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*To Hope and Act  
with Creation*

**Season of Creation 4**

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**A Place for You:** *Welcome to Saint Bart's! We don't have all the answers here, but we look forward to exploring the questions with you. Sunday mornings we gather to listen to Scripture, talk about how to apply those lessons in today's context, pray for ourselves and the world, and offer our thanks and praise to God. Every Sunday we gather at the altar for Holy Communion, and you are invited just as you are! In a word, we call all that "liturgy" (which means work of the people, and that includes you!). Together we make meaning by connecting with God – who we recognize in three "persons": the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – and by engaging with our wider community. This is how we endeavor to "love God and our neighbour."*

# The Gathering of Community

## Prelude

## Introduction & Welcome

Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son and the Sustaining Spirit. As we gather, we hear the groans of Creation and the cries of our sisters and brothers. As we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the *Skw̓xwú7mesh* and *shíshálh* nations, we bring our seeds of hope, the firstfruits of the Spirit.

## Processional Hymn *Sing Out, Earth and Skies* by Marty Haugen R 289



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O  
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with  
3. Come, O God of flash - ing light: Twin - kling star and  
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -  
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - ous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:  
right - ous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:  
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:  
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:  
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.  
May our lives your love con - fess.  
In your light we all are one.  
God of sor - row, God of mirth.  
Bring us all to life in you.

## Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

## Gathering

Come, let us worship God,  
who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ,  
who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God,**

**who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit,  
striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,  
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

**Who created in love.**

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

**Who reconciles all of Creation.**

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

**Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

## **Confession**

Let us lay down our brokenness before God in the presence of one another.

**We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.**

**We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.**

**We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.**

**We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,  
and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.**

**We have neither worked to release the oppressed  
nor admitted our own captivities.**

**Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free  
that we might live with your whole creation  
in the justice and joy of your promised future.**

God, who is merciful and kind,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy  
and in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus  
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release  
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,  
that they might praise God and serve the world  
with glad and generous hearts.

Christ has set you free.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle of Creation**

**CP 754**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves  
in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to  
serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

## **Transforming by Word and Sacrament**

**The First Lesson** Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Penny Connell*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup>by your name; \*  
in your might, de-<sup>1</sup>fend my cause.
  - 2 **Hear my <sup>1</sup>prayer, O God; \***  
**give ear to the words <sup>1</sup>of my mouth.**
  - 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup>sought my life, \*  
those who have no re-<sup>1</sup>gard for God.
  - 4 **Behold, God <sup>1</sup>is my helper; \***  
**it is the Lord who sus-<sup>1</sup>tains my life.**
  - 5 Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup>spy on me; \*  
in your faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness, destroy them.
  - 6 **I will offer you a <sup>1</sup>freewill sacrifice \***  
**and praise your name, O Lord, for <sup>1</sup>it is good.**
  - 7 For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup>every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin <sup>1</sup>of my foes.
- Glory to God, Source <sup>1</sup>of all being,\***  
**Eternal Word and <sup>1</sup>Holy Spirit;**  
**As it was in the begin- <sup>1</sup>ning *is* now\***  
**and shall be for e- <sup>1</sup>ver. A-men.**

**The Second Lesson** James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a *Judi Thomas*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Before the Earth Had Yet Begun* vs. 1-2 **CP 409**

**The Gospel** Mark 9:30-37  
May God be with you.  
**And also, with you.**  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

**Gradual Hymn** *Before the Earth Had Yet Begun* vs. 3-4 **CP 409**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Joyce Parry-Moore

**Music Reflection**

**Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Vera Askew*

Let us pray for the Church and for 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. For those who lead and guide your Church -- for Bishop John, our Vicar, Joyce, our Associate Priest, Clarence, and our Music Director, Jon

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. For the people and clergy of our twinned Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philip-pines and our partner parish of St Bernard and for the work of our Diocese, especially St. Francis in the Wood, West Vancouver and The Legal Officers of the Diocese.

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.

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 he loves us. For those in our parish, especially today Evodia Ryan, Julie Skippon, Dixie & Juliet Taclabao, and all our guests joining us today

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. For all those who have asked for our prayers: Joan R, Heidi, Julie & Pat, Gwen, Margaret, Kay, John & Marilyn, Nena & Mike, Ollie, Christopher, Vivian, Derek, Jack, Helena, Barb, Helen, Chelsea, Susan, Jane & Bill, Louise. *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.

*Lord, in your mercy* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbours saying "Peace of Christ be with you." To maintain hand hygiene, hand-shaking is not recommended.*

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

**CP 259**

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

God of power,  
**the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.**  
**Accept our offering this day,**  
**and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Salal & Cedar**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places ...  
... we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**Sanctus**

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hon-our, pow-er, praise, and wor-ship to You, Lord, al - ways.  
 Bless-ed is the One who comes - in Your Name. \*Hos -  
 san - na in the high - est, — Com - fort, res - cue, save!

*\*"Hosanna" means. "save us. rescue us!"*

We give thanks to you for Jesus ...

... All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
 now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ taught us, let us 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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
 and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
 are now reunited on this table in bread and wine;

**Gracious God, may your whole Church soon be gathered  
 together from the corners of the earth.**

**Agnus Dei**

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Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin\_of the world.  
 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin\_of the world have mer-cy  
 Lord, on us. Grant us peace.

**The Invitation**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion

Communion is offered in **BOTH KINDS (bread and wine)**. Please sanitize your hands before coming up for communion. You may choose to partake in **ONE** or **BOTH** kinds based on your personal preference. **DO NOT** dip your wafer into the cup (no intinction). If you prefer to receive a contactless blessing, place your hand over your heart.

**Communion Hymn**    *Just as the Deer*

**CP 540**

## Prayer after Communion

Rule of the universe,

**all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.**

**May we who have shared in holy things**

**grow into maturity in him.**

**This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Sending into the World

### Priestly Blessing

### Parish Announcements

**Recessional Hymn**    *You Are the Salt for the Earth*

**CP 502**

### Dismissal

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

#### Liturgy from the BAS except for the following:

- Greeting adapted from World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023 found in Season of Creation 2024 Resource
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