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Grace St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Earth Justice — Migrant Justice — Social Justice

Creation Sunday Sacred Wilderness

October 8, 2023

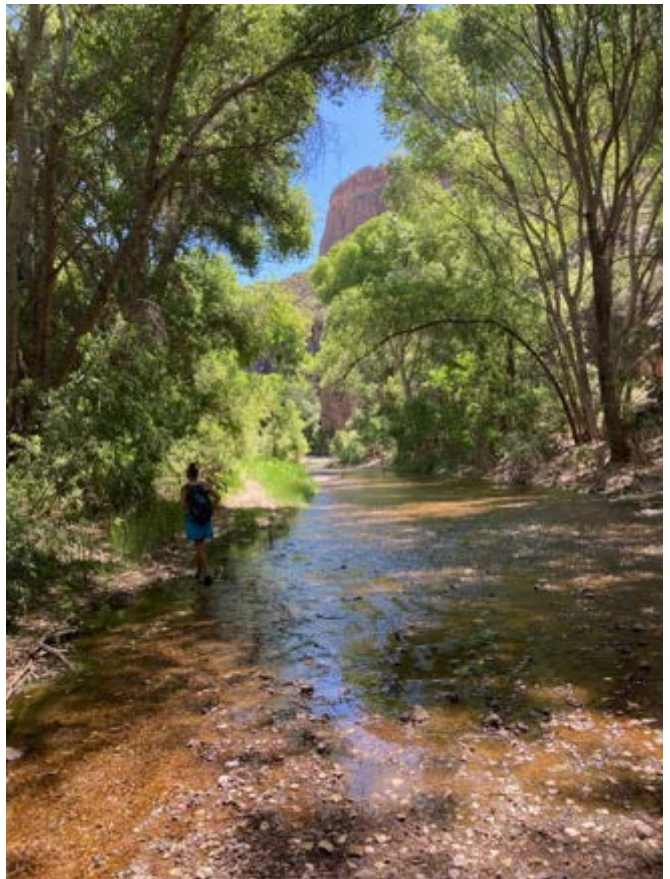
7:45 & 10 AM

Communion Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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!



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● LIVE STREAMING WEEKLY WORSHIP

7:45 A.M.: In-Person only

10 A.M.: In-Person & Live-Streaming:

www.tinyurl.com/gspvirtual or gsptucson.org/live

Bulletin: www.GSPTucson.tumblr.com/tagged/bulletins

Edited Quality Recording: www.tinyurl.com/gspvids



Mission and Vision

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 sera un hogar espiritual, abierto a todos, manteniendo alimento para el camino, y llamandonos a cambiar el mundo.



Video Streaming

All church activities may be internet streamed, video recorded, and/or photographed. Entry on to the church campus or into any church building constitutes consent to be streamed, videographed, or photographed for church purposes. If you would like to be seated where you will not be filmed, please let us know and we will be happy to accommodate your needs. Thank you.



Table Flowers

Flowers given by Jane Nakazato in thanksgiving for her grandsons George and Noah and their recent shared birthday

● ZOOMING WEEKLY WORSHIP

EVERY OTHER MONDAY:

4:30 P.M.: Migrant Prayer Vigil

<https://zoom.us/j/33635359322>

Prayer vigil bulletin: www.gsptucson.org/vigil/

TUESDAY:

6 P.M.: Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/217869100?pwd=YTk5bDlZeVkySl-UraDNuNINIjMEaQT09>

WEDNESDAY:

7 P.M.: Guided Meditation

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

THURSDAY:

