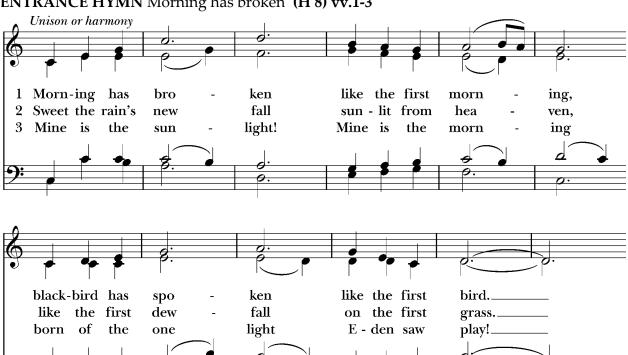
Sunday, September 28, 2025 St. Mark's Episcopal Church **Holy Eucharist** 4th Sunday of Season of Creation

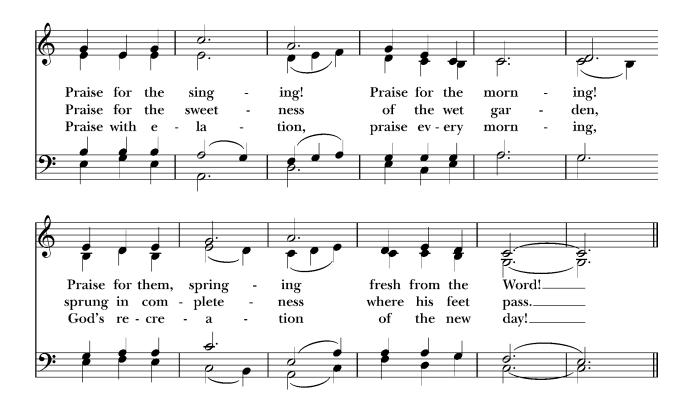
The Word of God



Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN Morning has broken (H 8) vv.1-3





OPENING ACCLAMATION OPENING ACCLAMATION (Season of Creation)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

This is the day the Creator has made.

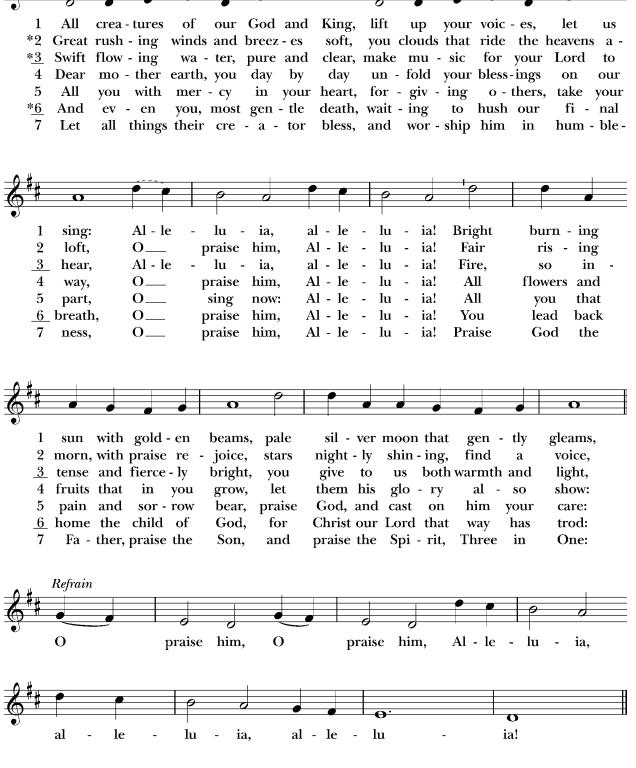
People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SONG OF PRAISE All creatures of our God and King (H 400) vv. 5&6



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Preside The Creator be with

r you.

People And also with you.

Preside Let us pray.

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O God, you show your very nature in an open embrace of all and care for the least: Grant us the fullness of your love, that we may give up all for your creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ^{3a}where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Remain seated.

