

October 5, 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 "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

1 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!

2 How wonderful, how beautiful
the sight of thee must be--
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awesome purity!

3 No earthly father loves like thee;
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

5 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
till faith in vision end.

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.**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Luke 12:22-34

Before: The holy Gospel . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Hymn of the Day "We Walk by Faith"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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.

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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 "Drawn to the Light"

1 People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

2 How can we tell a heaven from hell
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels,
and we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

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