



When Francis preached
love to the birds
They listened,
fluttered, throttled up
Into the blue like a
flock of words

Released for fun from
his holy lips.
Then wheeled back,
whirled about his
head,
Pirouetted on brothers'
capas.

Danced on the wing,
for sheer joy played
And sang, like images
took flight.
Which was the best
poem Francis made,

His argument true, his
tone light.

+ Seamus Heaney

Season of Creation

**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
8am & 10:30 am Sunday October 4, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

St. Alban's seeks to be an open and welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering all people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ, and living out our faith in our community and the world.

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Deacon

Pianist

8am Crucifer

8am Lector

10:30 Crucifer

10:30am Lectors, Chalice & Arms Bearers

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nelda Yalowicki in celebration
of God's beautiful creation, especially all animals and plants both domestic and wild.*

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Quarterly Outreach Offering

4th week—International Relief Offering

5th Week—Indigenous Women's Offering



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Scripture Readings for October 11th

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Please observe holy silence during the prelude and postlude. These musical selections are an integral part of worship for many and offer a time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. Please save greetings and fellowship conversations for the Parish Hall. Many thanks!

Prelude

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King Hymn 400

Priest: Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. We're here in Edmonds, WA, and wherever you are in the world, we're honored that you have welcomed us into your home this morning, as together we worship the God of all creation incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth. Whether you're with us for an hour or a lifetime, we hope and trust that you will find this a refuge that nourishes the Holy Spirit within you.

As we begin, we acknowledge that we are blessed to be situated on traditional and ancestral Snohomish, Coast Salish land. They cared for this land for millennia before it was taken from them. We honor them, and pray for the wisdom to care for it as well as they. We recognize that we are living among them still, so we are seeking ways of building relationships so that, working together, we can be better stewards of this place and all its people.

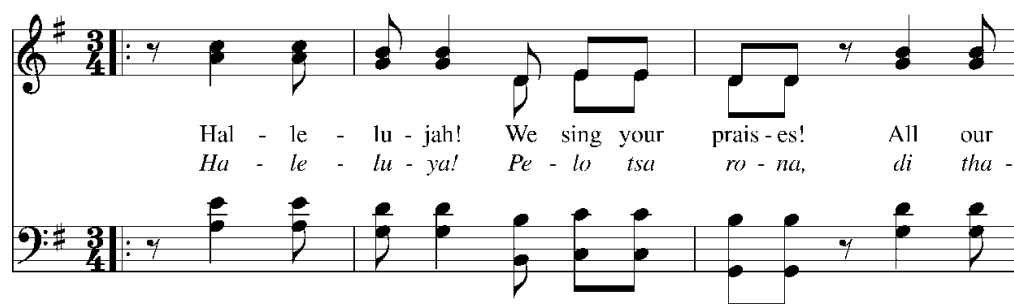
Opening Acclamation

Presider: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.*

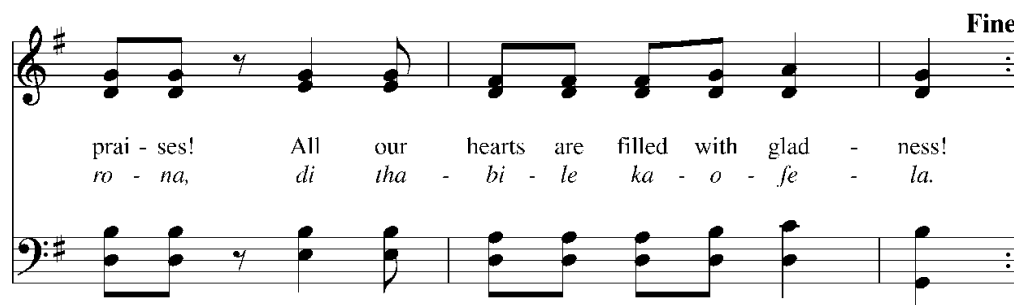
Gloria (10:30am sung) Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!