9 A.M.: Morning Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/97784384154?pwd=U3p0YlhCRG-FZdIBEOTV3dHJsVzhUUT09>

5 P.M.: (FIRST THURSDAY) Spirit Song (Taize)

5 P.M.: (THURSDAYS) Spirit Now

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

7 P.M.: Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/95447916338>

● ZOOMING SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

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 Meet Sunday's Lectionary

<https://zoom.us/j/407160034?pwd=dE5WGFMTON-rcnFiaHRjQWlYbIMxdz09>

The people of Grace St. Paul's acknowledge our presence on Tohono O'odham ("Desert People") ancestral lands, as well as the Akimel O'dham (Pima), Apache, Hopi, Maricopa, Yaqui, Yavapai and Zuni peoples. Paleo-Indians practiced plant husbandry and hunted game in the Santa Cruz River Valley from 10,000 BCE or before. We acknowledge these original caretakers of the desert. We are grateful for what we learn from their customs and practices, to listen to Nature with their hearts and to care for creation in the spirit of Mother Earth.

We acknowledge the historical injustices and colonialism perpetrated on these Indigenous Peoples, past and present, and we strive to be mindful of our complicity.

Adapted by Parishioner Diana Robertson

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

Images of the cosmos

Greeting and Announcements

Silence

Native Flute

(7:45 a.m.) James White

(10 a.m.) Karen Hanson

Spirit of the Earth

Native Voices on Nature

This morning's voices are Andrew Curley and Rita Magdaleno and are the words of Tahirussawichi, Pawnee; Song to bring fair weather Nootka; Song of the Rain-making Ceremony, Hopi; Peter Prince, Dine'; Minnehwehna, Ojibway; Black Elk, (Hehaka-sapa), Lakota; Magpie (Mowihai), Cheyenne; Red Cloud, Lakota; Edward Goodbird, Hidatsa; Tecumseh, Shawnee; Song of the Calumet Ceremony, Pawnee; Anauta, Inuit (Eskimo); Song of the Hethushka Warrior Society, Omaha.

Brave Buffalo (Tatanka-ohitika)

The Sacred Wilderness

Lakota

When I was ten years of age I looked at the land and the rivers, the sky above, and the animals around me and could not fail to realize that they were made by some great power. I was so anxious to understand this power that I questioned the trees and the bushes. It seemed as though the flowers were staring at me, and I wanted to ask them "Who made you?" I looked at the moss-covered stones; some of them seemed to have the features of a man, but they could not answer me. Then I had a dream, and in my dream one of these small round stones appeared to me and told me that the maker of all was Wakan Tanka, and that in order to honor him I must honor his works in nature.

Silence

Canyon Wren Call *(7:45 a.m.)*

Soprano Saxophone Improvisation *(10 a.m.)*

At 10 AM, the children process in animal outfits, streamers, and earth symbols.

Processional Hymn

No. 18, Glory to God
(7:45 a.m. Stanzas 1,2)

The people may rise in body or spirit

Hallelujah! Sing Praise To Your Creator



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



Hymn continues on next page

love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (O)
 sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
 found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)

God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
 Both young and old, come and join in the song!
 Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

This recent paraphrase of Psalm 148 expands our awareness of the breadth of God's creation by being set to a traditional Indonesian melody that has become the basis for one of the most widely known worship songs from Asia. It needs to be sung joyfully and at a lively tempo.

TEXT: Tilly Lubis, 2009; trans. David Diephouse, 2009
 MUSIC: Batak melody; arr. H. A. Pandopo, 1999
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No. 18, *Glory to God* (PCUSA)
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 Irregular

Opening Acclamation

*Adapted from Loren Eiseley
 and Wallace Stegner*

- Celebrant:** It is a commonplace of all religious thought...
- People:** **that the one seeking visions and insight**
- Celebrant:** must go apart from his fellows and live for a time...
- People:** **in the wilderness.**
- Celebrant:** Something will have gone out of us as a people
- People:** **if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed. Amen.**

Chant of Praise

Sung three times

Beauty Before Me

May be sung in canon.

Kristopher E. Lindquist

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is divided into four numbered phrases:

- 1. Beau - ty be - fore me,
- 2. Beau - ty be - hind me,
- 3. Beau - ty a - bove and be - low
- 4. and a - round.

