



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH
A People United in Justice and Love



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Introit:
O Healing River

A Service of Holy Communion
1st Sunday of the Season of
Creation

September 12th 2021

10:00am

WHO WE ARE:

We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Our Vision Statement:

We are called to be a radically inclusive, just, and loving community that seeks to love our neighbour through prayer, worship, action, and advocacy.

Licenses for Use:

Augsburg Fortress Liturgies: License SB149772

One License: w/Podcasting, A-736929

CCLI: 20845538 with *Streaming License*: 20845545

Common Praise: ABC Publishing, Anglican Book Centre, Copyright © 1998. *The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada*.

Liturgical Setting: Mass of the Celtic Saints by Liam Lawton, arranged by John McCann, GIA Publications, 1998.

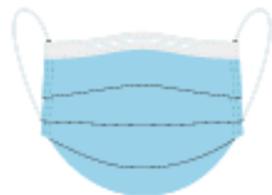


CHRIST CHURCH
DARTMOUTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID UPDATE

Please Note: Registration for Sunday Services is no longer required.



Supporting a Healthy Work Life Balance at Christ Church





SEASON OF CREATION

CHRIST CHURCH | DARTMOUTH

SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12th: Theme: Environmental Justice and Water with Rev. Dr. Kyle preaching

September 19th: Theme: Land Conservation with guest speaker Nancy Blair of DEN (Diocesan Environmental Network)

September 26th: Theme: Environmental Racism with guest speaker Dr. Lynn Jones

October 3rd: Theme: St. Francis of Assisi Day (Blessing of the Animals at 10:00am service) and Animal Justice with guest speaker of George Ryan of Hope for Wildlife.

All Candidates Forum: Dartmouth
Federal Election 2021 Online Video
is now online



Blessing of the Animals: October 3rd at the
10:00am Service

Bring your loved one, or a picture of your furry friend!



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

All stand as able.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant

We gather in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of
the Earth and all its creatures!

People

**Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is
source and life, Creator of the
Universe, Source of all life,
whom the angels sing; wondrous
Light of all mysteries known or
unknown to humankind, and life
that lives in all!**

Hymn of Gathering: Gather Your People

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

No more harm on the mountain of God;
swords into plowshares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.

Refrain:

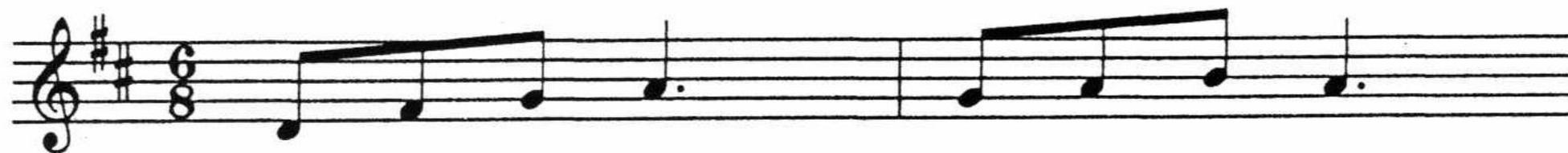
Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

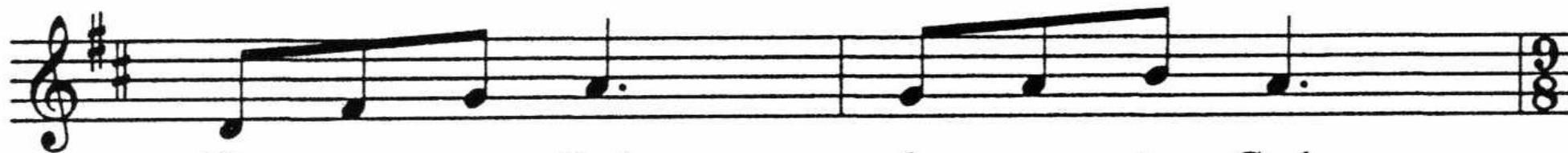
Glory to God *(sung together)*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en.