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



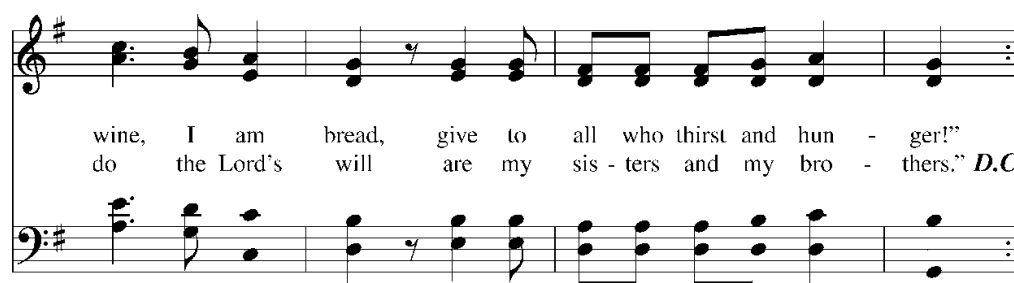
hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa



prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**



Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who



wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Text: South African
 Music: South African

Salutation

Presider: May God, the Creator of all things, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

A Reading from Isaiah chapter 5 beginning with the 1st verse

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

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⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; ***
you cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow ***
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, ***
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Reading

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

A Reading from Philippians chapter 3 beginning with the 4th verse
Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (10:30 only)

Hymn 536

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

The Gospel

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

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

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said,] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Greg Peters

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours-es and

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal melody on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with two verses of text aligned with the notes.

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

The second system continues the musical score with the same notation and time signature. The lyrics continue across two lines, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support.

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

The third system concludes the musical score on this page. It maintains the 3/4 time signature and key signature, with the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are spread across two lines.

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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The Creed

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.

Profession of Faith (South Indian)
Guruksel Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, 2009

The Prayers of the People

Creation tide Form

Priest: Creator God,
you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation
and our sisters and brothers.
Open our hearts in compassion
and receive these petitions
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Intercessor: Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World:

for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal:

For the Anglican Communion, led by Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally;

For the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

For the Episcopal Church, led by Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

For this Diocese led by Phil LaBelle, and the Brotherhood of St.

Andrew, the Order of St. Francis, and the Earth Ministry. For this Parish, especially Debbie Wilson, for our Faith Formation

Ministries, for the Legacy Society, Evie Arneson, and for Greg and all who serve God through this church.

We give thanks for those who have been or are celebrating birthdays this week: Reilly Mannery Oct. 3rd and Mary Fowler, Oct. 8th.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect.

We pray for those you have commended to our care:

Kären, Bertha, Dee. Bob C., Jack and Donna, John P., Howard, Ronnie Locke and those we name silently or aloud.

God of compassion: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of peace: **hear our prayer.**

Nina Ranadive Pooley

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 care. 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.**

Book of Occasional Services, 2018, 339

Confession of Sin

Deacon or Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

**Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.**

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.

Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

“Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation,”
Reports To The 78th General Convention: Supplemental Materials
(Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music: SCLM, 2015), 246 - 247

Absolution

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.

Amen.

The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, page 408

The Peace

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

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

“A Service of Welcome,”

The Iona Community, *Iona Abbey Worship Book*
(Glasgow, UK: Wildgoose Publications, 2001), 246 - 247

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

God said, “I did not intend my creatures to make themselves servants and slaves to the world’s pleasures. They owe their first love to me. Everything else they should love and possess, as I told you, not as if they owned it, but as something lent them.”

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), *The Dialogue*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn 383

Doxology Hymn 380, vs 3

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation III

Presider: God is with us.

People: God is present here.

Presider: Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty. Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we say/sing with joy:

Sanctus (8am spoken)

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Sanctus (10:30am sung)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

The People and Presider say together

Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

The Presider continues

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, 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 in memory of me.” When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: “Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me.”

Therefore, let us pray:

All join in prayer

Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.

