

The Season of Creation

Sunday, September 17, 2023



"Calm Sea" by Gustave Corbet

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Yarmouth, ME

Welcome to this year's Season of Creation! Each year, from the beginning of September through the beginning of October, Christians from around the world unite for this ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Let justice and peace flow" from the prophet Amos who cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). We, as the community of St. Bart's, are called to join the river of justice and peace along with our Christian siblings across the globe, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Let us pray...

Creator of All, from your communion of love, life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling, and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering siblings, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to journey together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

“Prelude on Earth and All Stars” by D. Johnson

Welcome & Announcements

Susie Peixotto

Opening Hymn, #412

Earth and All Stars

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Words

Celebrant We gather in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Praise be to the Holy Trinity!

People **God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.**
(from Hildegard of Bingen)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Celebrant We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in these fonts, and for all water everywhere.

Here members are invited to add their water offering to the fonts in the center of the sanctuary naming the local bodies of water which are the sources of our offerings.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love, O God. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Gloria, sung twice

Gloria, gloria (canon)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray,

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving thoughtfulness; and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Celebrant Dear God, you are our Teacher, Creator, and Guide through life's classroom. As we enter a new school year, we ask your blessings on our students, parents, and teachers.

We thank you for pens and pencils that are held by big and little fingers as they learn to write their names, their thoughts, and their stories.

People **Bless the words that flow from these pens, and bless the ones that write with them.**

Deacon We thank you for crayons and markers, for all the bright colors in the world around us. May they be used to create beautiful pieces of art that show the wonder of creation and each child's imagination.

People **Bless the art that they create, and the ones who draw and color with them.**

Celebrant We thank you for calculators and rulers, that help us to add and subtract, multiply and divide as we learn to work with numbers, shapes, and how the world works.

People **Bless the ones who help us understand these things and more.**

Deacon We thank you for notebooks, folders, and binders, for handouts that teach us our letters and numbers, and blank pages we can fill with our own thoughts and stories.

People **Bless these things that help keep our thoughts and work together and from getting lost, and bless the ones who fill them with writing and drawings.**

Celebrant We thank you for the books we read, for the books that teach us our history, the books that teach us who we are, and the books that open up magical worlds of possibility.

People **Bless these books and the stories they tell, and bless the ones who read them.**

Deacon We thank you for our lunch boxes, filled with food to help our bodies and minds grow strong and mighty. We know that there are children whose lunch boxes are empty, and we pray that their lunchboxes might be filled with good food from caring people.

People **Bless these lunchboxes and the bodies they feed.**

Celebrant We thank you for our backpacks that carry everything we need. Although they may be heavy with school supplies, may the children that wear them be unburdened. May the children who do not have backpacks or supplies receive the things they need, so that they can get off to a good start this school year.

People **Bless these backpacks, and bless the ones who wear them.**

Deacon We thank you for our teachers, who fill our children's minds with knowledge, who nurture their spirits, and who protect them while in their care. We thank you for our principals, counselors, custodians, nurses, classroom aides, cafeteria workers and bus drivers who take care of our students. We thank you for our Sunday School teachers who teach us about faith by modeling love. May all teachers and school staff receive the support they need and the honor they deserve as they live into their calling to educate this generation.

People **Bless our teachers in their sacred work.**

Celebrant We thank you for our parents, grandparents, and other childcare providers who support and encourage their students in all that they do, and who spend countless hours helping with homework, volunteering in classrooms, and driving the carpools.

People **Bless our parents in their sacred work.**

Deacon We thank you for our students, for the blessing that they are to us. Strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits throughout this school year, that their knowledge

might grow, and their imaginations soar with new thoughts, new achievements, and new dreams.

People **Bless our students in all that they do, work and play, for it is all sacred work.**

Celebrant In the name of Jesus, the Great Teacher, we pray.

People **Amen.**

The children are invited to attend Sunday School.