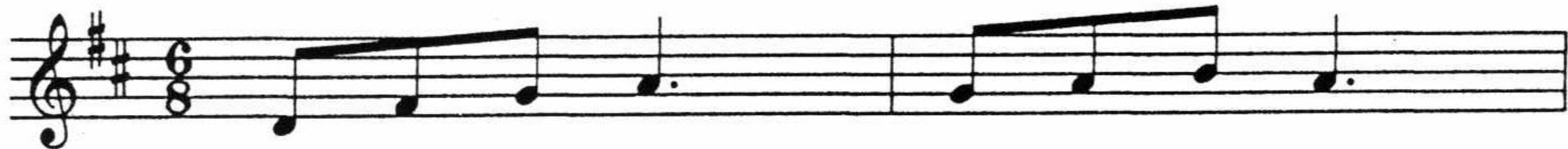


Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



peace to God's peo-ple, God's peo-ple on earth.

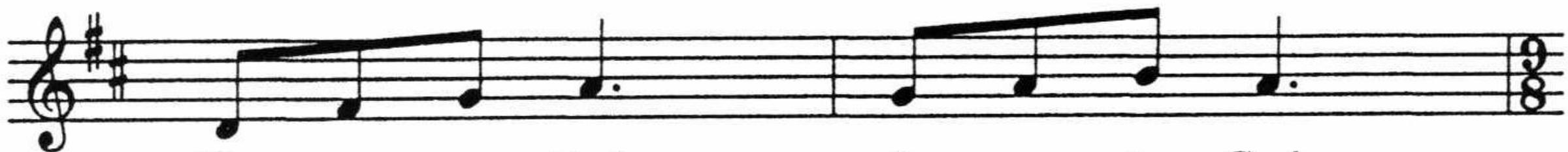
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father, we worship you we
give you thanks, we praise you for
your glory.**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en.



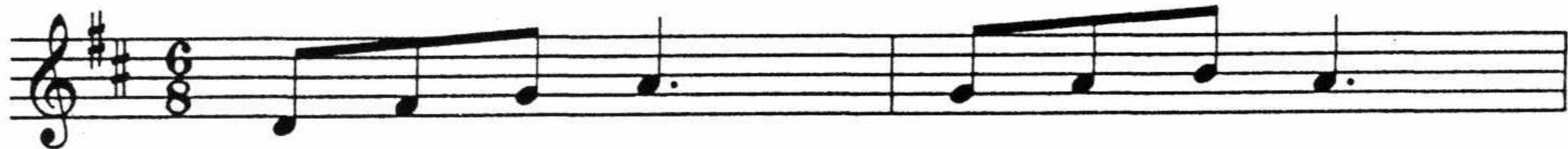
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



peace to God's peo-ple, God's peo-ple on earth.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take away the sin of the world:**

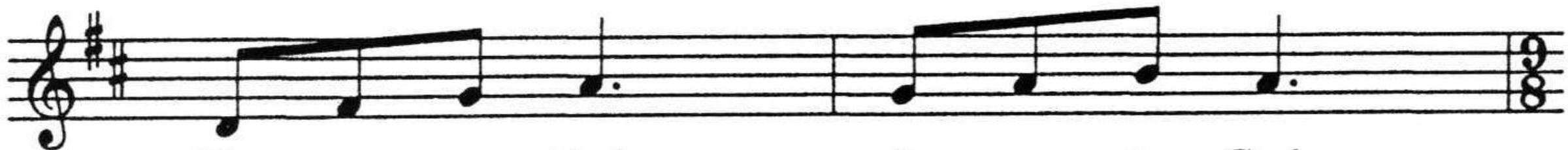
**have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father receive
our prayer.**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en.

