

October 19, 2025 + Season of Creation

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession & Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins. Let us come before the Triune God and as for forgiveness and renewal.

Creator God, God of the oceans, God of the land and all that is within it:

You created this world with the power of your word. You formed humankind with your own hands, and breathed your own breath into us. You gave us these lands as a gift— a source of our identity and sustenance. You empowered us to be the guardians of what you have made.

Loving God, we have failed you and abused the gift you have given us. We have offended you and defiled what you have made. **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 oceans. Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures— on the land, in the sky, and in the depths.**

Hear, O God of Compassion: The cries of the land— now a desert, laid barren through corrupt agricultural practices, pollution, mining, and deforestation. The cries of the islands—drowning in rising seas, oceans swelling with melting ice. The cries of distress from Mother Earth— storm and drought.

God of Life, heal your wounded Earth. Empower us to choose the road that leads to life. Guide us in the paths of righteousness, for your name's sake, so that we may experience once again your Shalom in the land and in the sea.

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.

May our God have mercy on us, forgive us our trespasses and give us new life. Indeed, God has promised grace and forgiveness ✠ to us: “My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” Let us rejoice and trust in our calling, live as we are called to live, reconciled with the Creator, ambassadors for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Opening Hymn “As Rain from the Clouds”

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth, as snow from the heavens refreshing the land.
Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

2 As grain that is scattered your word has been sown on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.
Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

2 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world, awaking and warming and healing our land.
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved Christ, who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts, **stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships— with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Amen.**

Isaiah 32:14-18 Response: Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Matthew 5:1-12

Before: The holy Gospel . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

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Hymn of the Day "Day by Day"

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Nicene Creed

**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 and the Son, 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, Offering & Giving Prayer

**God of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what
you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on
the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly
provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to
bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

**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 our thanks and praise.**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of
your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

**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, forever and ever. Amen**

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God"

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do
good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing

**Go in peace, brothers and sisters, live in peace with
Creation. And may the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity
accompany us: The Creator, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit +, the one God, to whom be glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Jesus, Still Lead On"

1 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land.

2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go.

3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in the promised land.

Dismissal Go in peace. Care for Creation. **Thanks be to
God.**