



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH
A People United in Justice and Love



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

**A Service of Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the Season of
Creation**

September 26th 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.

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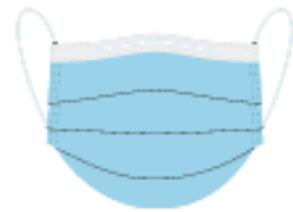


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID UPDATE

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





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SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY: 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



Guest Speakers: Season of Creation

Dr. Lynn Jones, George Ryan



September 19



September 26



October 3



A Vigil in Recognition of



National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation Day

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

AT 5:00PM

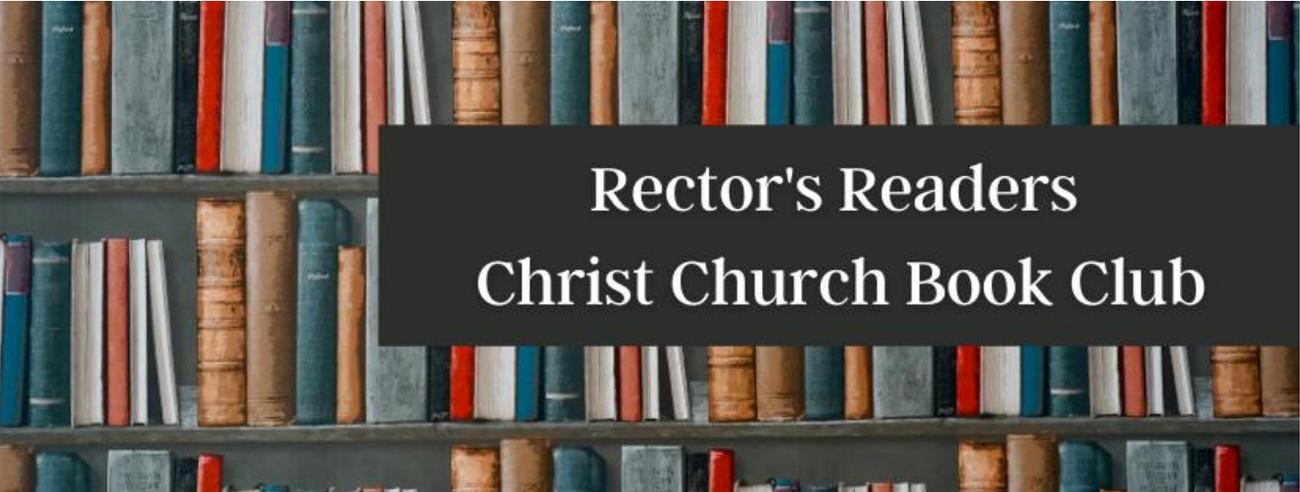
**50 WENTWORTH STREET
CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH**

*All are welcome to gather on the front steps of the church
for a short time of reflection and prayer.*

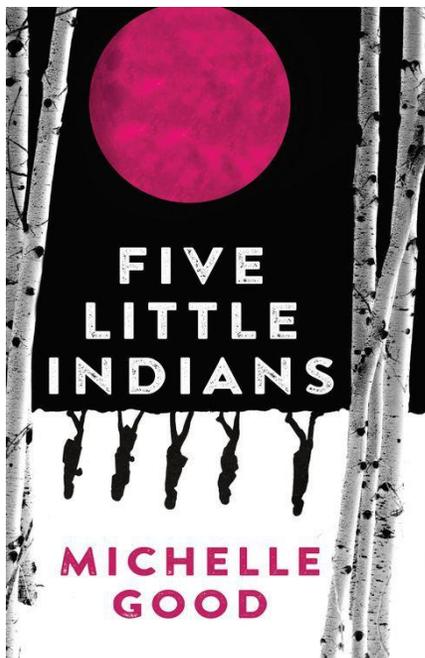
Blessing of the Animals: October 3rd at the
10:00am Service

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





Rector's Readers
Christ Church Book Club



October 14th 2:00pm in the
Parish Office

Five Little Indians by Michelle
Good (2020 by Harper
Perennial)

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: Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark
past has taught us

Sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our
God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land

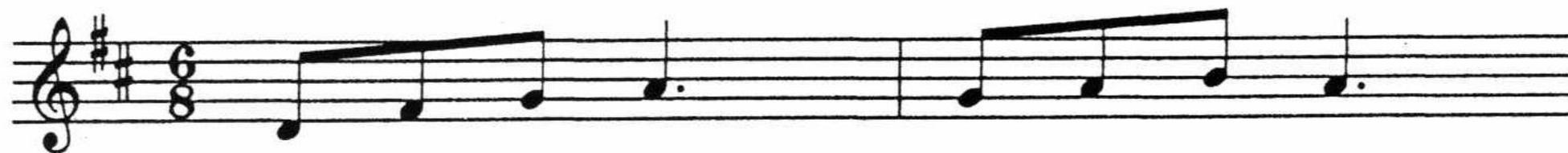
Kyrie *(said together)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

