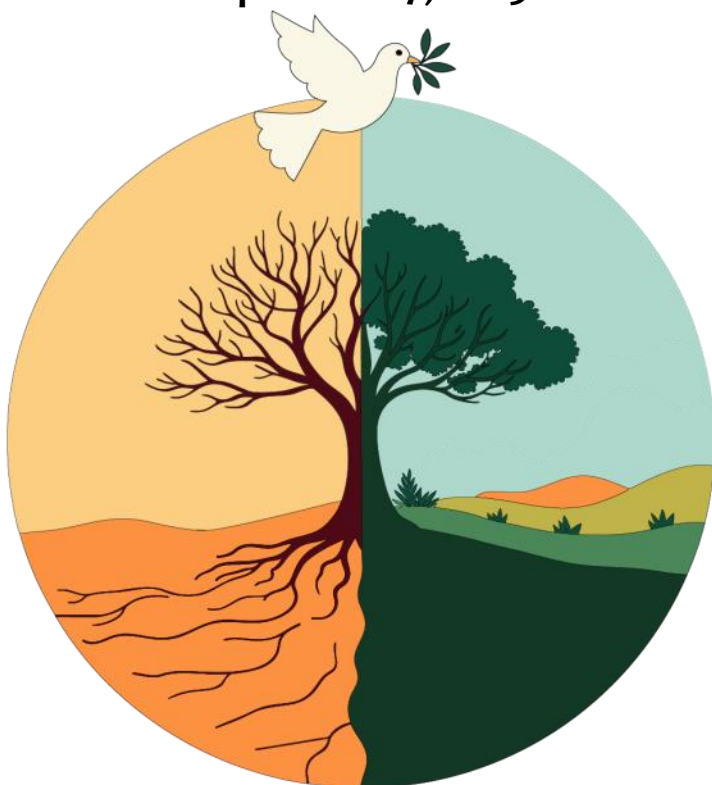


Season of Creation

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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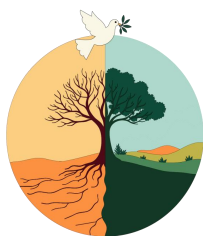
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A Place for You

Welcome to St Bart's! 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. We gather at the altar for Holy Communion, and you are invited just as you are!

Presider: Bishop Dixie Taclobao
Preacher: The Rev Julieta Taclobao
Musician: Jon Eriksson
Greeter: Patricia Hetherington

Reader: Willie Perez
Prayers: Lynn Perez
Coffee: Judi Thomas



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18.

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated

Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored.

There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance, and solidarity.

The symbol of a dove carrying an olive branch is from the story of the flood: the dove sent out by Noah returns with a fresh olive branch in its beak, signalling that the flood is receding. The return of the dove with the olive branch came to be known as a sign of peace.

This Sunday: The scope of the environmental crisis facing us can be paralyzing. We may feel that it is too late to do anything to halt climate change or species extinction anyway, so why bother trying? Alternatively, some might feel that God – or possibly technological innovation – will solve our problems for us. Jeremiah's lesson at the potter's house shows us the limitations of both ways of thinking. Like the potter, God is actively involved in our world; but our actions have consequences as well, and can change the outcome. The call is clear: "Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings."

This turn will not be without sacrifice. It will disrupt our lives, our societal systems, and our relationships. Yet the Gospel challenges the supremacy of all these things – not to make our lives more austere and barren but to open us to the joy of abundant life in Christ. Paul appeals to Philemon to receive Onesimus as a beloved brother rather than as a runaway slave, overturning the social order of the Roman Empire. But rather than commanding Philemon to do so, Paul appeals to him out of love, urging Philemon to choose a new way. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ."

The Gathering of Community

Introduction & Welcome

Prelude

Opening

Presider In the name of the Creator Spirit of God
who gives birth to the entire Universe of Creation in love,
And of the Word of God, spoken into the silence,
giving shape and form to all Creation,
And of the Wisdom of God,
who weaves the evolving web of life, drawing us toward
ever-greater justice, love, and peace with Creation.

ALL Amen.

Presider May the grace and peace of our creating God,
who places us in the midst of the vast and expanding Universe
on this beautiful and fragile planet, be with you! **Amen.**

Processional Hymn *Beautiful Saviour*

ELW 838

**Beautiful Saviour, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Saviour, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be thine!**

Gathering

Presider We acknowledge that we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of
the *Skwxwú7mesh* and *shishálh* nations.

Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things,
who calls us to dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings,
and in quiet resting places.

**PEOPLE We gather in gratitude for God's creation,
longing for justice and peace to abide in the land.**

Presider Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ,
who reconciles all things and
leads us in the way of righteousness,
so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field
and the fruitful field be deemed a forest.

