

Season of Creation



PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

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 behaviors 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, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

Word of Welcome

Prelude

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Opening Acclamation *People stand, as ability allows.*

Celebrant This is the day the Creator has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Song of Praise

8 am

Canticle J (EOW) A Song of Judith

Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, *

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, *

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, *

no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *

rocks melt like wax at your presence.

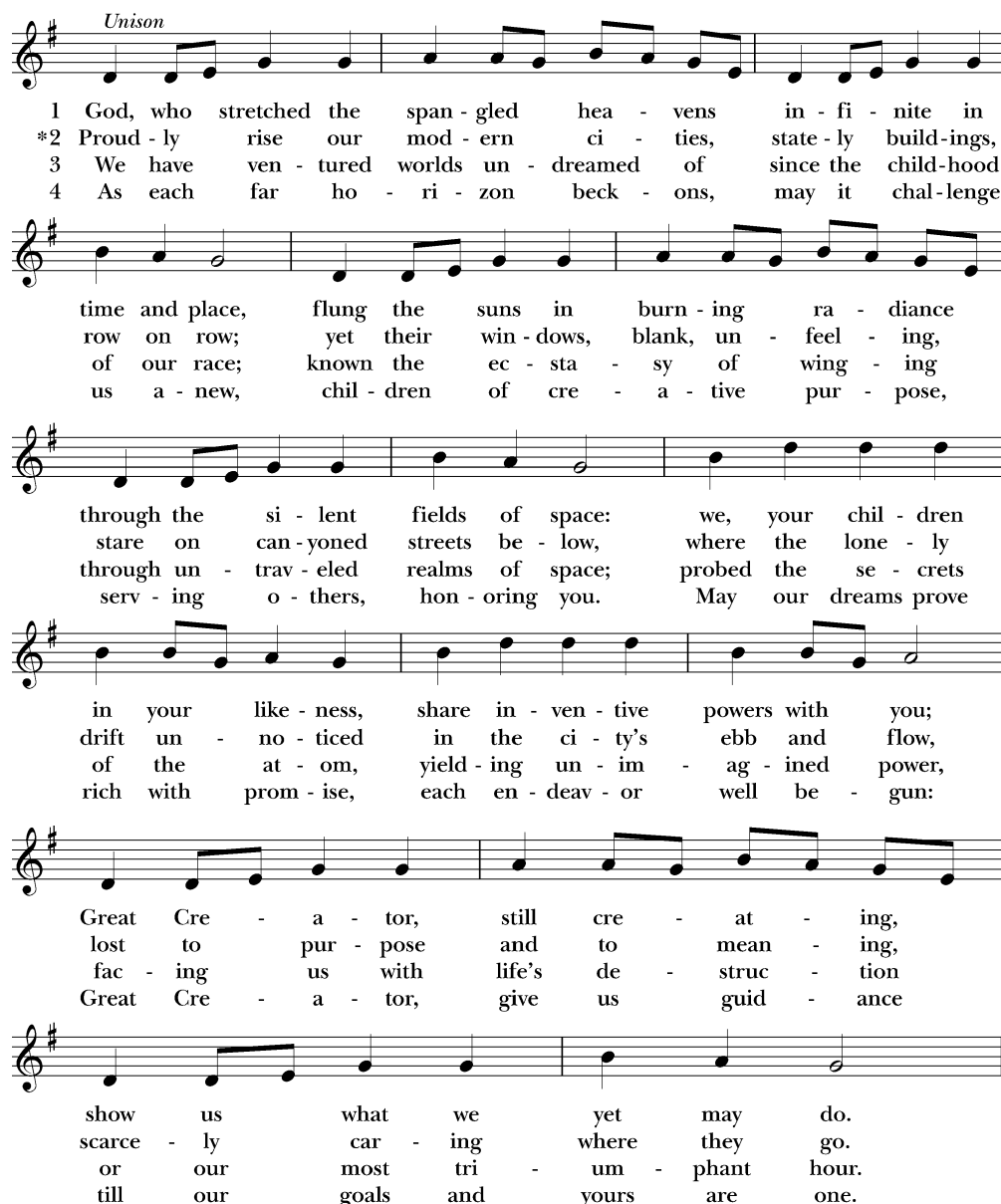
But to those who fear you, *

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Unison



1 God, who stretched the span - gled hea - vens in - fi - nite in
 *2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern ci - ties, state - ly build - ings,
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge

time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 row on row; yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
 of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

through the si - lent fields of space: we, your chil - dren
 stare on can - yoned streets be - low, where the lone - ly
 through un - trav - eled realms of space; probed the se - crets
 serv - ing o - thers, hon - oring you. May our dreams prove

in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 drift un - no - ticed in the ci - ty's ebb and flow,
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun:

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance

show us what we yet may do.
 scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 till our goals and yours are one.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

After the prayer, the congregation says Amen.

