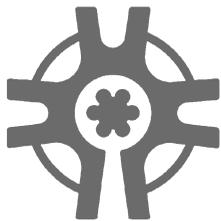


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Grace St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Earth Justice — Migrant Justice — Social Justice

Creation Sunday



October 4, 2020

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

- Given by Ann Schlumberger in memory of Hetty Lewis, Mary Turner, and Jane Schlumberger—the grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger; also in honor of Ann's cousin Mona Lewis Brown, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 7;
- Wesley Hunter in honor of his 30th birthday on October 2, from Lynn and Spencer Hunter.
- If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call the church office at (520) 327-6857.*
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Live-Streaming Weekly Worship & Sunday School

Sunday: 10 a.m. – Live Sunday Worship

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

High-quality recorded: www.tinyurl.com/gspvids

9:15 a.m. – Children & Family Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/98113913984>

12:30 p.m. – Youth Group—via Zoom

Zooming Weekly Worship

Monday: 5 p.m. – Migrant Prayer Vigil, every other Monday <https://zoom.us/j/336535932>

Bulletin for Prayer Vigil: www.gsptucson.org/vigil/

Tuesday: 6 p.m. – Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/217869100?pwd=YTk5bDIzeVkySIUraDNuNINjMEdaQT09>

Wednesday: 7 p.m. – Guided Meditation

<https://zoom.us/j/97338942835>

Thursday: 9 a.m. – Morning Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/861039701>

12:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer,

followed by a discussion

<https://zoom.us/j/587634086?pwd=SWWhUTW9oQWU0SzBKSWI FNWInMVFPdz09>

5 p.m. – Spirit Now

Spirit Song (Taizé) First Thursday, 5 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/948146775>

Friday: 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>

Tuesday: Every other Tuesday at noon – Creating Communion and Sacred Ground –
<https://zoom.us/j/91064204436>

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=dEg5VWGFMT0NrcnFiaHRjQWYybIMxdz09>

Creation Sunday

10 a.m. Live-Streamed Worship

The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Officiant

Special Message

The sacred nature of and importance of community is never more obvious than it is in those times when it appears to be impossible to experience. Now is the time to live in the love of one another. Now is the time to come together so that we may care for one another and support one another. Now is the time to live into the hallowed connection of the entire universe. Let us thank God that we live in a world where we can virtually stay connected with one another. Let us continue to live into the love of this community by remote connection until we can physically embrace each other again.

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.

Prelude

Chant de paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

Images of the cosmos will be shown during the prelude.

Greeting and Announcements

Silence

Native Flute

Karen Hanson

The Beauty of Bears Ears: Indigenous Voices for Bears Ears

[*Friends of Cedar Mesa*]

Nicole Lee, Reader

A canyon wren breaks the silence.

That is who we are as a Native American Indian people. That's who we are. We are here to take care of and look after it. If you take care of it and look after it, it's going to take care of you. You're going to get healed from it and you're going to heal the land, too...

Jonah Yellowman, Diné

Bears Ears reminds me of my purpose in life and affirms my identity as a Navajo being—a 31-year-old man whose Near-to-Water clan is represented by the Cougar as protector, and whose Towering House people bloodline is protected by the Bear.

Alastair Bitsoi, Diné

We consider all of nature to be alive, possessing both feelings and a consciousness. Hence the natural world is capable of seeing and hearing us, “blessing” us, and taking pity on us. The Earth is a physical manifestation of God’s creative spirit, and we, Human beings, are recognized by the Earth as a part of the natural world. Once I asked my 111-year-old grandmother, Bessie Tripp, “Who did the old Indians say was God, Grandma?” She said, “Why, the Earth, Everything. The rocks, the leaves, the mountains.”

Julian Lang, Karuk

This all goes to our core belief that animals and plants are parts of family units that have intimate relationships with the Earth and so we respect that. We don't have the arrogance to disrupt those relationships. We live in such a different reality than the the capitalistic world...America is going to have to hit bottom in order to be able to gain this sense of respect of these intimate relationships that existed on the Earth since time immemorial.

