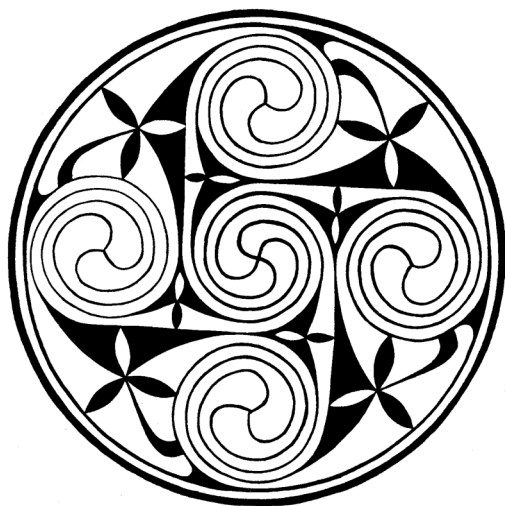


The Season of Creation

The Creation of the Covenant

God said to Abraham: "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

Genesis 17:7



8AM & 10AM

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Yarmouth, ME

2017

(10am) **Prelude** (Please refer to the insert for title and composer.)

(10am) **Opening Hymn** (Please refer to the insert for hymn # and stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Welcome

Opening Acclamation (Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Presider: O God, how manifold are your works!

People: **In wisdom you have made them all.**

Presider: You open your hand,

People: **and all are filled with good things.**

Presider: Send forth your Spirit,

People: **and renew the face of the earth.** (Psalm 104:24a, 28b, 30a)

Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our heart and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giving Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Church of England, Common Worship,
New Patterns for Worship Resources, 71)

(8am) **Song of Praise, Form I**, spoken

Venite, Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

(8am) **Song of Praise, Form II, spoken**
A Song of Creation, Benedicite Omnia Opera, by Janet Morley

**All you works of God, bless your creator;
 praise her and glorify her for ever.**

**Let the wide earth bless the creator;
 let the arching heavens bless the creator;
 let the whole body of God bless the creator;
 praise her and glorify her for ever.**

**You returning daylight, bless your creator;
 twilight and shadows, bless your creator;
 embracing darkness, bless your creator;
 praise her and glorify her for ever.**

**Let all who live and grow and breathe
 bless our creator,
 praise her and glorify her for ever.**

*(Based on 'A Song of Creation',
 Canticle 12, BCP 88)*

(10am) **Song of Praise O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height**
(Please refer to the insert for verse #.)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Collect

(The Presider may use one of the following or The Collect of the Day.)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(BCP 259)

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. **Amen.**

(Daily Prayers for All Seasons)

(Please refer to the insert for today's scripture readings. You may be seated at this time, unless directed to stand.)

The First Lesson

Psalm

The Second Lesson

The Gospel

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith *(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us
in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

Amen.

(The New Zealand Prayer Book)

Prayers of the People

(BCP, Form IV)

(Intercessions are lifted after each petition, either silently or aloud, please see the weekly insert for particular intercessions by the prayer leader.)

Let us pray for the Church and for the World.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Pray for the Church, please see insert.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Pray for the needs of the World.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Pray for the needs of Creation.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Give thanks for the blessings of this life.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(For those in need of our prayers, please see insert.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(In remembrance of those who have died, please see insert.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect (*Presider may use one of the following.*)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(BCP 395)*

Gracious Lord, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations: May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your love with the world. **Amen.** *(Daily Prayers for All Seasons)*

The Confession

(Enriching Our Worship, 19)

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.

Amen.

The Absolution

(BCP 360)

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Offertory Sentence

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

(8am) **Offertory Prayer**

Presider: **All things come of thee, O Lord,**

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

(10am) **Anthem at the Offertory** (Please refer to the insert for title and composer. The congregation may be seated.)

(10am) **Doxology Hymn 380** *From all that dwell below the skies, verse 3*
(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Children and teachers in Sunday School will enter during the Doxology.
Children will find their parents and sit with them for the remainder of the service.

The Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1, adapted)

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to our God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

(10am, sung)

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Sam, spoken) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

**Born into the human family, and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.**

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.**

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Bartholomew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before
you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion here at God's table. We are able to accommodate dietary needs such as gluten free, or nut free. Simply indicate this when you come forward to receive.

How to receive Communion:

Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips. (Or you may dip the bread into the wine. You may choose to receive only bread.) We respond to communion by saying, "Amen." If instead you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10am) Music at Communion (Please refer to the insert for hymn # and stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Post Communion Prayer, Form I

(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer, Form II

(Enriching Our Worship)

(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Presider: Let us pray:

All: **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim you redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The Blessing *(Presider may use this or another blessing.)*

(BCP)

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of the Holy Trinity:
Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giving Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *(Please refer to the insert for hymn #)*

At this time our younger children, with their parents, may join the recessional if they would like. Parents please make sure their time in the back of the sanctuary is supervised and reasonably quiet when the announcements are made. Thank you.

Announcements

The Dismissal *(The congregation may be seated.)*

Presider: Let us bless our God and all Creation.

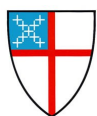
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *(Please refer to the insert for title and composer.)*

Please join us for coffee and snacks after we have enjoyed the Postlude.



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