The Lessons

First Lesson, Genesis 1:1-12; 20-21

Elizabeth Ring

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

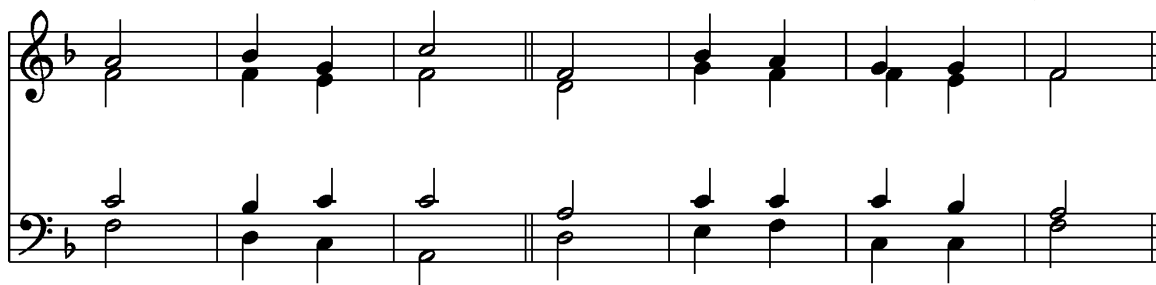
And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 (sung)

William Russell
(1777–1813)



1 Praise the LORD—
Sing to the ' LORD a new ' song, *
his praise in the as- ' sembly of his ' faithful ' people.

2 Let Israel rejoice ' in their ' Maker; *
let the people of ' Zion be ' glad in their ' King.

3 Let them praise his ' name with ' dancing *
and make music to ' him with ' timbrel and ' harp.

4 For the LORD takes de- ' light in his ' people; *
he ' crowns the ' humble with ' victory.

5 Let his faithful people re- ' joice in this ' honor *
and ' sing for ' joy on their ' beds.

6 May the praise of God be ' in their ' mouths *
and a ' double-edged ' sword in their ' hands,

7 to inflict vengeance ' on the ' nations *
and ' punishment ' on the ' peoples,

8 to bind their ' kings with ' fetters, *
their ' nobles with ' shackles of ' iron,

9 to carry out the sentence ' written a- ' gainst them; *
this is the glory of all his faithful ' people. '

Praise the ' LORD!

Second Lesson

“God's Grandeur” by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Elizabeth Ring

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #409

The spacious firmament of heaven

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The holy gospel according to John

People **Glory to you, O God.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Deacon The gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**


Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

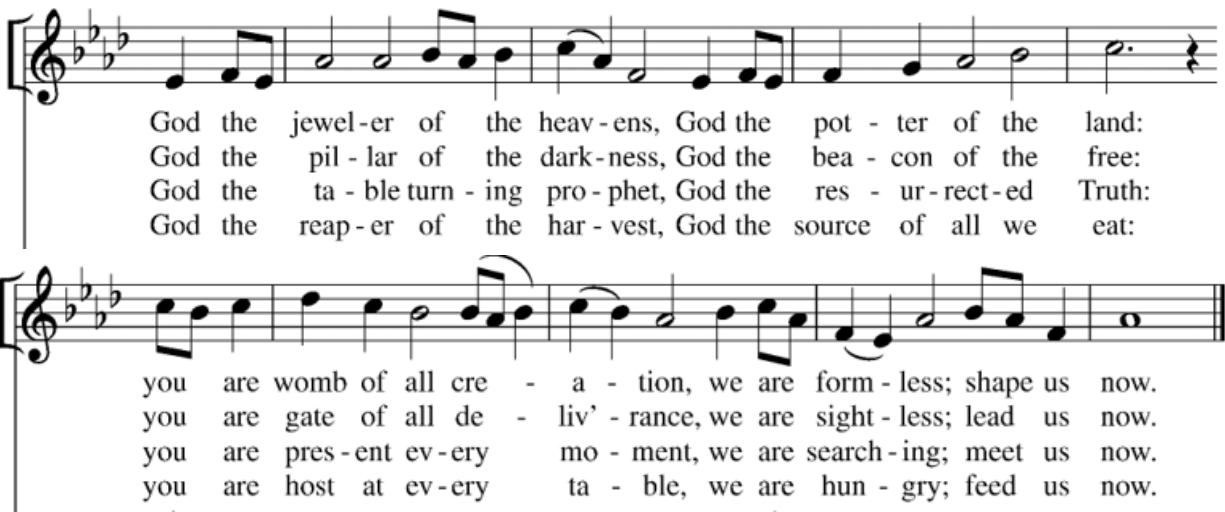
Hymn, #746

God the sculptor of the mountains

Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
 God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
 God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
 God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:
 you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God.