The Lessons (People sit, Lessons are found in the Communicator insert)

From the Hebrew Bible

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

From the Epistles

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn *People stand, as ability allows.*

(sung twice)



The Gospel

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

After the reading

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

Please be seated.

The Homily

A moment of silence follows the Sermon.

Profession of Faith *People stand, as ability allows.*

Leader Let us stand and affirm our faith.

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 *People stand, as ability allows.*

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea.

For the richness of the mountains, plains, and rivers;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the songs of birds, and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the trust you have shown in giving animals into our care, and especially for our animal companions;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of your people;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader For our families, friends, neighbors, and all those with whom we share our lives;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the means of grace and for the hope of glory;

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially _____]. God, Giver of Life.

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____]. God, Giver of Life.

People We thank you, Lord.

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Confession

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our fellow creatures.

All God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

People stand, as ability allows.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory music

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2*

People stand, as ability allows

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus

8am

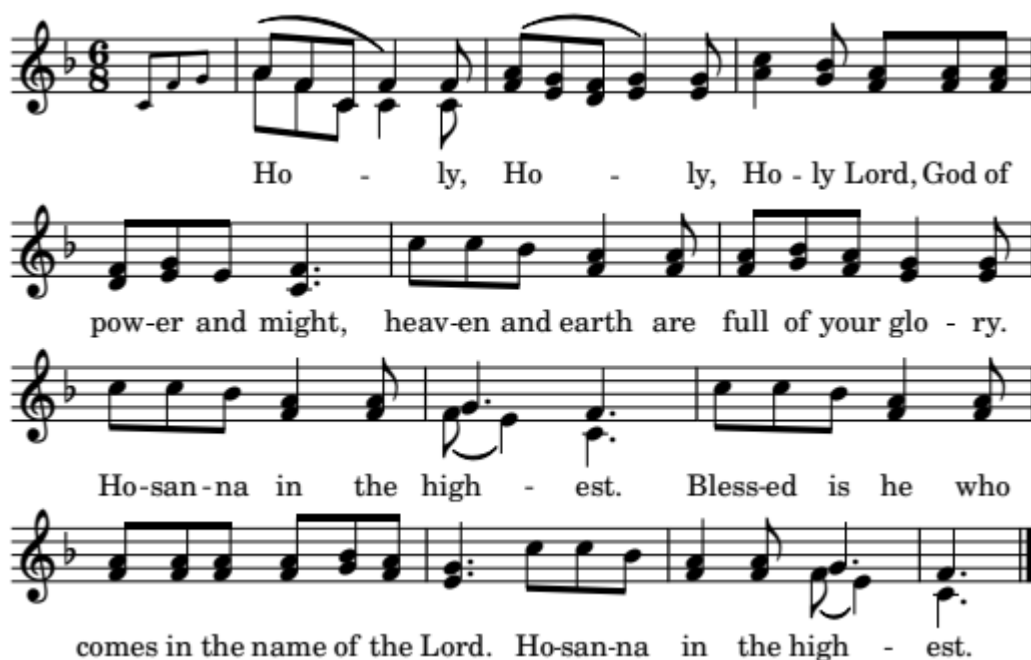
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10am



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en 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.

Celebrant 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 [_____ 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.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread in silence, then says:

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by thanksgiving.

Communion

Communion Music

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Post Communion prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always .

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless our God and all Creation.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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CALENDAR

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

10am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Noon Mother of the Savior, Chapel

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8am-1:30pm

Friday

8am-1pm

Recurring Weekly Classes/Meetings

AA, Room 14:

Thursday, 11:30am

Thursday, 6:30pm

Saturday, 1pm

ACOA, Room 14:

Wednesday, 6:30pm

Arabic Saturday School, Room 19:

Saturday, 10am

Blessings in a Backpack Packing:

Friday, 3:30pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall:

Tuesday, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge:

Wednesday, 1pm

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room:

Sunday, 11:30am

Grace Church Bible Study, Lounge:

Tuesday, 9pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall:

Sunday, 2pm,

Wednesday, 7pm

2nd & 4th Thursday 6:30pm

Mother of the Savior Youth Bible

Study and Arabic Class:

Saturday, 3pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano,

Choir Room:

Tuesday and Thursday, 3pm-9pm

Saturday, 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall:

2nd & 4th Saturday, 10:30am

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