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Holy Eucharist & Agape
in the Season of Creation

Sundays, September 3rd to October 1st, 2023, 10:30

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**SEASON OF
CREATION**

The Word of God

Prelude

All in a Garden Green

W. Byrd

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

H.405

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.

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2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky,

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Refrain

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The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Creation Collect of the day is read.

The children and their teachers are invited forward for a blessing.

The First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

After the reading the following is said:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 **Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; ***
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people ***
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 **Let the praises of God be in their throat ***
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 **To bind their kings in chains ***
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.

- 1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

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- 2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

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- 3 Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Refrain

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The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell

you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Michael Rusk

The Nicene Creed

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 our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified and 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.

The Prayers of the People

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and creation.

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 resources,
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 conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

The Peace

In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace.

The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Music

For the beauty of the earth

J. Rutter

Doxology

Please Stand

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
center of unbroken praise.

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Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Henry Van Dyke, Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven

The Agape Blessing

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a
son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the
poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in
love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

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 for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and
risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Music

For I went with the multitude

P. Aston

During the ministration of Communion music will be sung. You are invited to receive wine from the chalice, or by taking an individual cup. Non-alcoholic wine in the individual cups is white.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Announcements

The 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.**

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God

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| 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today. | and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next. |
| 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us; | 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore. |

Now thank we all our God, #397 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Nun danket alle Gott, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

Let us go forth into all creation, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

The Barelye Breake

W. Byrd



Today's Ministers:

President	Rev. Michael Rusk	Livestream Operator	Innocent Urassa
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Reader	Helena Mbele-	Coffee Hour	Yunise Korir
Mbong		Ushers	

The flowers are generously given today by Yunise Korir “thanking God for God’s abundant blessings and in memory of her father.”

Prayer List: This week, we are praying for Alice, Anne, Bob, Brad, Dossie, Erik, Erin, Eva, Gerardo, Hélène, Irène, Julien, Lilian, Mackie, Marguerite and Don, Marie-Noelle, Mary and her family, Michael, Milki, Patricia, Philip, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Safi and his mother, Samuel, Shauna, the Squire family, Terry, Yan and Jacqueline.

In our Convocation Prayer Cycle, this week, we pray for Christ Church, Charleroi; Saint-Esprit, Mons, Saint-Servais, Namur, Belgium The Rev. Sunny Hallanan, Vicar.

United Thank Offering (UTO) – Final call for 2023 Contributions

Many thanks to all of you who have made contributions this year to our worldwide gratitude offering program of The Episcopal Church. It is time to calculate our parish collection and send our combined annual offering to the UTO offices at The Episcopal Church Center in New York. Thus, if you have any UTO boxes still to contribute, please bring them bring them next week and put them in the collection plate.

Coffee Hour Help needed. Please let Yunise of the Rector know if you are willing to help prepare and serve coffee and tea after church. It takes more than one person to do this easily and effectively, and Yunise is also in charge of our youngest members during the service.

Signing up for the ministries that Emmanuel offers is something that all of us are invited to share in as the people of God. Whether it is offering to help at Sundayschool; preparing food at Jardin de Montbrillant; or reading the Lessons in church - all these are part of what we are offering in thanks to God.

Single Parents’ Support Network, September 11th, 18:15–20:00. Single or quasi-Single parents with children are invited to come along and enjoy a pizza meal and then a facilitated discussion led by Leslie Burgat. Please inform our Rector, Michael, if you plan to attend.

Jardin de Montbrillant, Saturday, September 16th. Please join the team of helpers at Jardin de Montbrillant from 8:30 to 13:00. With over 220 people coming for lunch, more hands than ever are needed to prepare and serve the meal. Please let Torsten Bartsch or Michael know if you are able to help out.

Women's Ministry Autumn Dates: Oct. 7, Nov.4, Dec. 2. Gatherings of the Emmanuel Women’s Ministry will resume again in October. Emmanuel women are invited to pray, celebrate, and explore questions of our faith as they particularly affect us as women. In general we meet in the open space by our Baptismal font, often in a hybrid format and occasionally totally on Zoom. These gatherings generally run from 14:30 -16:30. Do save these dates. More specific information regarding our monthly leaders and the theme for the afternoon will be published as the dates approach.



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Whether you are a visitor or seeking a home church in Geneva, the Emmanuel community welcomes you. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we hope you will find a home here.

Mission Statement

Living as Emmanuel, God with us, we are called to recognize the presence of God within ourselves, in each other, and in the world; to share our spiritual journey; to gather as a Eucharistic community to receive God's grace and to equip one another to be the radiant presence of Christ as we go out into the world.

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