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty. ²He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust." ³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. ⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day; 6Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. ¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name. ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for

themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Celebrate 178 Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace vv. 1-3

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to

Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] 19/1/There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord

Christ.

THE SERMON

PROFESSION OF FAITH

from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute (in South India) as provided in "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM LARRY BENNETT

God of unchangeable power, open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good to the honor of Your glorious name.

We pray for the church, that she may be a beacon of hope, responsibility, and stewardship for God's precious gift of creation. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority, that they respect the environment, the poor and most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth our common home, that through God's grace we be moved to protect, conserve, and sustain the world's well being for future generations. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the gifts of science and technology that skills, methods, instruments, and machines be used for visionary, compassionate, and practical environmental care. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all indigenous peoples that they may lead sacred, protected, and valued lives. May their voices be heard and honored in all environmental decisions. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for refugees that have lost their homes, livelihood, and security due to climate or weather-related problems. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all people and creatures whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of the world. Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything You have made. Give us the grace to perceive that all life is connected. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN LITURGICAL MATERIALS FOR HONORING GOD IN CREATION

The Presider may say

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

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.

The Priest stands and and says

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Preside Peace be with yourself.r Peace be with Creation.Peace be with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY HYMN Immortal, invisible, God only wise (H 423) vv. 1-4



From all the dwell below the skies v. 3 H 380

Praise God from whom all Blessing flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above Ye Heavenly Hosts. Praise Father. Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2 (EOW)

The People remain standing.

Preside The Creator be with you.

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People And also with you.

Preside Lift up your hearts.

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People We lift them to the Creator.

Preside Let us give thanks to the Loving God

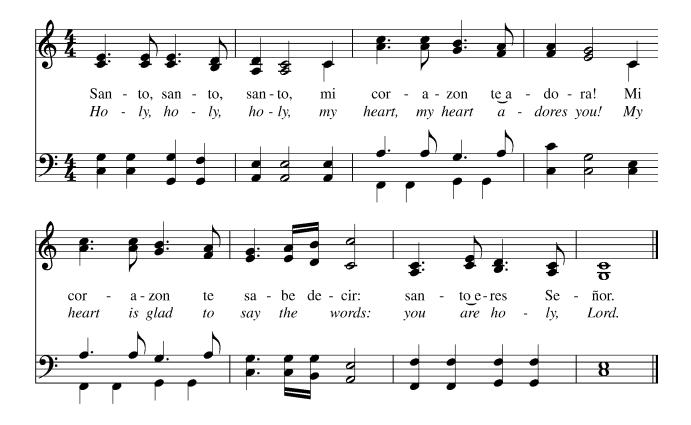
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People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

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 (say):

SANCTUS Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] (WLP 785)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 blessed Virgin Mary, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, St, Mark,___ 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*

THE LORD'S PRAYER Adapted from "Creation Care Prayers" <u>The Church of England Environmental Programme</u>, 27

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray:

People Our Father, who art in heaven

Presider You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

People hallowed be thy Name

Presider By the care we take of your Creation

People thy kingdom come,
Presider All that you see is good

People thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Presider Your will to till and care

People Give us this day our daily bread.

Presider That all may have enough to live life in fullness

People And forgive us our trespasses,

Presider Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future

generations

People as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Presider By reconciliation with justice and peace.

People And lead us not into temptation,

Presider The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

People but deliver us from evil.

Presider The evil of destroying your gift of creation

People For thine is the kingdom,
Presider Yours, Lord, not ours

People and the power, and the glory,
Presider In the cross and resurrection

People forever and ever.

Presider You are the beginning and you are the end.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body

CELEBRATE 201 EAT THIS BREAD

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

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, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray:

Silence

Lord Jesus, we thank you for feeding us spiritually with your Body and Blood, through which you have imparted to us your life. Teach us to live with grateful hearts. You have come to us anew today. May you continue to live in our souls; until in your good time we may see you face to face where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

This is God's Table, all who are drawn here are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing (H 433) vv. 1-3



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

from "Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time 2012" in Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

BLESSING

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. 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. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful (H 405) vv. 1-4



DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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