Text inspired by Navajo Rain Ceremony chant text.
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The Collect of the Day

Adapted from *The Book of Occasional Services*,
2022, 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

Craig Childs, The Animal Dialogues

Todd and I had guided rivers together, had run deep rapids in Colorado...But there had never been rivers down there that ran through this kind of wilderness. Never so much unaltered land...In the deepest whorls of wilderness, we found prints less than a day old of wolves and grizzlies. We slept in islands, contemplating what would happen if our canoe wrapped and broke against a rock. A person cannot walk away from this river to find help without becoming a legend. We had no wish to become legends...This is not wilderness for designation or for a park. Not a scenic wilderness and not one good for fishing or the viewing of wildlife. It is wilderness that gets into your nostrils, that runs with your sweat. It is the core of everything living, wilderness like molten iron.

Sequence Music (7:45 AM)

The people my rise in body or spirit.

Sequence Hymn (10 AM)

words: Shirley Erena Murray

music: Jillian Bray

Now is the Time for Reckoning (Silent Spring Song)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The piano accompaniment is written in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *pp* (pianissimo), and *mp* (mezzo-piano).

1 Now is the time for a reck-on - ing,
2 Si-lent the voic-es in bush and tree,
3 We are the root of the earth's un - ease,
4 We are the spend-ers of pre-cious store,
5 We take the boun-ty of all you give,

Hymn continues on next page

now all is flower-ing and flour-ish-ing, God, help your chil-dren
 si-lent the crea-tures of air and sea, God, help your chil-dren
 we are the pi-rates who dredge the seas, God, help your chil-dren
 we are the greed-y who take no score, God, help your chil-dren
 we are the sor-row that makes you grieve, God, help your chil-dren

mind-ful-ly lis-ten: soon there may be just a si-lent spring.
 mind-ful-ly lis-ten: ours are the hands that took earth for free.
 mind-ful-ly lis-ten: ours is the creed do-ing as we please.
 mind-ful-ly lis-ten: ours are the mouths want-ing more and more.
 mind-ful-ly lis-ten, mind-ful-ly choose how the world will live!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
 MUSIC: Jillian Bray
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A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 3:1-6]

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

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

Diácono: Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, Según Mateo.

Pueblo: **¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!**

In those days a man named Gift of Goodwill (John) appeared in the wilderness place of the Land of Promise (Judea). He began to speak out a message that was loud and clear, “It is time to return to the right ways of thinking. Creator’s good road from above is close. It is time to begin walking it.” The prophet Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah) told about him long ago when he said, “A voice is howling in the wilderness, ‘Clear the pathways! Make the path straight for the coming of the Great Chief!’” Gift of Goodwill (John) came wearing a buffalo robe, with a deer-hide sash around his waist. The food he ate was grasshoppers and wild honey. The people were coming from Village of Peace (Jerusalem), from all over the Land of Promise (Judea) and the territory surrounding the river Flowing Down (Jordan). They came admitting to their bad hearts and broken ways and participated in the purification ceremony.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Diácono: El Evangelio del Jesucristo

Pueblo: **Te alabamos, Cristo**

Please be seated

The Sermon

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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

An Environmentalist's Creed

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

The people may rise in body or spirit.

All:

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 be come. 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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Adapted from
The Book of Occasional Services, 2022,
Church Publishing

The people may rise in body or spirit

7:45 AM

*Each prayer is intended to be read by a different member of the congregation.
Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer.*

10 AM

*For the sake of live streaming, a choir and congregation member will represent the
entire congregation in reading prayers*

Intercessor: In the beginning,

People: **God was.**

Intercessor: Here and now,

People: **God is.**

Intercessor: In the future,

People: **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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,

People: **Connect us to your earth.**

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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,

People: **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

Prayers of the People continues on next page

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **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.

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **Connect us to 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

Prayers of the People continues on next page

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **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

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **Connect us with our domestic siblings.**

Intercessor: Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, including all the wildlife killed at the hands of humanity, and all the companion animals who have died this past year.