Faith Spotted Eagle, Yankton

The Bears Ears land is a unique cultural place where we visit and practice our traditional religions for the purpose of attaining or resuming health for ourselves, human communities, and our natural world as an interconnected and inextricable whole...Our relationship and visits to Bears Ears are essential for this process. Ruining the integrity of these lands forever compromises our ability to heal. The traditional knowledge related to Bears Ears is important and irreplaceable in itself.

Bears Ears Coalition of Tribes

Flute

Silence

The Call of Creation

The silence is broken with distant music.

Native Flute

Silence

The Call of the Earth

Klee Benally, Diné

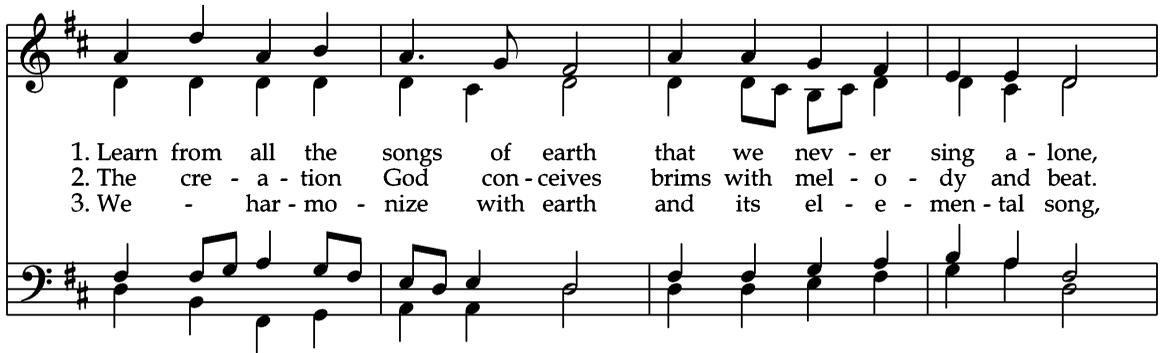
The question has been asked, yet we hear no response: “What part of sacred don’t you understand?” Essentially we’re saying why isn’t it enough for us to say a site is sacred and should be set aside and protected and respected because it’s integral for our spiritual practice to be continued.

Canyon Wren Call

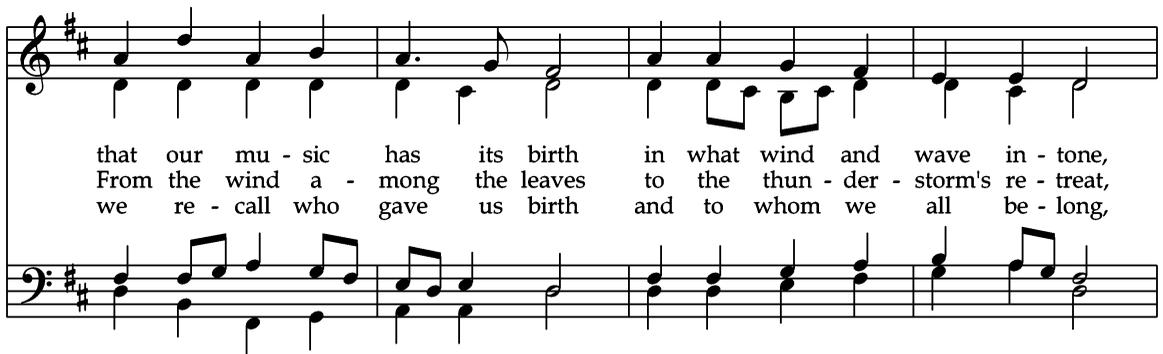
Opening Hymn

Learn from all the songs of earth

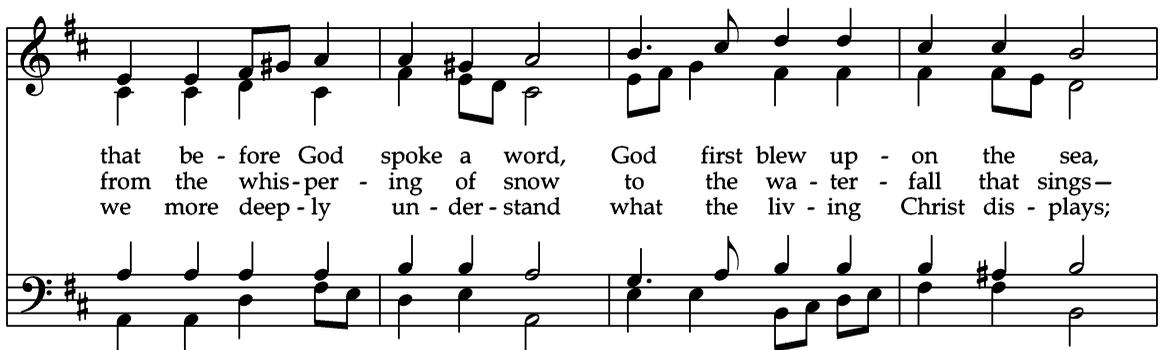
The people may stand in body or spirit.



