hendrix; Bill Huang; Grace Huang; Cathy Jarvis; Francesca Jarvis; Molly & Kent Johnson;

Ruth Katcher; the family and friends of Cricket Kelbaugh; Greg Kelbaugh; Dennis Kirchoff; Gretchen Knutson; Ron Knutson; Carla LaFontain; The Rev. Chris Ledyard & Juan Loo; The Rev. Richard Mallory; Charlanne Maynard; Alvera McGuirk; Karen McVean; Rebecca Medel; the family and friends of The Rev. Michael Meyers; Joe Morella; Maribel Ortiz; Danielle Phillips; Becky Coatsworth Pistole; Robert Rosenberg; Sandra Sankey; Willie Schlentz; Pam Spears; Jesse & Jane Thrall; Angel Wang, Angelina Wang, James Kane; Tonya Watkins; Sr. Carol Willans; Heather Williams; Buddy; Ed; Lee; Carl & Gregory; Elizabeth & Keith; Garland; Joel; Mike, Monica & Danitza; Rob.

We pray for those who have died, especially Cricket Kelbaugh; Annegrethe Christensen; The Rev. Michael Meyers.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially Sugar; Merry; Isabel; Cuillin Brundage; Poppers; and the vaquitas of the Gulf of California.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border and all those who have died in Afghanistan.

### **PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES**

Names of parishioners submitted this week will remain on the list during the current month. *Please contact David Wachter* by 4 p.m. on Wednesday—(520) 327-6857 or e-mail [bulletins@grace-stpauls.org](mailto:bulletins@grace-stpauls.org)—to add a name to the list printed in the bulletin. Names of non-parishioners, including relatives of parishioners, will remain on the prayers *for one week only*—if the crisis continues, please call the church office each week by 4 p.m. on Wednesday to renew, or send an email to [bulletins@grace-stpauls.org](mailto:bulletins@grace-stpauls.org). Full names will be listed unless “first name only” is requested.

## ***GSP Parish Life – October 3, 2021***

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

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**There’s lots more happening—check out the GSP Parish Life announcements! They’re available online at [www.gsptucson.org](http://www.gsptucson.org) — click on “Sunday Bulletins” or “Announcements.”**

**ONLINE BONUS: The GSP Weekly Calendar is included with the GSP Parish Life announcements at [www.gsptucson.org](http://www.gsptucson.org).**

### ***The Mission & Vision of Grace St. Paul’s***

**Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will be a spiritual home, open to all, providing food for the journey, and calling people to change the world.**

**La Iglesia Episcopal Grace St. Paul’s será un hogar espiritual, abierto a todos, manteniendo alimento para el camino, y llamandonos a cambiar el mundo.**

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what your planned gift to GSP can do. Have you remembered GSP in your will?

**Spirit Now and Spirit Song (Taizé) services meet at 5 p.m. Both services meet via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/948146775>. Spirit Song, in the style of Taizé, meets at 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.**

## *Live, In-Person Service Protocols*

**Both Sunday services—7:45 and 10 a.m.—are live and in-person. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed in the future. You can always choose to watch the service on-line.**

Come sing the opening and closing hymns at the **7:45 a.m. service but keep your masks on, please.** The Celebrant will continue to wear a mask while singing and during the Eucharistic Prayer and while distributing Communion.

For those who attend the live service at 10 a.m., bear in mind that **streaming goes live at 9:45 a.m. and the microphones in the sanctuary are sensitive.** Any sound you make or conversation you have can be picked up on those microphones and sent out to the world. Consider this when you enter the sanctuary. Remember that we can now **meet and greet one another outside** before and after the service, and we encourage all of you to do so.

To insure your safety, these are the steps we will be taking and what we ask of each of you attending in person:

- All windows and doors to the outside will be opened throughout the service.
- Merv 13 air filters have been installed.
- Pews will be marked for seating locations, insuring 6 feet distance between family groups.
- Service time will be under 75 minutes.
- We will have a maximum seating capacity of 200.
- **All congregants must wear a mask, properly worn over nose and mouth.**
- We will continue utilizing four masked singers and not a full choir.
- Communion will be served in one kind.
- Children and youth and the nursery meet downstairs in the Undercroft.
- We strongly suggest that only those who have been fully vaccinated attend services in person.