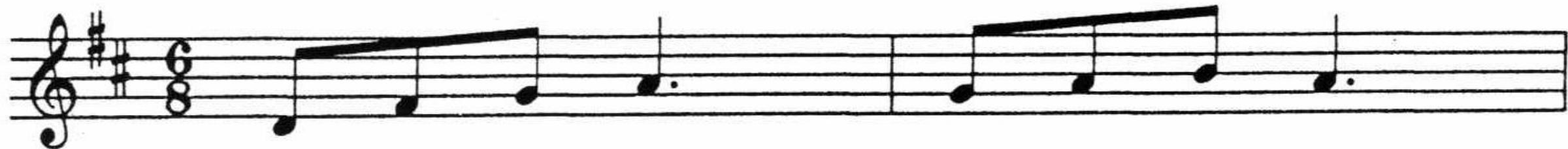


Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



peace to God's peo-ple, God's peo-ple on earth.

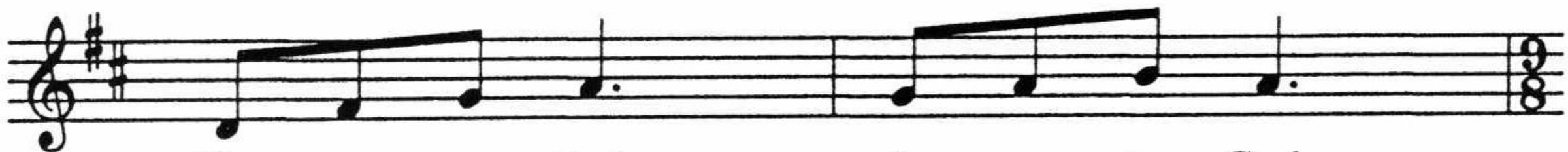
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory,
the glory of God the Father.**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



peace to God's peo-ple, God's peo-ple on earth.

Kyrie *(said together)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Creator of all, stir in us the passion to share the living water of the gospel as we also protect and share the waters of your creation to nourish all creatures; this we ask through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

(The congregation is seated for the lessons.)

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-10

Right from the start, God's spirit hovered over the waters of creation. Water is the precursor of all life.



Psalm 69:5-13 *(The Psalm is said responsively)*

Water is not only one of God's first creations, but water is intrinsic to the cycle of life. The water cycle moves from land, to cloud, to rain, to field, to stream, to ocean. And through this cyclic sign of God's grace all creation is blessed.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

As we till the field and scatter the seed, we pray for a future harvest. Germination is God's province alone. Many hands are required in the production of our crops and food products but only God gives growth.



Gospel Acclamation *(sung together)*



Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a 9/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by an eighth note on A4, and then a half note on B4. A slur covers the next four notes: a quarter note on C5, an eighth note on D5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on F#5. This is followed by a quarter note on G5, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5. The staff ends with a quarter note on C5.



lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

The second staff continues the melody. It starts with a quarter note on C5, followed by an eighth note on D5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on F#5. A slur covers the next four notes: a quarter note on G5, an eighth note on A5, a quarter note on B5, and a quarter note on C6. The time signature changes to 12/8. The melody then has a quarter note on B5, a quarter note on A5, and a quarter note on G5. The staff ends with a 9/8 time signature and a quarter note on F#5.



lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

The third staff continues the melody. It starts with a quarter note on F#5, followed by an eighth note on G5, a quarter note on A5, and a quarter note on B5. A slur covers the next four notes: a quarter note on C6, an eighth note on D6, a quarter note on E6, and a quarter note on F#6. This is followed by a quarter note on G6, a quarter note on F#6, a quarter note on E6, and a quarter note on D6. The staff ends with a quarter note on C6.



lu - ia!

The fourth staff concludes the piece. It starts with a quarter note on C6, followed by an eighth note on D6, a quarter note on E6, and a quarter note on F#6. A slur covers the next four notes: a quarter note on G6, an eighth note on A6, a quarter note on B6, and a quarter note on C7. The staff ends with a quarter note on B6.

You will shine like bright stars for all the world to see. Offering to the world the word of life, the gift of majesty.

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 37-46

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

People: The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia!

SERMON: THE REV. DR. KYLE WAGNER

SEASON OF CREATION:

LET'S BE THE PEOPLE WHO INCLUDE GOD IN EVERYTHING WE DO.

Profession of Faith *(Per Harling)*

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

In God we are breathing, in God we are living, in God we share the life of all creation.