PEOPLE **We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ,
seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.**

Presider Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
who is poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth
and restoring the harmony of Creation.

PEOPLE **We praise God, who revives the land
and calls us to be peacemakers with all of Creation.**

Presider The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

PEOPLE **God of justice and peace,
we gather in Your presence,
united with all living beings.
We come in hope, in worship, and in commitment
to live as caretakers of Your world.**

Presider May our prayers rise like incense,
and our worship be a song of love for all Creation.

PEOPLE **We thank the Lord for giving life to all Creation!
We thank God for our neighbours' life,
human and non-human alike.**

Presider As we gather, we share the hope and the sufferings
of our sisters and brothers in the whole Creation.

PEOPLE **In communion with the waves of the sea,
with the waves of the trees, we say Amen.**

The Collect

Presider Grant us, O God,

ALL **the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost,
bearing our cross and releasing our possessions,
for the liberation and healing of your world;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Transforming by Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11

Willie Perez

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Psalm 139:1-6, 12-16 *Light verses sung by Cantor; Bold sung by all.* Tone 6



- ¹ Lord, you have ¹searched me out *
O Lord, ¹you have known me.
- ² **You know my sitting down and my ¹rising up; ***
you discern my thoughts ¹from afar.
- ³ You trace my journeys and my ¹resting-places *
and are acquainted with ¹all my ways.
- ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word ¹on my lips, ***
but you, O Lord, know it ¹altogether.
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind ¹and before *
and lay your ¹hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder-¹ful for me; ***
it is so high that I cannot at-¹tain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my ¹inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my ¹mother's womb.
- ¹³ **I will thank you because I am mar-¹vellously made; ***
your works are wonderful, and I ¹know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hid-¹den from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths ¹of the earth.
- ¹⁵ **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;**
all of them were written ¹in your book; *
my days were fashioned before they ¹came to be.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your ¹thoughts, O God! *
How great is the ¹sum of them!
- Glory to God, Source ¹of all being,***
Eternal Word and ¹Holy Spirit;
As it was in the begin-¹ning is now*
and shall be for ¹ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson Philemon 1-21

Willie Perez

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Gradual Hymn *Take up Your Cross, the Saviour Said* vs. 1-2 **CP 431**

The Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Presider May God be with you.

PEOPLE And also, with you.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn *Take up Your Cross, the Saviour Said* vs. 4-5 **CP 431**

The Sermon

The Rev Julieta Taclobao

Music Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

ALL 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 destructive forces.

Prayers of the People

Lynn Perez

We pray, **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Presider Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth:
Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world;
where we waste, give us discipline to conserve;
where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and
May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things
for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all,
and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

ALL 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.**

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

ALL And also with you.

You may exchange the peace of Christ with your neighbours saying "Peace of Christ be with you."

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offering plate is on the table before the baptismal font for your giving.

Offertory Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1-4, 7 **CP 355**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God, our Loving Creator,

**ALL through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
 Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep gratitude
 and our concern for all in need,
 including all of our companion creatures on planet Earth.
 We ask this in the name of Christ, Jesus. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Salal & Cedar

Presider God is with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them up.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

PEOPLE We give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right in all times and in all places ...

... we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Sanctus

Music Jon Eriksson © 2024

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord!

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord!

An - gel hosts fall down be - fore You. Let us join their praise. All

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!

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus...
... Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Our Father in heaven
PEOPLE You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Presider Hallowed be your name
PEOPLE By the care we take of your Creation

Presider Your kingdom come
PEOPLE All that you see is good

Presider Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
PEOPLE Your will to till and care

Presider Give us this day our daily bread
PEOPLE That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Presider Forgive us our trespasses
**PEOPLE Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern
for other species and for future generations**

Presider As we forgive those who trespass against us
PEOPLE By reconciliation with justice and peace

Presider Lead us not into temptation
PEOPLE The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

Presider And deliver us from evil
PEOPLE The evil of destroying your gift of creation

Presider For yours is the kingdom,
PEOPLE Yours, Lord, not ours
 Presider The power, and the glory
PEOPLE In the cross and resurrection
 Presider For ever and ever
PEOPLE You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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 & wine)**. 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. If you prefer to receive a contactless blessing, cross your hands over your heart.*

Communion Hymn Wind Upon the Waters

CP 408

Prayer after Communion

Presider Creator God,
ALL your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Sending into the World