The 10 a.m. service includes a beyond-the-Prayer-Book liturgy with prayers linking to the Revised Common Lectionary for the week. **The congregation can now sing with a mask on.**

We encourage all to meet outside after the service. At this time, we have decided that it would not be prudent to begin coffee hour.

We are also considering **Adult Spiritual Formation** and potential hybrid forms of gathering together again. Ideas? Share them with Parish staff.

**Parents, please note.** The nursery is staffed every Sunday downstairs in the Undercroft for the 10 a.m. worship service. Kids can be dropped off as early as 9:40 a.m. Nursery is for infants-age 3. We have kicked off a new Sunday School year at the 10 a.m. service. We have a Pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. All youth seventh grade and up will be welcomed into church to sit with new friends, their family, or Jessica. They will be given a question to explore and reflect on during the service and we will discuss it at Youth Group after the service.

**\*\*Please wear your name tags so folks can recognize you in your mask.\*\***

**Don't have a name tag? Contact the office, 327-6857,  
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or email [ParishAdmin@Grace-StPauls.org](mailto:ParishAdmin@Grace-StPauls.org).**

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*Table Flowers*

**Flower or plant memorials** for the live-streaming Sunday worship would be greatly appreciated. They add to the beauty of the service. More than one person or family may donate flowers on a particular Sunday. Send your requests to [tucsonjane@aol.com](mailto:tucsonjane@aol.com) with your dedication and date. The money for the flowers needs to be sent to the church. I will notify David Wachter (GSP's bulletin editor) of your requests.

Thank you,  
Jane Thrall

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## **Creation Sunday: October 3, 2021**

### **The Season of Creation at Grace St. Paul's**



Revel in the direct link between nature and God in a service as celebratory as Christmas and Easter. We celebrate the beauty of the earth. We recognize the intimate connection that each of us has with our Mother, this planet.

Come be a part of bringing the world back to its ancient connection to the cosmos. Bring everyone you know to this act of love and celebration on Sunday, October 3. It is our calling as Christians!

- **Creation Sunday Services** at 7:45 and 10 a.m., in the church (10 a.m. also live-streamed on Facebook)
- **Book Reading by GSP's own Alice Brown** of her book *Gregory A. Turtle Saves His Friends: A Pondsides Adventure* (this will follow the 10 a.m. service)
- **Blessing of Animals**, 5 p.m. on the labyrinth

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## ***Change the World***

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### ***Animal Blessings 2021***

Animals are a window to our Compassionate God. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship with our Creator. To honor the special relationship between you and your pet(s), please come to our annual **Blessing of Animals, today, October 3, at 5 p.m. on the labyrinth.** Everyone and their companion animals are welcome: lizards, horses, cats, dogs, hamsters, and animals not listed. For animals who have crossed over, bring your favorite picture. We will be social distanced and with masks. For any questions you may have, please call Reverend Chris through the church office, 520-327-6857.

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### ***Showers Volunteers Updates and Needs***

The Joseph's Pantry team is happy to welcome two new shower volunteers on board, Greg and Patsy! Thank you to Greg and Patsy for answering our call for volunteers.

As part of our outreach ministry to people experiencing homelessness, Joseph's Pantry offers showers three mornings per week (M, W, F, 9-12). We are still in need of one or two more volunteers to keep this very important ministry running.

If you have three hours per week to give, or can even help out occasionally, please contact Jessica at [Jessica.Swift@grace-stpauls.org](mailto:Jessica.Swift@grace-stpauls.org) or at the church office 520-327-6857 right away.

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### ***Thank you to all Joseph's Pantry and Social Services volunteers!***

Thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to help with our mission of respect and dignity for all! Many of our volunteers dedicate 3 or more hours per week to our food pantry, shower ministry, or social service ministry.

The heart of GSP is alive and well in these wonderful volunteers: Andrew, Holly, Joe, Elaine, Chris, Steve, Patty, Lisa, Elizabeth, Greg, Patsy, Edwin, Will, Br. Chuck, Deacon Laurie, Debbie, Jamie, Lauren, Jim, Harlan, BJ, and Beatrice.