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, in him God is living,
through him we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new
life and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth
is living, the breath of God always moves us.**

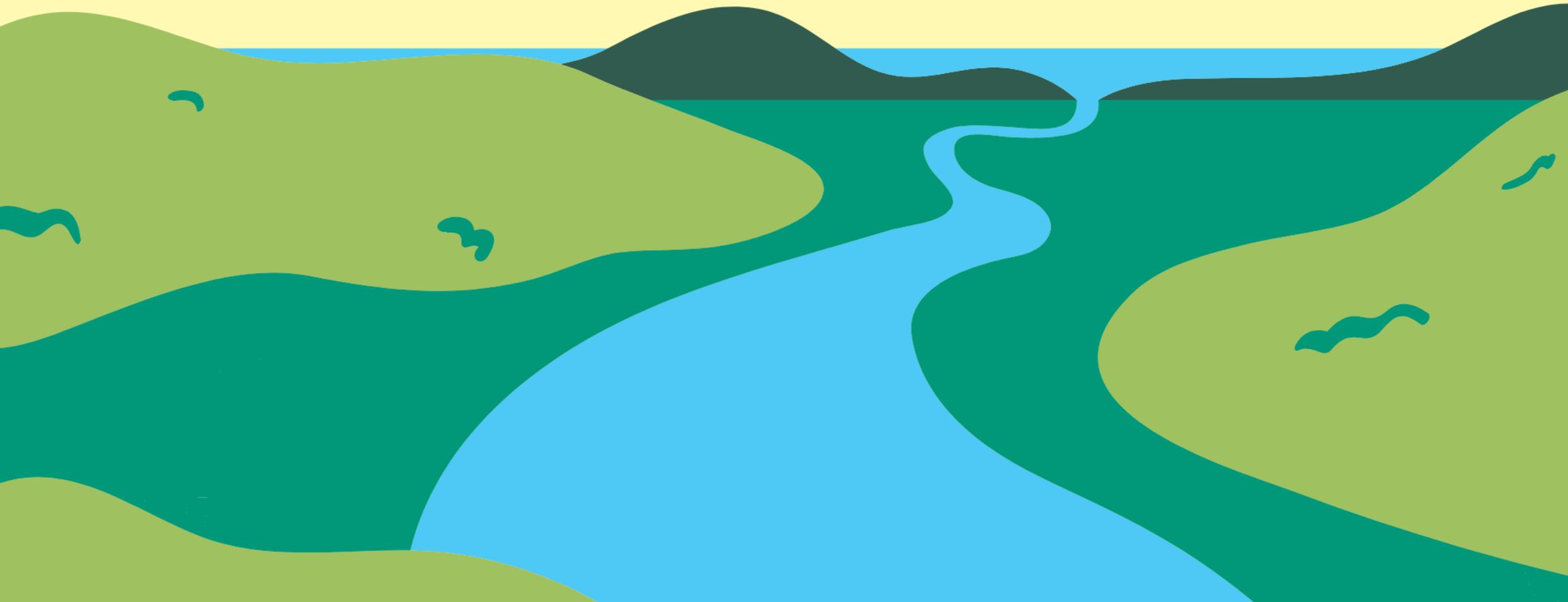
We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all
and Three-in-One.

In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.

Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.

The Earth that is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION



At this point, weekly prayer petitions for members of our parish, etc. can be said.

Whenever we join together, we should give thanks. So let us join our hearts and minds together and think of all creation and the Creator's gifts. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us think of our Mother, the Earth, upon whom we walk and who supports us and nurtures life in all its forms. We think of the minerals, the fungi, and bacteria that give life to soil, bodies and systems. We pray we can learn to walk on Earth with more respect. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us think of the reasons why we are gathered. For this place in which we gather, and for all of the animals and plants that call this place home. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us think of the whole human family whose livelihood and well-being depends on the well-being of the Earth. We lift up the men, women and children who are displaced from their homes. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us turn our minds to the sacred waters of the world, the great oceans, aquifers, lakes, rivers and streams, the life that lives in the waters and those that give itself to be our food. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us now turn our thoughts to the plant life of the Creator's world. That which is below ground: the roots and vegetables. That which puts just its head above the ground: the grasses, medicines, plants and bushes.