The Presider continues

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

The People and Presider say together

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

The Presider continues

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

from Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, Tucson, AZ

The Lord's Prayer

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

Leader: Our Father [and/or: Mother] in heaven

People: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Leader: Hallowed be your name

People: By the care we take of your Creation

Leader: Your kingdom come

People: All that you see is good

Leader: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

People: Your will to till and care

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread

People: That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Leader: Forgive us our trespasses

People: Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations

Leader: As we forgive those who trespass against us

People: By reconciliation with justice and peace.

Leader: Lead us not into temptation

People: **The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation**

Leader: And deliver us from evil

People: **The evil of destroying your gift of creation**

Leader: For yours is the kingdom

People: **Yours, Lord, not ours**

Leader: The power and the glory

People: **In the cross and resurrection**

Leader: For ever and ever

People: **You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen. (So be it)¹⁵**

Creation Care Prayers, The Church of England Environmental Programme

Fraction Anthem

Presider This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

John 6:51

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those who unable to attend worship in person.

Beloved Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the

Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and I

desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive

you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,

come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you in this life
or in the life to come. Amen.

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Communion Hymn (10:30am only):

Hymn 489

The Great Creator of Worlds

Post Communion Prayer

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

“Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time,” (2012)

Closing Prayers and Blessings

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you. Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you. Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you. Deep peace, pure gray of the dew to you. Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Fiona MacLeod,
The Dominion of Dreams: Under the Dark Star,
(New York, Duffield, 1910)

Closing Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

Dismissal

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
People: To bring new life to the land
To restore the waters
To refresh the air.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
People: To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
People: To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
People To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children.

Deacon: We join with the Earth and with each other
All: We join together as many and diverse
expressions of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the Earth
and the renewal of all life. Amen.

“U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program”
Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon ed.,
Earth Prayers (Harper, San Francisco, 1991), 94 - 95

Postlude

Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Robin McClelland on Sundays at 9:30am in the Annex and also on Zoom (see link below).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Service Discernment Vote: The votes are in!! St. Alban's will be continuing with two services. A total of 54 ballots were received with 37 (69%) in favor of maintaining our current schedule, and 17 (31%) in favor of one service. Thank you for your thoughtful input and interest in participating in this process!

Game Night October 10th: Do you like to play games? We are planning a St. Alban's "game night" on Saturday, October 10th from 3 pm to 6 pm. This is an informal gathering. There will be some games available, but feel free to bring one of your favorites too. Also, bring your choice of beverage, and, if you want, a snack to share. This idea started from the Hansons' recent auction item when 8 of us gathered for games and had a great time. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young at 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.

St. Alban's Participates in the Mission to Seafarers through November 10th: Please go shop as you are able, and help fill-up the "ditty bags". See complete list in the Parish Hall, along with a container to put your purchases in. Ditty Bag Stuffing Day - November 14th ~ 10am - Noon at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church: 3050 California Avenue SW, Seattle, Washington.

St. Alban's Annual Stew Fest Wednesday October 21st: Join us for our annual Stew Fest on Wednesday, October 21st starting at 6 p.m. This evening is an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings to St. Alban's. The evening begins with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. We then move to the Parish Hall for our dinner and program. Stews are provided by a few of our great cooks. The rest of the meal is provided by the church, consisting of salads, breads, desserts and beverages of beer, wine and non-alcoholic options. For the program this year we are building on "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew." We will have three members sharing their stories of why they are generous to St. Alban's and what being a part of St. Alban's means to them. We will then break into small groups for further discussion. Come be a part of this opportunity for worship, food, fellowship and sharing.

Garden Party October 20th at 2pm: We are asking for volunteers to join us for a "Garden Party" on Tuesday, October 20, at 2:00pm. We will gather in front of the church to do some Fall seasonal work in front of the church - deadheading, weeding, pruning, etc. You don't have to be an expert to join in, just willing to join with others and do what we can to clean up before the weather changes to winter. Please bring gloves and tools.



This week we celebrate God's abundance. In creation, in our community, and in our lives, God provides more than enough. How will you share from your plenty?