1. Learn from all the songs of earth that we nev - er sing a - lone,
2. The cre - a - tion God con - ceives brims with mel - o - dy and beat.
3. We - har - mo - nize with earth and its el - e - men - tal song,



that our mu - sic has its birth in what wind and wave in - tone,
From the wind a - mong the leaves to the thun - der - storm's re - treat,
we re - call who gave us birth and to whom we all be - long,



that be - fore God spoke a word, God first blew up - on the sea,
from the whis - per - ing of snow to the wa - ter - fall that sings -
we more deep - ly un - der - stand what the liv - ing Christ dis - plays;

and the breath of mu - sic stirred ev - ery - thing that came to be.
 psalms and an - thems rise and flow from the plain - est, sim - plest things.
 we are fash - ioned by God's hand for a life that sings God's praise.

Words: Thomas H. Troeger

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Opening Acclamation

Inspired by Interfaith Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, "An Earth Charter."

Officiant: Creating God, in you everything on Earth and in the heavens is bound together in perfect harmony. If we lose the sweetness of the waters, we lose the life of the land.

People: **If we lose the life of the land, we lose the majesty of the forest.**

Officiant: If we lose the majesty of the forest, we lose the purity of the air.

People: **If we lose the purity of the air, we lose the creatures of the Earth.**

Officiant: Open our eyes to behold your Creation.

People: **Create in us a new spirit of awareness of our place in your delicate balance.**

Officiant: Quicken our understanding that we may acknowledge our responsibility.

People: **Strengthen our resolve to work with you for the healing of the planet.**

Amen.

Chant of Praise

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.

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The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day is by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.

Officiant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant:

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 Proverbs [8:22-31]

Please be seated.

Christina Jarvis, Reader

The Eternal One created me at the beginning of his work, the first of God's acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when God had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When God established the heavens, I was there, when

God drew a circle on the face of the deep, when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress God's command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside God, like a master worker; and I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in God's inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Native Flute

Karen Hanson

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God [Thomas Berry]

Harlan Hokin, Reader

The story of the universe is now being told...We begin to understand our human identity with all other modes of existence that constitute with us the single

universe community. The one story includes us all. We are, everyone, cousins of one another. Every being is intimately present to and immediately influencing every other being.

We see quite clearly that what happens to the non-human happens to the human; what happens to the outer world happens to the inner world. If the outer world is diminished in its grandeur, then the emotional, imaginative, intellectual, and spiritual life of the human is diminished or extinguished. Without the soaring birds, the great forests, the sounds and coloration of the insects, the free-flowing streams, the flowering fields, the sight of the clouds by day and the stars at night, we become

impoverished in all that makes us human.

There is now developing a profound mystique of the natural world. Beyond the technical comprehension of what is happening and the directions in which we need to change, we now experience the deep mysteries of existence through the wonders of the world about us...We are now experiencing a moment of significance far beyond what any of us can imagine.

Sequence Hymn

Creative God, you spread the earth

The people may stand in body or spirit.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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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A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 21:33-46]

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they

said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Parish intercessions are listed on page 17.

Adapted from Talitha Arnold.

Leader: We thank you, God, for the gift of air—
for cool breezes and brisk winds that refresh us,
for blue skies and crystal-clear nights,
for the smells of every season—summer and winter, spring and fall.
Most of all, we thank you for the air that gives us life.

***People:* You offer your Spirit to us with every breath we take.
May we protect this gift that gives us life.**

Leader: Thanks be for water
that sustains the life of animals, fish, and plants,
that cleans our bodies and blesses our souls.
For the water of tears that wash away our grief,
for the water of slides, lakes, pools, and oceans where we can play and
have fun. Thanks be for water.

