

The Season of Creation

God of Creation:

We give you thanks for your ancient promise
that while the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
will never cease. *(cf Genesis 8.22)*



Almighty God, you have called us to tend and keep the garden of your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence for all your plants and animals who share this planet with us and whose lives make possible our own.

8AM & 10AM
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Yarmouth, ME
2019

*(10am) Children and teachers begin in Sunday School classrooms,
with Sunday School available for children ages four and above.
Children under four are welcome to play in the nursery,
or remain in the sanctuary, as their parents choose.
An usher can help direct you to the Sunday School classrooms
and Nursery Care.*

*(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 to St. Bart's

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Creator of the universe, open our lips,

People: **And we will praise you.**

Presider: Sustainer of life, open our ears,

People: **And we will hear you.**

Presider: Redeemer of the world, open our hearts,

People: **And we will love you.**

*(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.

(10am) A Song of Praise (Please refer to the insert for verse #s.)

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

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!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalm 148 and 150 Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Collects for Creation (*Presider may use one of the following.*)

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Gracious God, 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 abundant grace with the world. **Amen.**

Please refer to the insert for the following:

The First Lesson

The Psalm (*spoken at 8am, sung at 10am*)

The Second Lesson

The Gospel

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith, Form I

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

The Nicene Creed

*** This text of the Nicene Creed omits the phrase 'and the Son' in the third paragraph, recovering the original text of the First Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, 325 and 381CE respectively, and once again aligning ourselves with our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Church.*

Presider: Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. **
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith, Form II

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

Presider: Let us say together in faith:

**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 are God.
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 are God.
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 Prayers of the People

Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World:
for the teeming life of the seas,
the flight of birds,
and the diversity of animal life.
Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth
of blessings from land and sea;
for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun.
We pray for the nations of the earth,
give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.
God of justice:
hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church,
called to reconcile and heal:
For this parish and Nina our Rector,
for Thomas our Bishop, and Michael our Presiding Bishop.
(Please refer to the insert for Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer.)
God of grace:
hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family.
We exult in our diversity and giftedness,
we repent of our sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.
As every human being is known and loved by you,
may we care for one another with love and respect.
We pray for those you have commended to our care:
(Please refer to the insert for those on our prayer list.)
God of compassion:
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love;
may we support and comfort those who mourn.
(Please refer to the insert for those who have died.)
God of peace:
hear our prayer.

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

Presider: 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 remembering the account that we must give one day, 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.**

Presider: Creating God, your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in water, rivers, forests and oceans. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, that our children may enjoy its abundance, and a long life on your beloved earth. **Amen.**

The Confession

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

Silence is kept.

Presider: God of all mercy,

All: **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

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.

Ushers invite Sunday School children to join us in the sanctuary.

The Offertory Sentence

Alleluia. See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God; for indeed so we are. Alleluia. *1 John 3:1*

Bread and wine are brought forward. Ushers pass the offering plates.

(8am) Offertory Prayer

Presider and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord,
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.)

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

From all that dwell below the skies, v. 3, (inclusive language version)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

(10am) Children and teachers enter during the Doxology.

Eucharistic Prayer for Creation 2019

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 Creation.

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

Presider: Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you - for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

(8am) Sanctus, spoken

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

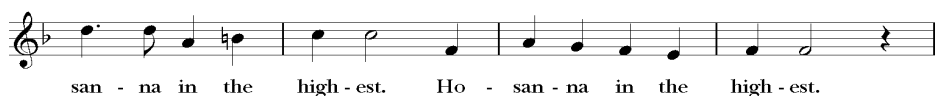
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(10am) Sanctus, sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord



The presider continues:

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, 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, and gave thanks to God, Creator. 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ 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: The Living Bread, given for the life of the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.** *cf John 6:51*

(10am) **The Fraction**, sung

Taste and See

Cantor: _____] All: _____ >

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The Invitation

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider may add:

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 also 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 # and stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

Post Communion Prayer, Form I

Presider: Let us pray:

All: **Holy One,
you feed us with bread from heaven
and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace
and you call us to friendship with one another.
You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you,
offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.
And may you always walk among us as friend.
Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer, Form II

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.**

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

Go forth now to care for God's world.

Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.

Sacrifice where necessary.

Live in harmony with all creation.

Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living
and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,
and the Promised Holy Spirit

bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen.

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

Announcements

The Dismissal, Form I

Presider: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation;
as you have received freely, so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Dismissal, Form II

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.)*

(10am) Please join us for coffee after we have enjoyed the Postlude.

2019 Resources for Creation Liturgy

Cover

The first prayer was written based upon *Genesis* 8:22.

The second prayer is from the resource packet from the National Council of Churches Earth Day Sunday, 2001.

Songs of Praise

8AM:

Form I - Venite is traditionally used during Morning Prayer, BCP 82.

Form II - A Song of Creation, Benedicite Omnia Opera, by Janet Morley, which she based upon 'A Song of Creation' Canticle 12, BCP 88.

10AM:

Hymn 432, *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height*, from The Hymnal 1982

The Collects for the Season

The first is from A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989), 569.

The second is from Daily Prayers for All Seasons (2014), 130.

Affirmations of Faith

Form I - The Nicene Creed, from Enriching our Worship I (1997), 53-54.

Form II - A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989), 481.

The Prayers of the People

Adapted heavily from a form in the Anglican Church of England's *Common Worship; Times and Seasons*, now included in: '*Let all things their Creator bless*,' *Liturgy for use during the Season of Creationtide*, Diocese of Guildford, The Church of England.

Concluding Collects for the Prayers

The first one is from the Order of St. Helena Breviary's version of BCP, Collect for the Stewardship of Creation (BCP 259, OSH 258).

The second one is adapted from *Season of Creation Two, the Anglican Church of Southern Africa*, as published online by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network.

Confession, Absolution and Peace

Enriching Our Worship (1997), p. 56.

Eucharistic Prayer

Adapted from *Eucharistic Prayer One, Season of Creation Two, the Anglican Church of Southern Africa*, as published online by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network, and a *Creation specific Eucharistic Prayer, in Eucharistic Prayers*, by Sam Wells and Abigail Kocher, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing, 2016.

Sanctus

Hymn S125, *Holy, Holy, holy Lord*, from The Hymnal 1982

Fractions

8AM - This was written based upon John 6:51 (NRSV) *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

10AM - Hymn 764, *Taste and See*, from Wonder, Love, and Praise, a supplement to The Hymnal 1982.

Post Communion Prayers

Form I - from Huron LAIC, 2001 (*Lenni Lenape Algonkian Iroquoian Council, Diocese of Huron*) Anglican Church of Canada. "The mission of Huron LAIC is to foster new relationships, keep the Gospel at the center of the Circle, and support the self-determination of Aboriginal Anglicans."

Form II - Adapted from *Churches together in Britain and Ireland – resources for creation time*, as published online by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network.

The Blessing

Crafted from two sources: the first was a prayer included in the Creation materials published by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network; the second source from *Prayers for the Planet, at a service at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, before the Climate March, December 2005*.

The Dismissals

Adapted from Anglican Church of England's *Common Worship; Times and Seasons*.

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