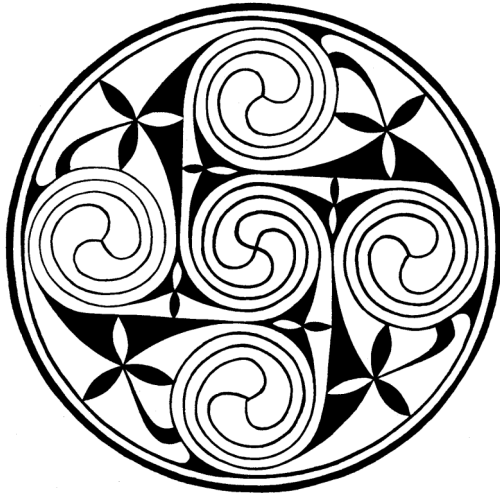


# The Season of Creation

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



Let all who live and grow and breathe bless our creator,  
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A Song of Creation, Benedicite Omnia Opera, by Janet Morley  
(Based on 'A Song of Creation', Canticle 12, BCP 88)

8AM & 10AM

*St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
Yarmouth, ME*

2018

*Children and teachers begin in Sunday School classrooms, with Sunday School available for children ages 4 and above. Children three years and younger are welcome to play in the nursery, or remain in the sanctuary, as their parents choose.*

*Please see the end pages of the booklet for specific notes about this liturgy.*

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

*(10am) **Opening Hymn** (Please refer to the insert for hymn #.)*

## **Welcome**

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider:* This is the day the Lord has made!

*People:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

**Venite**, *Psalm 95:1-7*

*The Order of St. Helena Breviary*

**Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

**For you, O God, are a great God; \*  
you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before God, our Maker,**

**For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

(8am) Song of Praise, Form II, spoken

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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, sung

(Please refer to the insert for verses and stand if it is comfortable to do so.)

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height** (Hymnal 1982, #432)




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 uses one of the following.)*

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Creator God out of the overflowing of your love you created all things with rich variety and great beauty, and entrusted us with responsibility for them; grant that we might so value all that you have given into our care that we may strive to sustain its blessings for all people for all time; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen** \*\*

Almighty God, Creator of all things you have provided the vast resources of earth and sea, and the hidden forces of nature: Teach us to recognize your hand in all your works and to use your gifts responsibly for the benefit of all people, that we may rejoice in your goodness with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** \*\*

*(\*\*from the Anglican Communion Season of Creation materials, created by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.)*

*(Please refer to the insert for today's scripture readings. You may be seated until the Gospel.)*

**The First Lesson**

**Psalm**

**The Second Lesson**

**The Gospel**

**The Sermon**

## An Affirmation of Faith

*(The New Zealand Prayer Book)*

**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.**

## Prayers of the People

*(written by R-13 youth group circa 2008,  
and updated 2018)*

God of Creation, you spoke the world into being and declared it good.  
**We give you thanks for the gift of this day.**

Imaginative God, creator of bobcats and moose, of loons and ladybugs,  
**we celebrate the diversity of our fellow living beings on earth.**

Generative God, we sense you in the birth of a fawn,  
the quietness of grazing cows, the fledging of a young puffin,  
the fluttering of bats at twilight, the warmth of a sleeping dog curled up beside us.  
**We pray for ourselves and for all our relatives on this planet, all living beings.**

Generous God, you created us in your image and blessed us with the abundance  
of your creation, embolden us to share the resources you have provided,  
**so there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

God of Wisdom, you saw everything you created, called it very good,  
and gave it into our care;  
**we pray for wise and careful leadership throughout the nations of this world.**

Faithful God, you pitched your tent among us, and showed us how to live a  
compassionate life in an earthly world.  
**Help us become your faithful people.**

We pray for the Church: for Stephen and Michael, our bishops; Nina our rector,  
and the Diocese of Maine, during this time of transition.  
*(Please refer to the insert for Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of Prayers).*

