



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

August 31, 2025
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost,
in the Season of Creation
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

~ Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ~

This morning we enter the Season of Creation, an international and ecumenical designation in which many churches will celebrate the goodness of God's amazing work, and lament its imperiled condition due to humanity's terrible stewardship of what we were given. This year's theme is "Peace with Creation", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18; and our prayers, music, sermons and invitations to action will focus attention on bringing peace to the earth and its creatures. *Please let our worship leaders know if you find the Creation additions to be meaningful for you, or have ideas for the future.*

Are you new to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer gluten-free Bread, which may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #680 _____ O God, our help in ages past

Open Acclamation _____ based on Job ch. 12

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit;

Response: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Presider: In God's hand is the life of every living thing;

Response: **And the breath of every creature comes from God.**

Presider: Ask the animals and they will teach you;

Response: **Ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you.**

Presider: Ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you;

Response: **And the fish of the sea will declare to you.**

Presider: O God, Creation is full of your praise, and we are called to join in with joy.

Response: **May our prayers rise like the dawn and our worship be a song of love.**

Song of Praise: Hymn 376 vs 1,2 _____ Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee!

Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with

all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Reading _____ Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Sequence Hymn #291 _____ *We plow the fields and scatter*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*

Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Season of Creation _____ *Please stand or kneel*

Deacon O Lord, our God, help us to call on you in the communion of your Church, with
one heart and one mind, according to your dream for the creation.

Leader We pray for your created world. You generated the universe and all that exists in
it. The Earth is filled with your life. You make the grass, plants, and fruit-bearing
trees to grow, you feed the birds of the sky, you care for all your creatures on Earth.

Out of your love you created human beings: give us the strength to faithfully tend and keep the world according to your will. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for humanity: for every nation, community, and every person in them. Grant that we may treat our fellow human beings with respect; that we may accept all people in their diversity; that we may support and uphold the human dignity of our neighbors. Give us grateful hearts, that we may see ourselves as part of the great and rich whole of the Earth, from which you created humankind. Grant us deeper understanding, responsible thinking, and valuable work to do. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church everywhere, that she may be a messenger of life and an agent of your love throughout the world. Instill courage in the hearts of those who follow Jesus, that we may dare to proclaim hope to those who live in fear, encouragement to those who doubt, and comfort to those who despair. Give your Church the strength of unity to bring your Gospel to them in word and deed, as participants in a world in crisis. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the destitute, the oppressed and the vulnerable. We pray for our fellow human beings, and for all our fellow creatures, affected by war, conflict, genocide, and ecocide. Send justice to those who cry out to you, O God, and also to those who have no ability to speak. We ask for your healing of those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud: For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, knowing you hold them in your loving arms. Especially we remember the people we name... Comfort those who grieve, and inspire us with a vision of your eternity, where there is no more pain and you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Humble our hearts enough to relate to our fellow creatures in distress, as St Francis named them true brothers and sisters. Give us the courage to act on behalf of those who silently endure injustice, and guide our steps in the way of

righteousness and long-lasting peace. Enact in our world your life-giving will, O God, and may peace come to all of nature. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Loving God, in your hands rest the future of the world, of humanity, of the Church and of all faiths. Grant that we may live in true hope, act with justice, and insist upon peace and dignity for all; in the name of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel* _____

Deacon In order to find healing and peace for the Earth, let us confess the ways we have erred and strayed from God's intentions. *Silent prayer*
God of all mercy:

All **We confess that we have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We confess that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.**

Deacon Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

All **Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance. Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth. Forgive us for what we have done to your lakes and oceans. Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures — on the land, in the sky, and in the depths. God of Life, have mercy on us and heal your wounded Earth.**

Deacon Empower us to choose the road that leads to life, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. We long to experience your Shalom in the land and in the waters.

All **All this we ask in the name of the One who came that we may have life in abundance — your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Absolution *is pronounced by the priest* _____

Presider Almighty God, have mercy upon you and forgive you; heal your heart and guide your mind; and enable you to live in peace with all God's creatures and the Earth our common home. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand* _____

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Milestones and Announcements _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

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Offertory _____ *Your Labor is Not in Vain*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ *“Old 100th”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2 _____ *EOW1*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

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

The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. 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 for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, + the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people

and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows* _____

Priest The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and fill all things living with plenteousness.

People **With grateful hearts we celebrate the goodness of God.**

Invitation to Communion _____

Deacon These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Communion Music _____ *As the Wind Song through the Trees*

Hymn #383 _____ *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____

Priest Let us pray.

People God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing _____ *Celtic tradition*

Priest Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us,
the friends who are around us, your image deep within us; O Triune God:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn # 412 _____ *Earth and all stars*

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God!

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