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Holy Eucharist & Agape  
Pentecost 16: Season of Creation 3

Sunday, September 17th, 2023, 10:30

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**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# The Word of God

## Prelude

Song from 'Judith Wright poems'

S. Beesley

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

Morning has broken

Hymn

Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

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## The Collect

Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 Reading

## Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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** (this will be said or sung)      **Psalm 114 set to a Taizé Chant**

Bless the Lord, my soul

And bless God's holy name

Bless the Lord, my soul

Who leads me into life

## The Epistle

## Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

The stars declare his glory

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| 1 The stars declare his glory;<br>the vault of heaven springs<br>mute witness of the Master's hand<br>in all created things,<br>and through the silences of space<br>their soundless music sings.  | 3 So shine the Lord's commandments<br>to make the simple wise;<br>more sweet than honey to the taste,<br>more rich than any prize,<br>a law of love within our hearts,<br>a light before our eyes. |
| 2 The dawn returns in splendor,<br>the heavens burn and blaze,<br>the rising sun renews the race<br>that measures all our days<br>and writes in fire across the skies<br>God's majesty and praise. | 4 So order too this life of mine,<br>direct it all my days;<br>the meditations of my heart<br>be innocence and praise,<br>my rock, and my redeeming Lord,<br>in all my words and ways.             |

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## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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**



hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
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**

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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.**

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,

Refrain

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:

Refrain

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Let us go forth into all creation, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude**

Song from 'Judith Wright poems'

S. Beesley

Musical Note: Judith Arundell Wright (31 May 1915 – 25 June 2000) was an Australian poet, environmentalist and campaigner for Aboriginal land rights.

The songs, presented today, were composed in 2008 and first performed at the Kangaroo Valley Festival, NSW, Australia by Elizabeth Campbell and Ian Munro.



**Today's Ministers:**

**President** Rev. Michael Rusk  
**Gospeller** Rev. Deacon Richard Cole  
**Director of Music** Shauna Beesley  
**Reader** Anne Hornung-Soukup  
**Livestream Operator** Laurentiu Stehan  
**Intercessor** Andrew Kluetz

**Eucharistic Ministers** Andrew Kluetz &  
**Altar Guild** Andrew Kluetz  
**Coffee Hour** Yunise Korir & Nancy Gautier  
**Ushers** Evelyne Romer & Marilynn Geiger  
**Flower Guild** Lesley Lawson  
**Welcomer** Marilynn Geiger

**The flowers** are given today by the Rector, with prayers for his mother, Lilian, and delight at the engagement of his daughter, Connie, to Andrew.

**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for Alice, Bob, Brad, Erik, Erin, Eva, Gerardo, Hélène, John Love, Julien, Kent and the Wittrup family, Lilian, Mackie, Marguerite and Don, Marie-Noelle, Mary and her family, 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 The Children and Youth Commission and all children and youth leaders throughout the Convocation, including our own Youth Leaders, Tommy & Meghan Bresson and Megan Preston Meyer.

**Welcome:** we extend a warm welcome to all newcomers and particularly to Andrew Kluetz, a parishioner of the American Cathedral in Paris. Andrew is a postulant for the diaconate.

**Book Release Celebration: Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 19:00, Grande Salle**

Come and along and hear author Megan Preston Meyer read portions of her recently released book, Firebrand, and purchase and get a signed copy.

**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 October the meeting will taken place in the Grande Salle from 14:30 -16:30.

**Save the Dates:**

Saturday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Africa Night</b>
Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 19:30	<b>Concert by Shauna Beesley and the Emmanuel Choir</b>
Friday November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 18:00	<b>Thanksgiving Service &amp; Meal</b>

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## Welcome to Emmanuel!

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.

## Vestry

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