Intercessor: God, Giver of life,
People: **Connect us with the Circle of Life.**

People add their own prayers silently or aloud.

The Collect Following the Prayers

*source: Alaska Native and
Native Hawaiian Liturgies,
prepared for the 76th General
Convention of the Episcopal Church,
Anaheim, California, July 2009*

Celebrant:

[Gichi Manidoo,] Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

We pray for the people of South Sudan; Ashley; John Anyieth & Daruka Ajang; The family & friends of Jacqueline Claudine Alquist; Carl & Carol Anderson; Darelle Bakeman; Beth Banks; Ava Berry; Charlotte Brown; Rita Bott; Molly and Everett Byrd; Phyllis and Richard Cameron, David Cortez; Michelle Clark; Wayne Connely; Heather Corey; Dalton; Tom Doherty; Patricia Donahue; Jay Elliston; Albert Ericson; George Estrella; Kurt Fischer; Al Garcia; Barby & Chuck Goldschmid; Mildred Gregory; Michel, Maria, and Felicia Frontain & Ric Wood; James Gooden; Dottie Hawthorne; Joyce Henderson; John Higgins; Bill Huang; Grace Huang; Ryan Jaeger; Cathy Jarvis; Stu Jenks; Molly & Kent Johnson; Lisa Jones; Haley Jordan; James Kane; Dennis Kirchoff; Argelia El Khayat & family including Yamila and Samyra; Robert Leenhouts; Juan Loo; Melinda Marie; Francine Martineau, Jane McCabe; Pat Meyers; Sylvia Merski; Alvera McGuirk; Nancy Moritz; Tom Nickerson; Maribel Ortiz; Joanne Regina; The Freed Family; Milton Riise & Family; The Rodriguez family; Robert Rosenberg; Willie Schlentz; Laura Simpson; Nicolas Streeter; Helen Swanson; Con Travis; Sammy Waterman; Dianna Watson; Carl & Gregory; Derek; Ed & Lee; Mary Ann; Sherry; Desiree West & Willie Allen; John; Tom.

Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from
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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.

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

Celebrant:

May the God of Creation pardon us for the sins that we heap upon God's earth, our island home, our only 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 (7:45 & 10 AM)

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Meditation bell will be rung to bring us back to silence.

The Liturgy of the Table

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

[Isaiah 35:1-2a]

Offertory Music (7:45 AM)

Offertory Anthem (10 AM)

*Words and Music: Kim Oler
Choral Setting: Paul Hailey*

The Blue Green Hills of Earth

soloist: Elizabeth Pullen

For the earth, forever turning, for the skies, for every sea, to our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue-green hills of earth.

For the earth, forever turning, for the skies, for every sea, to our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue-green hills of earth.

For the mountains, hills and pastures, in their silent majesty, for all life, for all of Nature, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the land that makes us free, for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the earth, forever turning, for the skies, for every seas, to our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue-green hills of earth.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

People: Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts and hands of all. Amen.

Table Chant

People may rise 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*

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The Great Thanksgiving

*The Eucharistic Prayer
was written by 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:

Sanctus

Holy 7: Holy God Mysterious

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, God mys - ter - ious, God re - vealed,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, God com - pas - sion - ate, God of love,



pas - sion - ate, God of love, God com - pas - sion - ate, God of love.

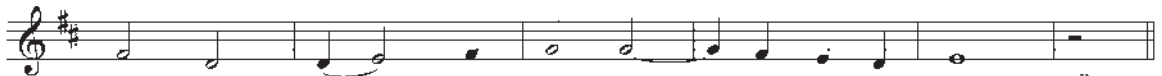
Verse



The u - ni - verse you fill with won - der, the Earth you



fill with your own Life, The Christ you send to us to



show your Way, Ho - san - na! the Bless - ed One! *Repeat 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.