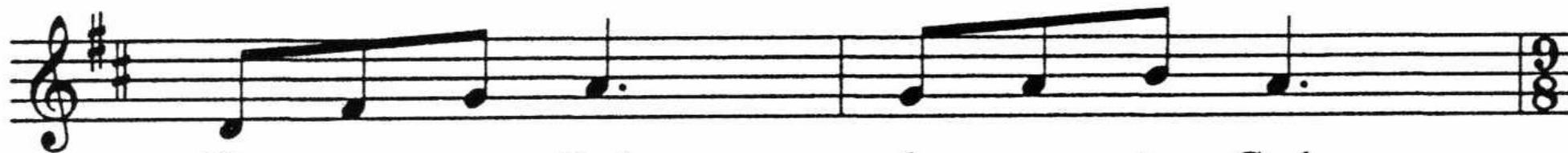
Glory to God *(sung together)*



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



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

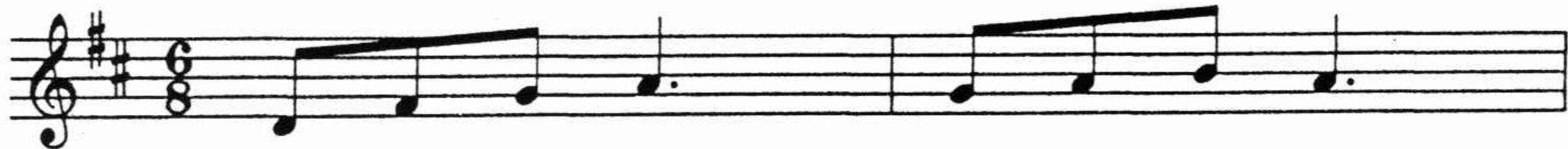


Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



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

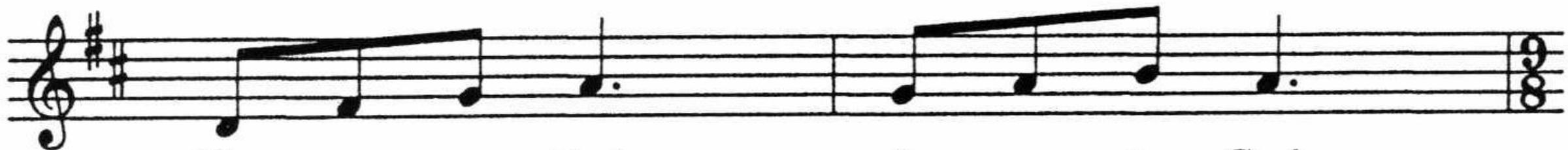
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father, we worship you we
give you thanks, we praise you for
your glory.**



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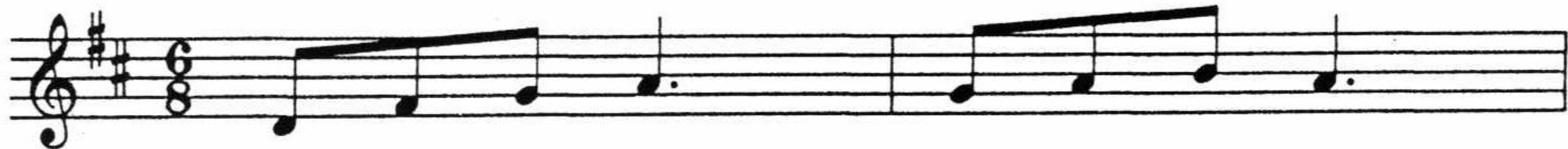
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**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take away the sin of the world:**

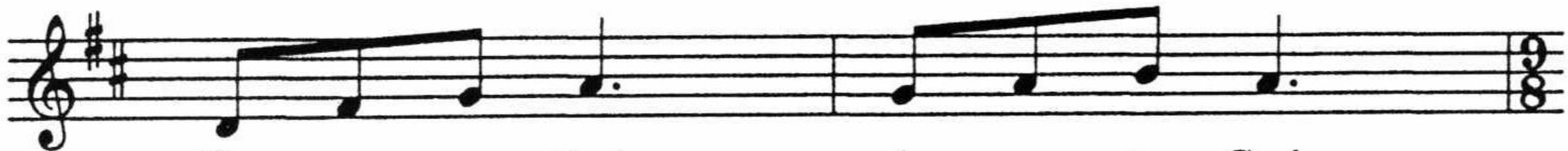
**have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father receive
our prayer.**