Comforting God, your love is immeasurable;  
**we lift to you all those who suffer, and those who care for them.**  
*(Please refer to the insert for those named on our prayer list.)*

Embracing God, we pray for those who have died,  
**may they be gathered home to you.**  
*(Please refer to the insert for those named on our prayer list.)*

*Presider:* Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery;  
*All:* **yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives;  
yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and  
opportunities. Fill us with your spirit that we share with all  
creation, that we may walk through this world, listening and  
learning, imagining and daring, loving every being we encounter,  
as we share your love with all Creation. Amen.**

### The Confession

*(Enriching Our Worship, 19)*

*Presider:* Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

*Silence*

*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 a sign of peace.*

### The 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. Amen**

*(10am)* **Music at the Offertory** *(Please refer to the insert for hymn # or title and composer of the anthem and stand if it is comfortable to do so.)*

*(10am)* **Doxology Hymn 380, sung** *(Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.)*

**From all that dwell below the skies, v. 3**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.*

*(10am)* *When Sunday School is in session, children and teachers in Sunday School enter during the Doxology. Children find their parents and sit with them for the remainder of the service.*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*(Adapted from Season of Creation Two,  
the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

*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 God of all of Creation.

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

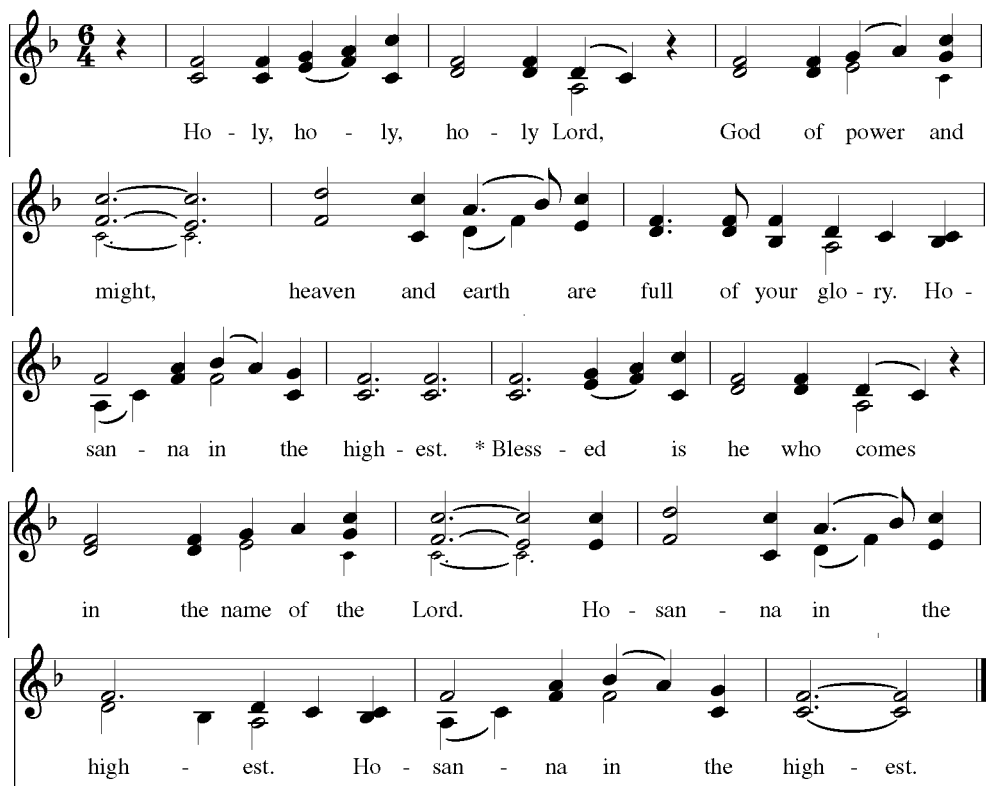
Creator, you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came into being. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in countless forms, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. Through you all things are brought to new life. And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and for ever saying/singing:

(8am) Sanctus, spoken

All: **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.**

(10am) Sanctus, sung  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

(WLP, #858)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.