+ 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 (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

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

People: **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!**

The Lord's Prayer continues on next page

**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

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

Fraction Anthem

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

People: **Alleluia. 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 two kinds.

There will be two stations. Please stand a minimum of six feet behind the person in front of you. Wine will be by intinction only. Signal with one finger for bread only and two fingers for bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available as an option.

Sacrament of Healing (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

Following reception of Communion, those desiring the sacrament of healing may proceed directly to one of the healing stations in the Julian Chapel. Healing will also be available after the service at the communion rail for those who cannot participate in the chapel for physical reasons. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your need of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness.

Communion Music (7:45 AM)

Communion Anthem (10 AM)

And The Earth Spins Earth: Voices Of A Planet

Paul Halley

Postcommunion Prayer (7:45 AM & 10 AM)

Edward Abbey

The people may rise in body or spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Let us go out giving thanks for the wilderness.

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

Text: Norman Habel
Music: Easter Hymn
(7:45 a.m. Stanzas 1-3)

Song of the Earth

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

When a word from God was heard. Al - le - lu - ia!
Spun by God a - cross the sky. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the face of God is seen. Al - le - lu - ia!
Giv - en breath to praise and pray. Al - le - lu - ia!



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



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



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

77. 77 with Alleluias

Dismissal

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

All Creatures of Our God

David Schack

Instrumental ensemble: Breyann Bantoc, soprano saxophone; Margaret Schultz, oboe/English horn; Alfredo Vazquez, guitar; Harlan Hokin, electric bass; Jeffri Sanders, organ; Lori Keyne, piano; Homero Cerón, percussion

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS, 7:45 AM

Deacon: The Rev. Donald Eager
Usher: Dave Coatsworth
Altar Guild: Yvonne Maynard
Jane Thrall
Organist/Pianist:
Lori Keyne
Reader: Larry Stutler
Peggy Scott
Rita Magdaleno
Andrew Curley

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS, 10 AM

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister
Reader: Chris Eastoe
Suzanne Morrison
Rita Magdaleno
Andrew Curley
Acolytes: Dale Ann Petersen
Kym Kennedy
Usher: Jane Nakazato
Sinead Jackson
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PRAYERS

WE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

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; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul's; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; St. Alban's in Tucson; Tucson Mountain Baptist Church.

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.

We pray for the people of South Sudan; Ashley; John Anyieth & Daruka Ajang; The family & friends of Jacqueline Claudine Alquist; Carl & Carol Anderson; Darelle Bakeman; Beth Banks; Ava Berry; Charlotte Brown; Rita Bott; Molly and Everett Byrd; Phyllis and Richard Cameron, David Cortez; Michelle Clark; Wayne Connely; Heather Corey; Tom Doherty; Patricia Donahue; Jay Elliston; Albert Ericson; George Estrella; Kurt Fischer; Al Garcia; Barby & Chuck Goldschmid; Mildred Gregory; Michel, Maria, and Felicia Frontain & Ric Wood; James Gooden; Dottie Hawthorne; Joyce Henderson; John Higgins; Bill Huang; Grace Huang; Ryan Jaeger; Cathy Jarvis; Stu Jenks; Molly & Kent Johnson; Lisa Jones; Haley Jordan; James Kane; Dennis Kirchoff; Argelia El Khayat & family including Yamila and Samyra; Robert Leenhouts; Juan Loo; Melinda Marie; Francine Martineau, Jane McCabe; Pat Meyers; Sylvia Merski; Alvera McGuirk; Nancy Moritz; Tom Nickerson; Maribel Ortiz; Joanne Regina; The Freed Family; Milton Riise & Family; The Rodriguez family; Robert Rosenberg; Willie Schlentz; Laura Simpson; Nicolas Streeter; Helen Swanson; Con Travis; Sammy Waterman; Dianna Watson; Carl & Gregory; Derek; Ed & Lee; Mary Ann; Sherry; Desiree West & Willie Allen; John; Tom.