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## ***Food for the Journey: Children, Youth & Families***

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### ***Creation Care book reading!***

Join us after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 3, for author and parishioner Alice Brown to read her children's book, *Gregory A. Turtle Saves His Friends*. This pondside adventure book, illustrated by Giada Gallo-Quiroz, tells the tale of animal friends trying to take care of their home amid a changing environment. Signed copies of the book will be given to families with young children who attend. Alice will be reading in the sanctuary, and the event will also be live-streamed for those joining us from home! Children can gather on the carpet in the sanctuary and adults can sit in the pews. Come support Alice, have some fun, learn from Gregory A. Turtle, and go home with a signed copy of the book!

## **Mini October Youth Trip!**

Come with Jessica to the Diocesan Convention in Phoenix Oct. 15-16!

We will leave GSP at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15. Friday night, 5:30-8:30 p.m., **we'll hang out with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**, see old and new friends, eat pizza, play games, and worship together. Bring your sleeping bag because we will be hosted by a local Episcopal Church overnight.

Saturday morning 8:30-11:30, we'll have delicious breakfast pastries and then attend Eucharist with the whole diocese, with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaching and our own Bishop Jennifer leading worship. You won't want to miss it!

Everything happens at Church for the Nations, 6225 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012.

After Eucharist, our Youth Group will grab lunch and head over to Castles N' Coasters for the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 16. We will leave the park at 8 p.m. and head back to GSP.

RSVP ASAP to Jessica! [Jessica.Swift@grace-stpauls.org](mailto:Jessica.Swift@grace-stpauls.org).

Check out this beautiful music video about suicide prevention.

Our own **Fiona Fischer** stars in it.

Thank you, Fiona, for your proactive stance. A singer, musician, and an actor! You rock!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXdOLwHNS0c>

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## **Who's Who at Grace St. Paul's**

### **Vestry**

Phil Johnson, *Senior Warden*; Angel Wang, *Junior Warden*; Rob Rauh, *Chancellor*; Wil Harri, *Treasurer*

*Vestry Members*: Kim Braun, Harlan Hokin, Margie King, Dennis Kirchoff, Rita Magdaleno, Jill McCollum, Betty Rathbone, Patty Rushing, Beatrice Washburn

### **Clergy**

Jennifer Reddall, *Bishop of Arizona*; Richard Mallory, *Associate Rector*; Gary Cyr, Mary Delaney, Joe Fitzgerald, Steve Kelsey, *Priest Associates*; Donald Eager, Laurie Finn, Chris Ledyard, Nancy Meister, *Deacons*; Lynn Marie Hunter, *Interfaith Minister*; Steve Keplinger, *Rector*

### **Staff**

Jane Click, *Pianist*; *Lieto Ensemble*; Argelia El-Khayat, *Nursery Worker*; Christina Jarvis, *Music Director*; Pamela Spears, *Parish Administrator*; Jessica Swift, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries*; Social

*Services Leader*; David Wachter, *Organist & Publications Manager*; James White, *Sexton*

### **Consultant**

Patti Morrison, *Bookkeeper*

### **Children and Youth Spiritual Formation Leaders**

Koni Bennett; Will Brinckerhoff; Ellen Caldwell; Madeleine Caldwell; Argelia El-Khayat; Deacon Laurie Finn; Anne Harri; Jennifer Katcher; Eileen Mundt; Christian Payne; Mary Prasciunas; Maria Ramirez; Betty Rathbone; Lisa Swift; Kari Joy Thomas

### **Nursery Worker**

Argelia El-Khayat

### **Nursery Volunteers**

Ellen Caldwell, Eileen Mundt

## **Youth Question of the Day**

*Each week, our youth will be discussing a question related to the readings of the day and what is happening in our world. They also might make good discussion questions for the entire parish.*

### **Today's question:**

Children had very difficult lives in Jesus' day, so Jesus spent much of his time protecting them. Who on today's earth has a difficult life and how can we protect them?

Notes: