



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

A Eucharist in Celebration of God's Creation

**October 12, 2023
7:00 pm**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

7:00 pm A Eucharist in Celebration of God's Creation

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*The liturgical texts we are praying this evening are drawn
from the Episcopal Church's 2023 Season of Creation offerings.*

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: For the beauty of the earth

(High voices are invited to sing the third verse. Low voices sing the fourth.)



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night;
3. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child;
4. For Thy church that ev - er - more lifts her ho - ly hands a - bove,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, pleas - ures pure and un - de - filed:
of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love:



Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
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5. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense and sound and sight:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For Thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n;
for that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Opening Acclamation

Presider This is the day the Creator has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Collect for Purity

All then pray

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: For the fruit of all creation

SJS 15

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God. For his
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done. In the
3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God. For the

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gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing,
help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done. In our world - wide task of
good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as -

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reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture
car - ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the
tound us, for the truths that still con - found us, most of

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needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for the healing of the nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 1:1-34 (*abbreviated*)

Susan Donnelly

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Jeff Barneson

G D C D G C
 O Lord, our Mas - ter. ex - alt - ed in all the earth! _____

8 D G D C D7 G C
 By in - fants and chil - dren your ma - jest - y praised a - bove Heav'n. _____

16 D Am D G Em Am D G
 You es - tab - lish a strong - hold from your en - e - mies: _____ ven - geance and ha - tred and fear.

24 Am D G D Em Am D G
 You are Crea - tor, Pro - tect - or, re - deem - er and Lord - ex - alt - ed in all _____ the earth. _____

When we look at the heavens, the work of your hands
 the moon and the stars in their place,
 Who are we that you notice? And why should you care?
 You have made us like angels and called us your own.
 The glory you share reminds us that you are
 Exalted in all the earth. *Refrain*

Though you have called us the masters of earth
 and placed everything under our feet,
 The sheep and the oxen, wild beasts of the field.
 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 We all are your creatures, for you are the Lord,
 Exalted in all the earth. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Susan Donnelly

From *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert* by Terry Tempest Williams

The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To

protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah, Amen

Scriptural

Patrick Michaels

Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men!

Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! A - men, A - men!

Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men!

Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men! A - men, A - men!

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Derrick Muwina
Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all that destroys.

Prayers of the People

Sylvia Weston

Let us pray for the Church and for all the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

You are now invited to share the prayers on your heart, aloud or in silence.

A moment for intercessory prayer is now observed.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The community is invited to offer their prayers, aloud or in silence, at this time.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider then says

Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth.

We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

People We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for
granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Amen.

Presider God of compassion, heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the world you have
made. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for the harm we have
done and for what we have failed to do. Fill us with your Spirit,

that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: Long before the Night
The Adult Choir

Carolyn McDade

Presentation Hymn: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

WLP 784

Sing in English, then Sotho, then English again

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'Refrain' is written in bold at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our' on the first line, and 'Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -' on the second line.

Refrain Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer for Creation

- Presider* The Lord be with you.
- People* And also with you.
- Presider* Lift up your hearts.
- People* We lift them to the Lord.
- Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider chants

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of Christ's incarnation you have gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, calling your people to be ministers of reconciliation and to proclaim the Good News to all creation. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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Presider

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 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, and 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.

The Presider then chants

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;
shower upon us your heav'nly grace
that we may be your people
Glorifying you.*

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,
may your name always be hallowed by us.
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.
Save us also from all that is evil.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread (Silence is kept)

Fraction Anthem: Whoever comes to me

WLP 878

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and' for the first system, and 'who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.' for the second system. The piano accompaniment features block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

Setting: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants* ©1997 Carl Haywood

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Anthem: Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

The Greenleaf Choir

Text: George Herbert Music: Erik Routley

Communion Hymn: Justice Round

SJS 17

All a - round me voic - es ring:
"Jus - tice!" is the song they sing! And with -
in this song I'll sing my part; I will
rise and speak what's in my heart! I will
rise! I will rise!

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People 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.

Blessing

Presider

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: All creatures, worship God most high!

(High voices are invited to sing the third verse. Low voices sing the fourth.)



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O kin, O friends, now take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Dismissal

Deacon 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!

Postlude