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Holy Eucharist & Agape  
in the Season of Creation

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**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# The Word of God

## Prelude

*Prelude from BWV 531 in C major*

J. S. Bach

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

*The Earth is the Lord's*

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."  
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.  
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,  
we're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share;  
your wetlands give animals shelter and care;  
your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.  
You've shown us in love, what your good world  
can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth;  
we fail to remember its beauty and worth,  
we take from creation much more than we need,  
we threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,  
protecting creation wherever we live.  
May we be a church that renews and restores  
and lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (1961-); Tune: *Caniadou y Cyssegr*, 1839  
From *Sing of the World Made New*, Jeffrey Rowthorn & Russell Schul-Widmar

## 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 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said,

“Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, \***  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 **Search for the Lord and his strength; \***  
**continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, \***  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
 he made them stronger than their enemies;  
 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
 and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
 45 Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

## Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

## *The Whole Creation is Song*

The whole creation is a song  
 of praise to God millennia long;  
 each star, each wave, each cell and seed  
 give thanks to God for God's creating deed.

Transcending time, encircling space,  
 this song resounds in every place;  
 each nation, language, creed and race  
 reveals God's providential grace.

From Bethlehem to Calvary  
 one voice out to set us free,  
 so earth below joins heav'n above  
 to tell of God's redeeming love.

Now let us sing with gratitude,  
 for Christ is raised and hope renewed,  
 and for earth's sake behold and dare  
 to mirror God's unfailing care.

Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn (1934-). Tune: English Folk Melody  
 From *Sing of the World Made New*, Jeffrey Rowthorn & Russell Schul-Widmar

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the gospel, the following is said:*

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

*Trinity Sunday*

*S. Beer*

### Doxology

*Please Stand*

*H. 376*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, God of love;  
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

*Christ has no body now but yours*

D. Ogden

*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

*Lift high the cross*

H.473

*Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.*

1 Led on their way by this triumphant  
sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks  
combine.

*Refrain*

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who  
died.

*Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world  
to thee.

*Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.  
*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

*Fugue from BWV 531 in C major*

J. S. Bach

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## Today's Ministers:

Livestream Operator	Laurentiu Stehan	Reader	Sroda Bédarida
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**The flowers** are generously given today by Peter & Pamela Cloutier in thanks to our Lord, in loving memory of Pamela's father and long-time Emmanuel parishioner and Vestry member, Charles Harless, and in celebration of our 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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 Climate and Creation Care Convocation Ministry Initiative on Climate and Creation Care, Mr. Stephen Squire, Chair.

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## 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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