All of the many kinds of good fruit the Creator has given us. And finally, the great trees of the forest that we know of as the “Standing Ones.” Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us think of all our kindred animals, those that crawl, walk, swim and fly. We give thanks for those that provide food for us, those that sustain cycles in their work and living, those that provide companionship and beauty. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Let us think of the birds of the air. The feathered ones that are the messengers between us and the Creator. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

These relationships are gifts from the Creator and our sustenance. Loving God.

We give our thanks.

Creator God, look upon the creatures gathered here together and send us where you would have us go, so that we may embody the ministry of justice for your Creation through our being and acts. Walk with us so that we may face the winds of change and walk the good road. Protect and renew our common home. Enlighten us. Sustain us. May God our Creator be with us this day and always. Amen.

(Adapted from Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA)

Confession and Absolution (*please stand as you are able*)

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites

them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done, and by what we
have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace *(stand as you are able)*

*The passing of the peace is an ancient practice for Christians.
Please acknowledge your neighbour with no physical contact.*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Offering: Like A Healing Stream

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a
dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a
new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...
like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless
current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new
direction,
calling for an end to hate and war...
like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and
wide, God is working in our hearts to shape
a new tomorrow:

God will always challenge and provide!

Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a
gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Prayer over the Gifts

**Spring of life and Source of goodness,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to the living water,
Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer for Season of Creation, South Africa)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God**

Celebrant **Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of
all of Creation**

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be.

Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and for ever singing:

Holy, Holy (*sung together*)



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. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,



ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God.

He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body which is given
for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine,

work of human hands, gift of our earth,
and gave thanks to God, Creator.

He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying: **This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, spilt and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up;

in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing;
in death and burial, there is the seed of the
new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our
hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to
this vision that we have seen.

Through the giving in the bread and wine,

reconcile us to our world and give us the broken oneness, the split unity, and the buried resurrection by which we can restore your creation and fulfil your will.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep.

Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh as your Word has made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom,

in the unity of your Creative Spirit,
with all that has been, is, and will be in your
universe, we stand before you and worship
you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer- *The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

Celebrant: We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that
is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

Lamb of God *(sung together)*

*Cantor, All repeat
a tempo*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.

a tempo



Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace.

rit.



Grant us your peace.

The Communion:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn:
Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven,
water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my
soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my
soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.

Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my
soul.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of our pilgrimage,
we have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forth on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Doxology:

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: **Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ
Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To
reflect God's glory in creation,
And may God bless+ you in the name of the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this day and
evermore, Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth: Crashing Waters at Creation

Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning
From the brightness of night's death

Parting water stood and trembled
As the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage-
Channel to a life made new.

Cleansing waters once of Jordan
Closed around the one foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory
Ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending,
Quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
Drench our dryness, make us whole.

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in the Name of the
Lord

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude:
I've Got A River

I've got a river springin' up inside,
A River of peace flowing deep and wide,
Washing my soul and bringing new life!
Oh, I've got a river in me!

The Spirit of God is a river in flood,
Unstoppable joy, never ending love,
Grace that is deeper than the deepest sea!
Oh, I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let tis blind man see!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

Just like the man when you made the mud,
My heart was blind and my eyes were shut.
I jumped in the pool and you opened them
up!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let tis blind man see!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

My mind was set and my heart was cold;
I thought I knew it all but then you spoke.
The river swelled up and the floodgates
broke!

Now I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let tis blind man see!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

Church Officers

We are all ministers and leaders through our Baptism

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner

Pastoral Visitor: The Rev. Bonnie Baird

Honorary Assistants: The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke (Theologian-in-Residence),
The Rev. Canon David Greenwood

Lay Reader: Vanessa Turner

Parish Administrator: John Gallant

Sexton: Mark Murphy

Music Leadership: Tessa Short, Joey Dowell, John MacDonald

Parish Wardens: Steve Smith, Don Murray, Cathy Connors