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

ALL whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness*

CP 428

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

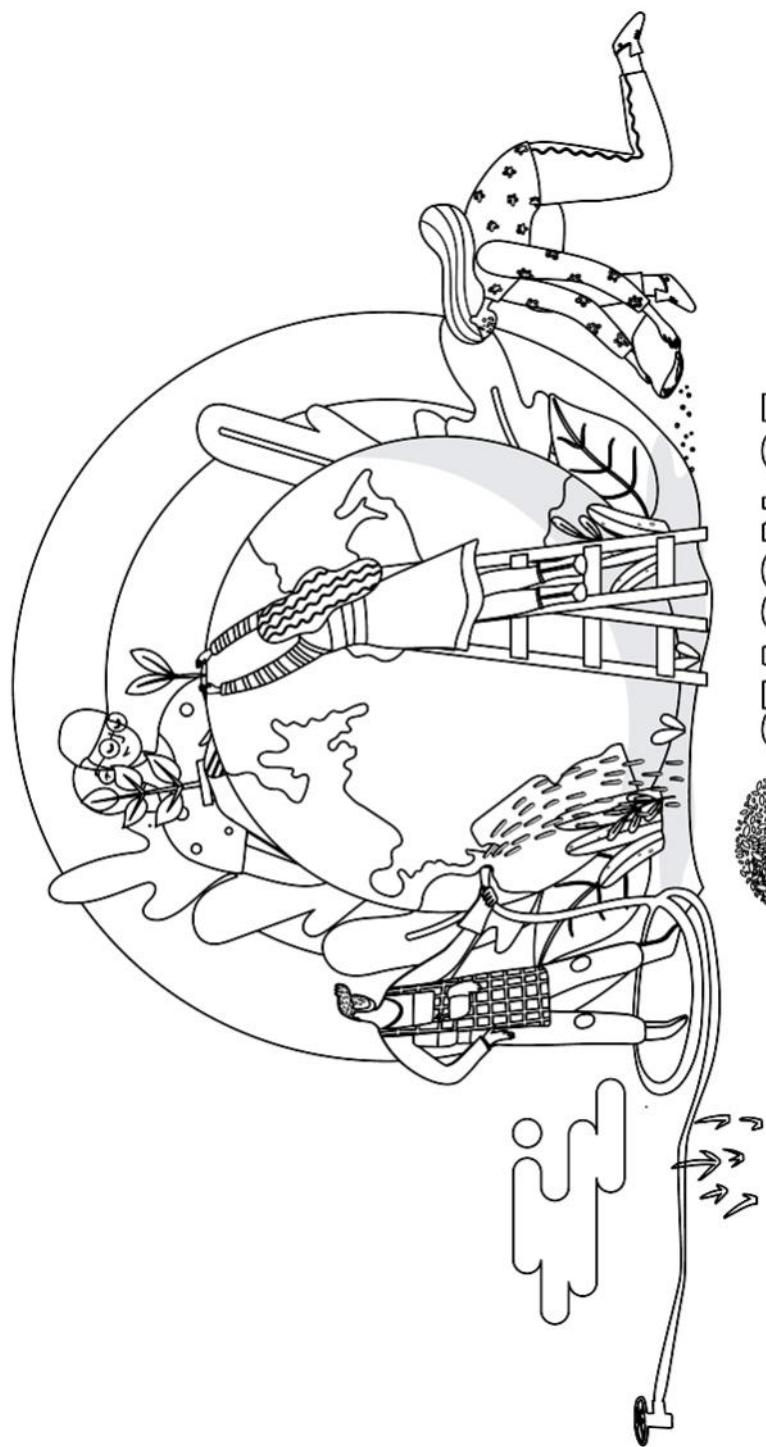
ALL Thanks be to God the Creator.

Postlude

Liturgy from the BAS except for the following:

- Greeting from Season of Creation 2025 Resource
- Psalm text from *A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 Edition* The Psalter of The Book of Alternative Services emended for Contemporary Liturgical Use
- Psalm Tone from Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Affirmation of Faith from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute (a seminary in South India), adapted by Keld B. Hansen, 2009, as provided in "Listen to the Voice of Creation," Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2022, 33.
- Confession from *Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes*
- Eucharistic Prayer from *Salal and Cedar Watershed Discipleship Community* (<http://salalandcedar.com>), a ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster
- Lord's Prayer adapted from a Creation-oriented responsive-form Lord's Prayer from "Creation Care Prayers," The Church of England Environmental Programme, 27 as provided in "Creation-Focused Worship Resources for Earth Day, Rogation Days, and Every Sunday" compiled by the Creation Care Justice Network in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, March 2021.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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| Diocese Prayer Cycle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Mary Magdalene, Vancouver - The Rev Tasha Carrothers • The Archdeaconry of Loughheed - Archdeacon Andrew Halladay, Regional Archdeacon |
| Diocese Partners | Companion Diocese: Bishop Benny Lang-akan, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and our companion parish, St. Bernard, Mountain Province BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Kathy Martin |
| Prayer List | Joan, Heidy, Margaret, Kay, Julie & Pat, John & Marilyn, Margot |