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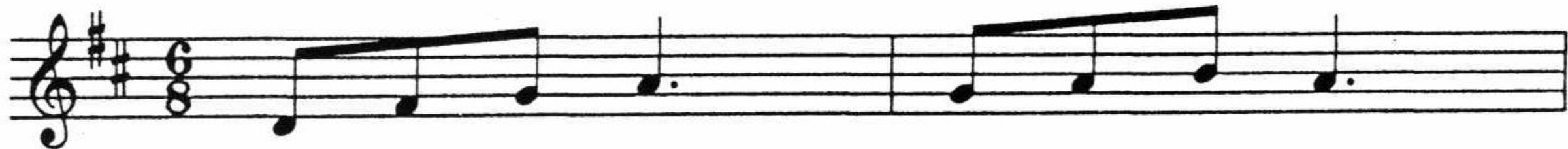


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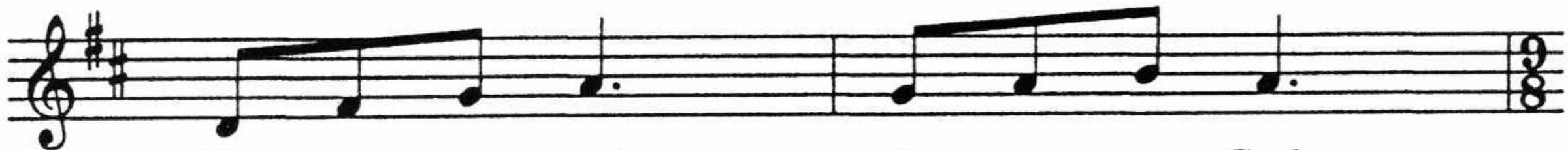
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory,
the glory of God the Father.**



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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Liberating, life-giving God, help us to know that we and the world you have created are truly the work of your hands.

Give us knowledge and wisdom to care for your handiwork now and for future generations; 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: 9-12

Psalm 80: 7-19 *(The Psalm is said responsively)*

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.

**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out
the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root
and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading:
Romans 11: 17-22

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.



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

The second staff continues the melody. It starts with a quarter note on C5, 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, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5. The time signature changes to 12/8. The melody continues with a quarter note on C5, 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, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5. The time signature changes to 9/8.



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

The third staff continues the melody. It starts with a quarter note on C5, 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, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5. The melody continues with a quarter note on C5, 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, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5.



lu - ia!

The fourth staff concludes the phrase. It starts with a quarter note on C5, 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, a quarter note on F#5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on D5. The melody ends with a quarter note on C5, an eighth note on D5, a quarter note on E5, and a quarter note on F#5.

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: John 15: 1-12

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

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

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!