***People:* Your water gives us new life.
May we treasure this gift and share it with others.**

Leader: Thank you for fire and the many ways we use it,
to cook our food,
to sterilize and purify,
to smelt ore and form metal,
to warm our homes, and
to light our dark nights.

***People:* You light our way and enlighten our minds.
May we open to the fire of your Spirit.**

Leader: Thank you for the ground beneath our feet,
your good earth that gives life to all.
In a mystery we do not understand, green plants spring forth
from your darkness. Canyons and mountains, plains and
deserts show us your infinite imagination. We thank you
for this firm foundation on which we build our homes and lives.

***People:* May we always love this land as you love it.
May we care for this good earth that gives us good life.**

Officiant: Thanks for all the creatures, stones and plants
Let us learn their lessons and seek their truths,
So that their path might be ours,
And we might live in harmony, a better life.

May the Earth continue to live,
May the heavens above continue to live,
May the rains continue to dampen the land,
May the wet forests continue to grow,
Then the flowers shall bloom
And we people shall live again. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

*The Confession of Sin is by The Episcopal Church's
Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.*

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.**

The Absolution was composed and/or adapted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Officiant:

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

Oficiante: La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

Pueblo: **Y con tu espíritu.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Please be seated.

Officiant:

Earth is crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God;
but only those who see take off their shoes.

[Elizabeth Barrett Browning]

Today's Offering

We hope during these times that you will be able to keep your pledges and donations up to date. To place your offering in the "basket" today, please download the Easy Tithe app on Google Play or in the App store. Press "give now" in the App and make your donation by pressing "GSP Budget."

Other options for giving:

- *Easy Tithe website: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/gsp> (where you can also choose to make your donation recurring)*
- *Send your donation via U.S. Mail to Grace St. Paul's, 2331 E Adams, Tucson, AZ 85719.*
- *Set up a bill payment with your bank. Many will also allow you to make that automatic weekly or monthly. Contact your financial institution for further details.*

Offertory Anthem

La palabra del Señor/God's word is upright *Juan Luis García*
Christina Jarvis, Harlan Hokin, soloists; Phil Johnson, guitar

Pause

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Adapted from John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth.

Officiant: Holding in our memories both the acts that Jesus taught us, and our commemorations of those communal acts, we gather in spirit around this table, praying together:

All: **Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
in the light of the moon and patterns of stars
in scarred mountain rifts and ancient groves
in mighty seas and creatures of the deep.
Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
in the light of eyes we love
in the salt of tears we have tasted
in weathered countenances east and west
in the soft skin glow of the child everywhere.
Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
there is your presence among us. 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,

All: **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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The people may stand in body or spirit.

The Postcommunion Prayer was written by Edward Abbey.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: 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

The blessing is adapted from Anne Rowthorn.

Officiant: God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning,
God of the forest and shining sea, God of the blooming desert
and rolling grasslands—shine on us today and bless us Creator,
Liberator, and Sustainer, with your constant presence in the
natural world. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

All creatures of the universe

No. 400, *The Hymnal 1982*, redacted by Kari McBride (stanzas 1, 2 & 7)



1. All crea-tures of the u - ni - verse, Praise God, who brought all things to
2. And this blue plan - et, glo - rious earth, teem - ing with count - less forms di -
3. Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
4. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your God to
5. Now with af - fec - tion in your heart, lov - ing all oth - ers, take your
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, give thanks to God with grate - ful -



birth: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
verse, Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
loft, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
part, O _____ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
breath, Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
ness: Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to the



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams:
fruits that in you grow life's great com - plex - i - ty do show:
morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice:
tense and fierce - ly bright, you give the world your warmth and light:
pain and sor - row bear, praise God, who grieves your ev - ery care:
home the child of God, path - way that count - less ag - es trod:
one who made all things; with joy - ful voic - es, ev - er sing:



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Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Kari Boyd McBride
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
 adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

No. 400, *The Hymnal* 1982

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Dismissal

The Dismissal is by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Deacon: Go now, protect and celebrate Creation, welcome Wildness, 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

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

Service Participants

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger
Readers: Nicole Lee, Christina Jarvis, Harlan Hokin
Singers: Christina Jarvis, Harlan Hokin
Guitarist: Phil Johnson
Organist: David Wachter