We pray for those who have died, especially Bill Huang and Toni Arnaud. We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border and all those who have died in Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, Dalton, the vaquitas of the Gulf of California, and the abandoned animals in the Ukraine.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died, including Jake and Samantha.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES:

Names of parishioners submitted this week will remain on the list during the current month. Please email 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, please call the church office each week by 4 p.m. on Tuesday to renew, or send another email. Full names will be listed unless "first name only" is requested.



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:

How will you go from here and protect our island home?

Your Notes:

GSP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creation Sunday: Today, October 8, 2023 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 8**. 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)

Environmental Booths at 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Labyrinth

Blessing of Animals, 5 p.m. on the labyrinth

Mental Health Series @ GSP

Join us in October for mental health awareness presentations by NAMI. All sessions are open to youth and adults.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Find Help. Find Hope.

Coffee Hour will be held after church on these dates before the sessions begin. In McBride Hall.

OCT 8 12-1p.m. YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: ENDING THE SILENCE

OCT 15 12-1p.m. IN OUR OWN VOICE

OCT 22 12-1p.m. NAMI FAITHNET

OCT 29 12-1p.m. SUICIDE PREVENTION

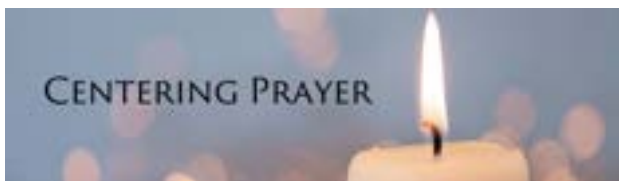
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YOU'RE INVITED!

On **Sunday, November 5th** we'll be holding our **Raise The Roof Craft Fair** at GSP's (right in front of the church) **beginning at 11:30 a.m. and wrapping up at 3:00 p.m.!** If you've never attended a craft fair before, they can be a great place to find unique, non-commercial holiday — or any special occasion — gifts and you will be supporting a good cause.

All proceeds will go to GSP to put towards needed and expensive roof repairs. We'll be hosting a silent auction with some really unique items and have crafted items made by members of our community! Even if you don't find something you would like to purchase, a donation can be made to the cause and you'll find a container in which you can place your contribution. We'll only be set up to accept cash or checks (all checks should be made out to GSP's and have "roof repairs" noted in the memo section of the check). Please feel free to invite your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and/or anyone else! The more the merrier! Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to help GSP get the roof repairs it needs. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th!



**Centering Prayer group
meets every Friday
at noon in the Bloom
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YOUTH RE-ENGAGEMENT

Goodwill's METRO Program provides youth re-engagement services that connect out-of-school and/or unemployed Opportunity Youth (OY) ages 16-24 with career pathways, training, case management, resource fairs, youth bereavement groups, access to academic and community resources. Youth can also explore their artistic and musical skills.

METRO YOUTH CENTER OFFERS:

- **Needs assistance**
(bus passes, clothing, food, school supplies, etc.)
- **Assistance with educational goals**
(HS diploma, GED & industry credentials)
- **Career Counseling**
(Job search, training, and career pathways)
- **Quarterly events**
(Job fairs, outdoor activities, social BBQs, service-learning projects)
- **Mentoring**
- **United Youth Leadership Council**
(Ages 18-24)

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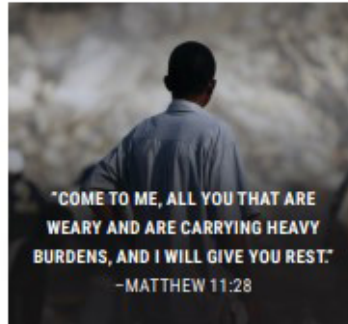
Support the Hawai'i Fire Response

High winds from Hurricane Dora and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of brush fires that devastated the Lahaina community in Hawai'i. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in the wake of wildfires that have killed many people and displaced hundreds of families on Maui.

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