Reflection:
Dr. Lynn Jones

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.**

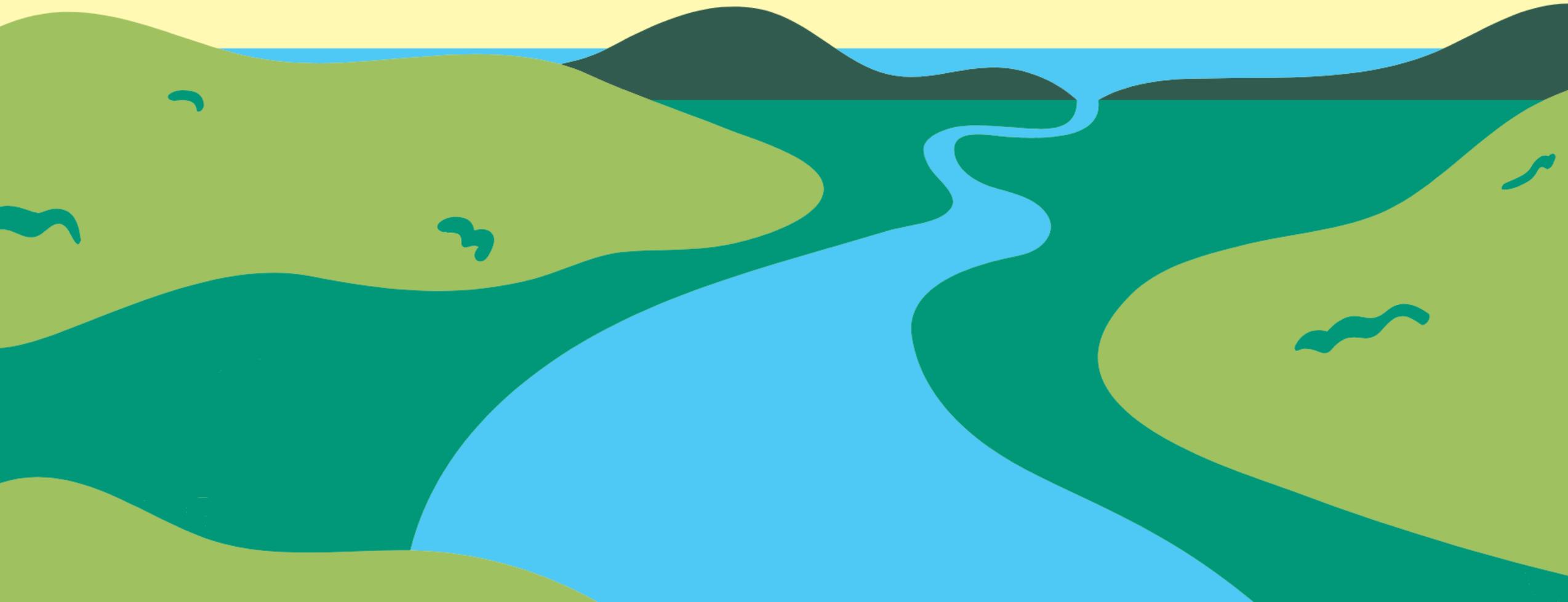
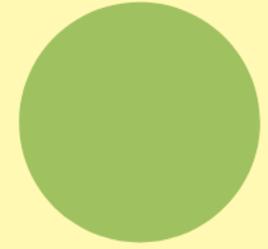
We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all
and Three-in-One.

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:
When we All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing His mercy and His grace
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky
But when travelin' days are over
Not a shadow, not a sigh

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

Let us then be true and faithful
Trusting, serving ev'ry day
Just one glimpse of him in glory,
Will the toils of life repay.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

Onward to the prize before us
Soon his beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open
We shall tread the streets of gold

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,

**you have made our Saviour Jesus
Christ the head of all creation.**

Receive all we offer you this day

and renew us in his risen life,

in the name of Jesus Christ the 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. *rit.*



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



world: grant us your peace. *rit.*



Grant us your peace. *rit.*

The Communion:

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn:
The Lord is my Life

The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation
Why should I fear?
With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

The Lord is my light.

The Lord is my help.

The Lord is my Salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I
long for:

All of my days with God to be dwelling,
Gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
And is wonder look on God's house.

Refrain:

The Lord is my light.

The Lord is my help.

The Lord is my Salvation.

I know I will live to see the Lord's
goodness;

Now, in this life I'm sure I will see it.

Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave;

Wait in hope for God, our salvation.

Refrain:

The Lord is my light.

The Lord is my help.

The Lord is my Salvation.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Loving God,

may we who have received this eucharist

live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: Gather In Communion

All who gather in communion,
We welcome you today,
Sister, brother, child and neighbour,
Come worship, sing and pray.

Let the Word of God inspire you,
Pray for those whose needs are great:
Reconciliation, patience:
Pray, all in Jesus sake.

Ev'ry choice we make in living,
To care for earth, land, sea;
Ev'ry gift and ev'ry talent,
To live in dignity.

Feed the hungry, raise the weary,
Share from your life the best.
Humble hearts, emotions feeling,
Send hope, eternal rest.

Gratitude, heartfelt thanksgiving,
List'ning like a little child.
Turn the pages of our mem'ry
Lift the corners with a smile.

Raise your thought, reach out to others,
Tidings glad for blessings, show'rs.
Prayer pierces clouds of heaviness,
Sunshine gathers nature's flowers.

Christ the Rock, our sure foundation,
Gives strength when we are weak.
Christ the peace that never ceases,
Brings hope for all who seek.

The kingdom of God's glory,
The reign of love, a sign
Of the Holy Spirit's presence
to conquer space and time

Revelation, dreams unfolding,
Thought, plans with action bold.
Full compassion, liberation
God in us, love enfolds

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Come to the River

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Washed in the waters of rebirth,
We have put on Christ Jesus.

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Priestly people are we,
Sealed and sent by the Spirit.

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Blest are those who thirst
For the reign of God's justice.

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Let us walk in the light
Of God's holy promise.

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Those who sow in tears
Reap the harvest rejoicing.

Refrain:

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Church Officers

We are all ministers and leaders through our Baptism

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