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania; Church of Our Saviour in Lakeside; Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 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; Michael Hannan; 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; Beth Banks; Robin Beelen; BJ Bower; Kim Braun & Steve Manson; Toni Sue Brooks; Molly Cassidy; Anagrethe Christensen; Alysha Collins; Rosemary DeCook; Kate Delaney; Mark Drew; Jay Elliston; Argelia El Khayat and family including Yamila and Samyra; Deanna Fitzgerald; Mary Fitzgerald; Will Flowers; Craig Garver; James, Elizabeth, and Andrew Gooden; Dianne Gunderson; Br. Chuck Hannan; Jeff Harvey; Sara Heitshu; Jacque Hendrix; Cathy Jarvis; Francesca Jarvis; Molly & Kent Johnson; Cricket Kelbaugh; The Rev. Chris Ledyard; Frederick & Joan Marcoux; Anagrace & Dan Misenhimer; Danielle Phillips; Robert Rosenberg; Ron Rude; Sandra Sankey; Pam Spears; Tonya Watkins; Sr. Carol Willans; Heather Williams; Ed; Lee; Marilyn; Melea; Pamela Decker & Ken Yukt; Mildred Gregory; Norman Hammer; Carla LaFontain; Rebecca Medel; The Rev. Michael Meyers; Maribel Ortiz; Bishop Jennifer Reddall and family, especially Nathan; Sam Shivers; Linda Lea Voss; Carl & Gregory; Elizabeth & Keith; Garland; Joel; Mike, Monica & Danitza; Rob.

We pray for those who have died, especially Priscilla Walker.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially 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) 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. Full names will be listed unless “first name only” is requested.

GSP Parish Life – October 4, 2020

Check out GSP's website: 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 —
click on “Sunday Bulletins” or “Announcements.”

ONLINE BONUS: The GSP Weekly Calendar is included with the GSP Parish Life announcements at 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 now 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.



Flower 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 donate flowers on a particular Sunday.

Send your requests to 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

GSP and the Season of Creation



I was beginning to think it would not happen in my lifetime. But here we are in the most difficult year of our collective lives, and our own Episcopal church has heard us. After having spent 23 years of my life celebrating and promoting a Season of Creation, and doing all we could to move care of the Earth to the front of the agenda in TEC, the Presiding Bishop of our church has done just that. He began his devotion last Sunday with these words: ***“Each year, Christians around the world join in celebrating the Season of Creation. This is a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our commitments to God, to one another and to all of***

creation—relationships at the heart of Christian discipleship. It is also a time for deepening and expanding our work and witness for climate justice and environmental care.”

As this year began, our own Bishop in the Diocese of Arizona created a new position called Canon for Creation Care. The three pillars of our General Convention in 2018 were evangelism, reconciliation, and creation care. Now at our Diocesan Convention in October, the theme is Care of Creation.

Today, October 4, GSP will live-stream our 11th Annual **Creation Sunday**. For obvious reasons, Creation Sunday is as important to us as Easter Sunday or Christmas. This year’s Celebration will be different from those in the past because of our circumstances, but it will continue to be filled with beauty and pageantry, an emotional service that will move you to tears and action. If you have been with us on Creation Sunday in the past, you know how powerful these services have become. If you have never experienced Creation Sunday with us, prepare to be overwhelmed.

Each year, people become members of GSP after experiencing Creation Sunday with us. Each year, people understand their connection to God through nature in a way they had not previously.

Please invite all your friends and join us **today, October 4 at 10 a.m.** as we celebrate the church’s new emphasis on Creation Care at this moment when earth justice must become the Civil Rights movement of our time.

The celebration continues **this evening at 5:30 p.m.** with **The Blessing of the Animals**. This year’s Blessing of the Animals will be a Zoom event. So there are no excuses about your anti-social companion animal not being able to come. Gather up your rats, tortoises, snakes, turkeys, horses, and lizards, along with your cats and dogs, and get them in front of that computer screen. **The service bulletin is available here: <http://gsptucson.org/parish/bulletins/Animal-Blessing-10-04-2020.pdf>.** We will bless each individually during a fun liturgy:

GSP is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessing of the Animals

Time: Oct 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m. Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97229786019>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/avBI0WPIF>

See you then!