So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:*

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation; with you, with one another; with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your creation and fulfill your will.

Send your life giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the love of your Son. By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you, God of all Creation, with songs of everlasting praise. Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*(8am) The Fraction, spoken*

*Presider:* Be present with us, O Christ,

*People:* **And be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*(10am) The Fraction, sung*

*Whoever eats this bread*

*(WLP, #874)*

Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_ ]      All: \_\_\_\_\_ >

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

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**The Invitation**

*Presider:* 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 the Communion (Please refer to the insert for hymn #.)*

## **Post Communion Prayer, Form I**

*Presider:* Let us pray:

*All:* **O God, Creator of all that is, of birds and grasses, fish and mountains, of earth and fire, rivers and seas, rest and work; Creator of our very selves, and all that we love; Be present with us, children of your own making, and grant us strength and wisdom as we work to care for all of your creation. Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer, Form II**

*(Enriching Our Worship)*

*Presider:* Let us pray

*All:* **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.**

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

*Presider:* May our Creator God  
Give you passion, give you fire;  
so that you may transform the world from what it is,  
to what God has created it to be.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Life Giving Spirit,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

## **Announcements**

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Let us bless the Lord and all Creation.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

## **About the Liturgy**

More than a decade ago St. Bartholomew's was instrumental in bringing the celebration of Creation Season to the Diocese of Maine, and it is our tradition to celebrate this season in the early fall. As we await the advent of a full Creation liturgy and lectionary from our Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, we currently craft our own liturgy each year, and have constructed our own three-year cycle through which to engage the glory of God's created order.

This year we begin again with the first Creation story in Genesis 1. With the full encouragement of our bishop we have chosen to step away from the lectionary for these weeks to focus on the theology of Creation as it is explored in Biblical and extra Biblical texts.

### ***Sources:***

Most of the material assembled for this liturgy has been drawn from the work of Green Anglicans, the Environmental Alliance of the Anglican Communion. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba oversees this work as the head of Green Anglican group. The resources they use come from all over the Communion, but primarily from The World Council of Churches, The Anglican Alliance, and the group Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. When possible I have tried to include the original source, though I have adapted virtually everything to tailor the liturgy specifically to our use.

The Eucharistic Prayer is from Season of Creation, written by Rev. A. Warmback for Green Anglicans. It is authorized for use in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and across the Communion it is used to develop our Creation theology more fully.

### ***Other Sources include:***

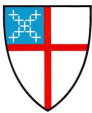
- Book of Common Prayer
- The Order of St. Helena Breviary
- Enriching Our Worship
- The New Zealand Prayer Book
- Daily Prayers for All Seasons, the most recent prayer resource of the Episcopal Church
- Janet Morley. All Desires Known, 3rd edition, Morehouse Publishing, 2006, p.56



St. Bartholomew's was founded in 1973 by The Rev. Harold Hopkins, Jr. and a group of friends who wanted to offer a different model of "being the church" within the Episcopal tradition. This parish was founded to be a place where: worship is less formal and is open to liturgical growth and experimentation; "Church" is defined as the community gathered in worship, not the building; music is an integral part of church life; the priest is seen as a teacher and encourager of the life of the community, and leadership is collaborative; children are valued and understood to be an integral part of the life of the church and its worship; the community lives the values it holds, being a place that is inclusive in its membership and expansive in its outreach to the world.

This parish community joyfully and prayerfully lives into that vision, becoming the people we are called to be, offering a slightly different model from more traditional Episcopal churches.

Our worship is straight-forward, easy to follow (and join in with), and often experimental (we are currently authorized by our Bishop to be a place of liturgical creativity). We are glad to have you join us in worship.



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