



**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**OCT 29-30 2022 CREATION CARE SEASON**

The Psalmist declares, *“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world.”* (19:1-4).

Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we hear? We commit to “Listen to the Voice of Creation.” By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our call to care for Earth, our common home.

The burning bush is the symbol for this Season of Creation. Today, Creation cries out as forests crackle in flames, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of unheeded climate changes.

In contrast, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God’s presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

Saturday - 29 October 5pm & Sunday - 30 October 11am, 2022

Prelude: *"Worship in your Heart"*, by Doreen J Oberg

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

Opening Song:

Gather #495 Canticle of the Sun

Presider: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

**People: The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

**Gloria: *Canticle 12: A Song of Creation part II* (spoken)**

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,

and all that grows upon the earth, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*

O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*

and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Amen.

Presider: God our Creator be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

**The Collect:**

**All: God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

**First Lesson: A reading from the book of Genesis 1:1–25**

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 there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.'

And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm:**

### **Psalm 19:1-6**

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

### **Second Lesson: A reading from the book Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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People **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 1:1–5**

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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 the Lord.**

People       **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

### **Nicene Creed** *(Traditional)*

**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:

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Lord, there is no pain in our hearts or in our planet that you do not know, for you have touched the lowest places on earth.

People: **Teach us to grieve with you, O Christ, the loss of all the beauty that is passing away.**

Leader: There is no place in the heavens that cannot be touched by your resurrection presence, for you fill all things.

People: **Give us strength in your victory over death to grow into your way of love, which does not despair but keeps sowing seeds of hope and making signs of wholeness.**

Leader: In you, Lord Christ, all the parts of the body fit together joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is provided. Each part working together, promotes the body's growth, building itself up in love.

People: **Teach us to recognize our interconnectedness with all things. Teach us to grow with each other and all living creatures through love.**

Leader: Let us be at peace within ourselves.

People: **Let us accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid.**

Leader: Let us be aware of the source of being that is common to us all and to all living creatures.

People: **Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion towards ourselves and towards all living beings.**

Leader: Realizing that we are all nourished from the same source of life, may we so live that others are not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

People: **Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be a cause of suffering to one another.**

Leader: With humility let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth.

People: **May God kindle in us the fire of love to awaken us and give back humbly and generously to the world. Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and all Creation.

*(Short Silence may be kept.)*

Deacon: We have forgotten who we are.

People: **We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the Cosmos. We have become estranged from the movements of the earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.**

Deacon: We have forgotten who we are.

People: **We have sought only our own security. We have exploited for our own ends. We have distorted our knowledge. We have abused our power.**

Deacon: We have forgotten who we are.

People: **Now the land is becoming barren. And the waters are often poisoned. And the air is heavily polluted.**

Deacon: We have forgotten who we are.

People: **Now the forests are burning and dying. And the creatures are disappearing. And humans are despairing.**

Deacon: We have forgotten who we are.

People: **We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering. We ask for the strength to change. Help us to remember who we are. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us forgive us all our sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **Offertory**

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

Offertory music

Insert from LEVASII #69 In the Garden

Doxology #380 vs 3 (*Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise him all creatures here below**

**Praise him ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving - *Creation Care Liturgy, Scottish Episcopal Church***

Presider           The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider           Lift up your hearts.

People             **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

*Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.*

*From the beginning you created all things and all your works echo with music of your praise. All things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws. You made us in your image. You give us breath and speech, so that now we give you thanks for setting us as stewards over the whole world in all its wonder.*

*Therefore we praise you day by day for the marvels of your power, creativity, and natural beauty: along with all the earth — united with heaven to sing a new song of creation:*

**Sanctus**

**#S130**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might (x2)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**

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

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**



*The Presider continues*

*Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at the creation.*

*Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. Obedient to your will, he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.*

*On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end.*

*At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*We now recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.*

**Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

*Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon this bread and this wine (+), that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.*

*Help us to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.*       **AMEN.**

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

## Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

**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 the Bread

*Fraction Anthem*

*(G#827, refrain only)*

**Taste and See, Taste and See,  
The goodness of the Lord  
O Taste and See, taste and see  
The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

## Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

Communion Hymn

Gather #481 Spirit blowing through creation

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing**

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

**All: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace, plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction/Blessing:**

Presider: *God the Creator, who loves us and gave this world to be our home, God the Redeemer, who loves us and by dying and rising again leads the way to freedom, God the Sanctifier, who spreads the divine love in our hearts, God the three in one and one in three, bless you and keep you now and forever.*  
**Amen.**

Closing Song: Insert from ELW #835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

**Dismissal:**

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

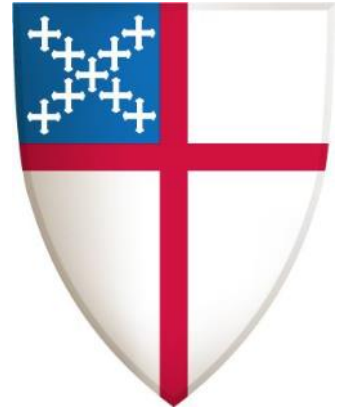
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

*Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.*

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