Steve+ and Deacon Chris

It's Time

After careful consideration and consultation with the clergy, liturgy committee, staff, and COVID task force, your Vestry has unanimously voted to take another step in worship offerings.

Beginning **October 18 at 7:45 a.m.**, we will be offering an in-person, **outdoor worship service**. This will be a simple Communion service, open to everyone. We will gather on the church parking lot, with socially distanced seating. The service will include all parts of our regular liturgy with prayers, readings, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, Eucharistic Prayer and communion served in one kind, using a no-touch system. At this time, there will be no music or singing at this service, at least in this opening stage. All attendees will be required to wear a mask (we will have masks available) and stay six feet apart with the exception of family units. We will have chairs set up, but if you would like to bring your own seating, please feel free to do so. There will be seating available in the sun and the shade. Paper service booklets will be available for all, but we ask that you consider bringing an electronic version if you have access to one. No physical Offering will take place but Offering plates will be placed in strategic locations for you to drop in your donation. There will be no "coffee hour" after the service and we will greet each other with virtual hugs.

This outdoor service will have no effect on our 10 a.m. live streaming service. We will continue to live stream every Sunday and will do so for the foreseeable and in all likelihood, not foreseeable future.

We are taking this stepping-stone approach to returning to in-person worship because we believe being outside contains a fraction of the risk that indoor worship does, even with all of the implementations in place in Phase II worship. We believe this to be the safest and quickest way for us to be physically together again and offer communion. Each person and family needs to assess their their own situation in deciding whether to attend this outside worship or stick with the live streaming. Of course, you will also be able to do both!

Sunday School will continue on zoom each week at 9:15 a.m. Jessica will also be making arrangements for children at the 7:45 a.m. service to gather on the labyrinth, socially distant, during the worship and to connect at 9:15 to the zoom.

We will be evaluating the outdoor worship service each week as we proceed. If we continue with it in this form, we could change the time to afternoon as the weather cools. The key word is flexibility as we transition back to multiple forms of worship.

None of us imagined that it would be seven months before we could come back together physically as a community. But the day is almost here. Thanks to all of you for your perseverance and patience. We are excited that this time has arrived.

Happy Creation Season,
Steve+



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Sacred Space Tucson is now being facilitated by Grace St. Paul's.

Sacred Space is an interfaith, contemplative time to get in touch with your deepest self, or see where the spirit is guiding you. Contemplation has the power to calm us, center us, and call us to be more compassionate.

Please join Jessica and others this week for Sacred Space **today, October 4, at 1 p.m. MST on Zoom.** Dr. Victor Shamas will offer us the gift of music and Michael Pellegrino will guide us through contemplative practice.

Visit www.sacredspacecommunity.org for more information.

Time: Oct. 04, 2020 01:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98861709237?pwd=UlhYYlplVa20vemx6djlSOFRycVVDQT09>

Meeting ID: 988 6170 9237; Passcode: sacred

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Guided Meditation Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Grace St. Paul's has offered an in-person Interfaith Meditation on Tuesday evenings for many years. To replace that tradition in these times, The Rev. Lynn Hunter is offering a new Guided Meditation. This form of meditation uses an adaption from the Buddhist tradition of loving kindness. It is a guided meditation based on the work of Sharon Salzberg. The meditation will last approximately 30 minutes. It is open to anyone who would like another means of connection, to deepen their spiritual life and to offer loving kindness. If you are looking for another anxiety reducer, come check it out every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Five minutes of introduction and check-in will be followed by the guided meditation itself at 7:05 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97338942835>

Friday Night Evening Prayer continuing Friday, October 9, 2020, at 7 p.m.