People 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

Mary Curlew

Leader Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for
 herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you
 have made. God, who listens to every living thing,

People **Help us listen as you do.**

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live.
 Help us be attentive to all you have made. God, in whom all creation subsists,
Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognize your glorious beauty. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, who is present with your creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you. God, who is present with your creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, we pray for those on our prayer list...

Charles; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Anne & Richard; Courtney; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Terry; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Marshall; Samantha; John; Dianne; Meghan; and Tommie.

And, we pray for those we name before you now either aloud or silently (*Silence is kept for intercessions*). God, who is the great healer,

Help us to be agents of your healing too.

Loving God, you created us from the earth and to the earth we all shall return. We pray for those who have died, especially Ngadi Germana and Jeremy, and those we name before you now either aloud or silently (*Silence is kept for intercessions*). God, who receives us in love,

Help us to grieve in love too.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which

we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us to listen as you do. Amen.

Confession

Celebrant Trusting in the everlasting mercy of God, and in the vulnerability and sacredness of this gathered community, let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

A brief silence is kept for self-reflection

Celebrant Holy God,

People

We confess to you our ignorance to your presence in creation and our disregard for the creatures of this planet and their habitats. Our human hearts are set on personal gain and material wealth, and our drive for more has caused great harm. Forgive us our sins against your beloved creation and empower us to journey humbly with you and with one another. Help us to reconnect with your web of creation and lead us to the community you envision for us, the creatures of your beloved Planet Earth. Amen.

During this time of reflection we listen for the cries of creation. You are invited to visit one of the fonts to write a sin against creation (personal or collective) on a slip of paper and then place it in the water and watch it dissolve. As the waters of baptism liberate us from being defined by sin and death, we give thanks for the resilience of nature to recover and wash away many of our sins over time. We pray for God's forgiveness and revelation to call us back into right relationship with all of God's creation.

Absolution

Celebrant God our Creator is merciful, and forgives our sins, for the sake of the one who became flesh and dwelt among us, Jesus Christ our Savior. God gives us new hearts to bear Christ's love to all who inhabit the earth, and to advocate for their protection and well-being.

People **Amen**

Welcoming New Members

Celebrant Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Bart's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts

and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus.

Leader I present Hannah Ashley; Alexandra Barr & Matthew Kennedy; Julie, Brett, and Isaac Bliven; Sukie Curtis & David Heald; Maria Guarino & Will, Bennett, Zoe, and Miles Zimmerman; Paul Maumbu; Alfredo Vitika, and Pam Waite, who cannot be here this morning but who is watching the livestream, as members of this community.

Celebrant Friends, do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Bart's? If so, say "I do."

Deacon Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life? If so, say "I will, with God's help."

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray together,

People **Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new siblings in Christ to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant In gratitude for the abundance of blessings God has bestowed on us, let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to our God.

Offering

The bread and wine are brought forward as the ushers collect our financial offerings.

Anthem

“Pleasure it is” by William Cornysh

*Pleasure it is
To hear, I wis,
The birdes sing.
The deer in the dale,
The sheep in the vale,
The corn springing;
God’s purveyance
For sustenance
It is for man.
Then we always
To him give praise,
And thank him then.*

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who entered the heart of the Earth, opening the way for humanity to be restored with all Creation to your divine goodness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Sculptor of the Earth, we praise you for the way your fingers traced the rivers across the land and lifted up the mountains.

Painter of the landscapes, we praise you for how your brushstrokes bring color to our forests and vitality to our wilderness spaces.

Breath of life, we praise you for the gift of your wind that sustains our very living, and which brings all flora and fauna dancing into being.

In great joy you sent to the canvas of the cosmos your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring restoration and healing to all that is broken.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Holy Spirit, bless these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Bless us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; weaving our stories into the eternal web of your wisdom that, at the last, we may join with all your saints in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

O Holy God, reveal the Word made flesh through the mending of your watersheds and the healing of your vernal pools, in the restoration of the ocean depths and the vitality of valley streams. Renew our awareness of our place in your great creation. Send us with a yearning hunger to advocate for a healthier planet.