Are you looking for a spiritual way to close out the week, and prepare for the weekend? Been busy all day or week and want to take 30 minutes in the early evening for some prayer time in community? Grace St. Paul's offers Friday Night Evening Prayer, on the second, third, fourth, (and fifth) Friday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. We will use an adapted version of the Evening Prayer service in *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. The service will be available on Zoom and shared when you are in the room. The only difference will be the Scripture reading, which will be the Gospel reading for the day. The Zoom sign-on, listed below, will also be listed in the weekly e-blast. It will include the dates on Friday that this prayerful service is offered. If you have any questions, comments, etc., please contact Rev. Chris through the church office, at (520) 327-6857. Hope to see you there on October 9, 16, 23, and 30. *FYI: The first Friday of each month is taken with the First Friday Play Reading.*

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95447916338> — Meeting ID: 954 4791 6338
Connecting via phone? Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/95447916338>

Change the World

COVID-19 Crisis for Immigrants in Detention Centers

We continue to pray for the thousands of immigrants who fled horrendous conditions in their own countries, only to be held in worse conditions in private detention centers throughout the U.S. and in Arizona. Out of 95 immigration detention centers for which statistics are available, **La Palma in Eloy, AZ has 385 cases of COVID-19, more than any other detention center.** The **Eloy Detention Center comes in very close with 252 cases.** The **Florence Detention Center reports 67 cases.** This totals **704 cases in Arizona immigrant detention centers.** A coalition of national and local organizations is calling for the closure of La Palma, Eloy, and all the immigrant detention centers due to negligence, lack of medical care, sexual abuse, and suicide attempts. Our

own bishop Reddall and the Episcopal Church have called for the release of detainees and the use of alternatives to detention. Please join us in prayer, in calls and letters to state and national representatives, and to the mayor of Eloy, demanding “[alternatives to immigrant detention](#) that maintain family unity and provide immigrants with access to the physical and mental health supports they need.”

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/dangers-detention-during-covid-19>

Creating Communion and Sacred Ground

Every other Tuesday at Noon. Next meeting: October 6
Facilitator: Sandi Nesbit

Stories are virtually exploding into the world: some new, some renewed, some remembered, all honored. Communal story-sharing is alive with promise, empathy, pain, beauty, hope and wonder. The ground on which we walk is saturated with sacred narratives through which we can connect with others and our inner selves. Our dream is to form a group wherein each member becomes part of that story-finding, story-sharing, story-honoring process.

The theme of the first meeting was based on the resources provided by Bishop Reddall’s Anti-Racism committee. You can access that list at <https://www.azdiocese.org/ministries/antiracism.html>

No registration necessary. Just click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/91064204436>.

Scheduled meetings remaining:

In 2020: October 6; October 20; November 3; November 17; December 1; December 15; December 29;

In 2021: January 12

Food for the Journey: Children, Youth & Families

Are You Interested in Being a Sunday School Teacher?

Sunday School will be online on zoom for the foreseeable future as we continue to navigate the pandemic together. GSP kids will be doing their third and final year of the LOVE FIRST curriculum. It’s a beautiful opportunity to show young people how to Love God, Love Self, and Love Neighbor. In addition to your desire to nurture our youngest members, you would need to be open to learning Zoom and taking the Episcopal Church’s Safeguarding training online. We have a great team of children’s leaders and would love for more to join! Leading Sunday School is a great way to enhance your own understanding of God. If you are interested, please contact Jessica at Jessica.Swift@gracestpauls.org.

GSP Has a YouTube Channel!

Did you know GSP maintains a YouTube channel? There you can access recordings of our live services, GSPeople conversations, archived events and lectures, currently a total of ten playlists representing a wide variety of topics and activities. More playlists and posts are being added all the time. Let’s not lose touch while we wait for the plague to subside! The address to use directly from your browser is “GraceStPauls_Tucson”. Or you can enter “grace st paul’s episcopal church” on the YouTube search bar [click on the GSP logo when it comes up]. There is also a link on the GSP website home page for one-click access. If you want to add a vid, make one and send it in! For help or to facilitate, contact Harlan Hokin.

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

Who's Who at Grace St. Paul's

Vestry

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

Vestry Members: Kim Braun, Karen Hanson, Dennis Kirchoff, Rita Magdaleno, Betty Rathbone, Jim Steinman, Rod Warfield, Beatrice Washburn, Ric Wood

Clergy

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

Vergers & Acolytes

Martha Farnham, *Verger*

Staff

Jane Click, *Pianist*; Lieto Ensemble; Will Dekoevend, *Facilities Assistant*; Argelia El-Khayat, *Nursery Worker*; Christina Jarvis, *Music Director*; Pamela Spears, *Parish*

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Patti Morrison, *Bookkeeper*

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Nursery Worker

Argelia El-Khayat

Nursery Volunteers

Ellen Caldwell, Eileen Mundt

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