All glory is yours, blessed Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

People

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us,
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.
Amen.

Fraction

Celebrant

People

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation

Celebrant

People

Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

1. O all ye works of God — now come to
 2. O sun and moon and stars — of heav'n your
 3. O heat and cold, O night — and day, O
 4. O earth and sea, O all — that live in
 5. O let his peo - ple bless — the Lord like

thank him and a - dore; O an - gels sing and
 end - less praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 storms and thund - er's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 wa - ter or on shore, O men and wo - men
 right - eous souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1.- 4.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

5.
 ev - er - more.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May we be blessed to open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace within us:

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May we be blessed to share the living waters of God's justice and peace with our suffering siblings and all God's creatures around us:

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May we be blessed to journey together with all people of good will so that our many streams of living water of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth:

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And may God bless us on this journey, + Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit Eternal.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #455

O Love of God

The Hymnal 1982

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

"Andantino" by J. Langlais

Many in our community choose to be seated during the Postlude to listen and give thanks for this musical offering. However, you do not have to remain seated but are invited to join us for coffee hour or depart as your schedule allows.

THE ORANGE CANDLE

The Worship & Music Committee decided at their spring retreat to light the orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence each week as a prayerful vigil rather than lighting the candle only at the 5th Sunday Healing Services. The Worship & Music Committee hopes that by lighting this candle each week, our community will not allow itself to forget about the severity of this issue and of our need as a community to remember and to engage in meaningful change. For more information about the Orange Candle and the "Wear Orange" movement, visit <https://wearorange.org/>

RESOURCES

Introduction to Season of Creation and Prayer: *The Season of Creation Guide 2023*.
Opening Words & Blessing: Season of Creation Resource Guide
Thanksgiving for Baptism, Offertory Prayer: All Creation Sings © 2023 Augsburg Fortress
Gloria: Jacques Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé, France
Collect of the Day: Book of Common Prayer, “For the stewardship of creation”
Blessing of the Backpacks: Rev. Amanda M. Rohrs, “Blessing of the Backpacks,” Fidelity, Holy Ghost
Grab-Bag. Young Clergy Women International. September 3, 2019.
Affirmation of Faith: Gurukul Theological College, India / adapted by Keld B. Hansen 2009
Prayers of the People, Dismissal: Season of Creation Resource, Diocese of Western MA
Confession & Forgiveness: adapted from the Liturgy for Earth Week 2021 from Diocese of Maine
Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer: The Northern Illinois Synod Creation Care Committee
The Lord’s Prayer: The New Zealand Book of Prayer

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson |
| Music | Dr. Christina Edelen |
| Musicians | The St. Bart’s Choir |
| Chalice Bearer | Mary Curlew |
| Nonvested Chalice Bearer | The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer |
| Lector | Elizabeth Ring |
| Ushers | Nancy Gunzelmann, Pal Covie |
| Altar Guild | Mary Ann Hodsdon, Beth LaSalle |
| Flower Arranger | Barbara Barhydt |
| A/V | Laurie Hyndman |
| Bread Baker | Nancy Gunzelmann |
| Counters | Dennis Fitzgibbons, Harriet Davis |
| Lawn Care | David Heald |
| VPOW | Susie Peixotto |
| Coffee Hour | The Vestry & Membership Committee |
| Sunday School Teacher | Carla Hunt |
| Sunday School Assistant | Pam Hobson |

ST BART'S VISION STATEMENT

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth, Maine is a place to explore and deepen one's faith through worship, music, education, and open dialogue to help each of us and our community faithfully navigate today's ever-changing world. We are an open, inclusive, creative, and welcoming community. Building on the vision of those who established St. Bart's 50 years ago, we continue to strengthen and grow our community by grounding our ministries in the love of Jesus Christ, telling our story joyfully, and caring for the needs of our congregation and the greater Yarmouth and surrounding communities. St. Bart's is a great landing place for those seeking a welcoming and inclusive faith experience.



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