



Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

***Animal Sunday
We worship with the entire living family of animals***

*“Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Praise the Lord!” Ps. 148.10*

What is the Season of Creation?

In the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of Christ. In the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit. Now, in the season of Creation, we have an opportunity to celebrate God, the Creator. For four Sundays in September, prior to St Francis of Assisi Day, we join in celebrating with Christ the wonders of creation. In the liturgy, we follow the lead of the psalm writers and celebrate with creation — with the forests, the rivers and the fields, which praise the Creator in their own way. Bible readings focus especially on the story of Earth, which complements the story of God and the story of humanity in the Scriptures. We commit ourselves to a ministry of healing Earth, with Christ and creation as our partners.

Introduction

Welcome! We worship this Sunday with the entire living family on Earth. We celebrate with birds, animals, reptiles, and all our living relatives. We listen to their sounds, watch their movements, and wonder with them as they praise their Creator. We give thanks for and with all our kin in creation.

Special Focus

A special focus for this service is endangered and extinct species. In our call to worship we express our kinship with the animal world. We are, in fact, a family of animals—both biologically and spiritually. The creatures of Earth are our kin. We have all emerged from Earth and return to Earth. All living things are animated by the very breath/spirit of God. The loss or survival of a given species is a family matter.

Photo The photo of a cheetah and its companion dog was taken at the San Diego Zoo February 2020. You can learn more about the Animal Ambassador program at <https://www.cesarsway.com/dogs-and-cheetahs-living-together-at-the-san-diego-zoo/>

Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Creator of all animal life, the name of Christ, the lamb of God, and the name of the Spirit, the breath in all life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, we come into your presence, today, to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with your presence.

Gathering Song ELW 881 "Let All Things Now Living"

An Invitation

We invite our animal family to worship with us,

All our kin living on this planet, from the busiest bee to the tallest giraffe.

We remember our animal relatives who have become extinct,

Dinosaurs, dodos and Texas grey wolves, Oregon bison and the woolly mammoth.

We join our brothers and sisters in praising God,

Gliding eagles and watchful cougars, Gorillas in the mist and polar bears in the snow.

We summon the kin we have come to love,

The stray cat and the backyard dog, the goat, the pony, and the little lamb.

All our animal family in all the world,

Raise your voices to the skies in a family festival of praise.

Sing, family, sing! **A song of praise for all creatures!**

We name, silently or aloud, other living creatures and invite them to join us in praising our Creator.

We celebrate with the entire animal family. **Sing, family, sing!**

Remembering

As we hold the remembrance candle received at the door, we remember birds and animals with whom we have felt a close kinship, creatures that are endangered and species that have become extinct.

Take the remembrance candle you received at the door and hold it quietly in front of you. Remember birds and animals you have loved or with whom you felt a spiritual kinship.

Remember too those of our kin who are endangered those who have had their homes destroyed and those who have become extinct, through human greed and exploitation.

**We hear creation groaning. We hear fellow creatures crying out in pain.
And we hear members of our animal family weeping.**

Confession

As you remember, you are invited to come forward and light a candle to commemorate an endangered or extinct species. You may name the animal as you light the candle and remember one of our lost ones.

(Music plays while people come forward to light candles and place them before the altar.)

We share the sorrow of our animal family.

We share the sorrow. We share the memory. And we are sorry!

Absolution

Christ, who was deeply grieved in Gethsemane, knows your sorrow and shares the suffering of all creatures.

Christ, teach us compassion for the life around us that suffers.

I speak for Christ: I affirm your compassion. Come now, embrace those in pain, and care for those in danger.

Shalom! Shalom! We embrace those in pain.

Kyrie

As we come home to Earth. **Christ, have mercy.**

As we share Earth with our kin. **Christ, have mercy.**

As we care for creatures in danger. **Christ, have mercy.**

All sing the refrain, worship leaders offer select verses.

Canticle of Creation

Response to Daniel 3

S493

Refrain

$J = 60$

To God be high - est glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

The Prayer of the Day.

God, our Creator, we celebrate with all living creatures today. Help us to see your presence, not only in human history but also in the stories of our kin in creation, the great animal family. Teach us to hear the good news of God's loving care ringing through the kingdoms of the wild. Rejoice with us as we behold the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all creatures. In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All may sit for the first two readings and rise for the Gospel.

Readings for Animal Sunday

Job 39.1-8, 26-30 'The Kingdom of the Wild'

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1 "Do you know the month when mountain goats give birth? Have you ever watched a doe bear her fawn? **2** Do you know how many months she is pregnant? Do you know the season of her delivery, **3** when she crouches down and drops her offspring? **4** Her young ones flourish and are soon on their own; they leave and don't come back. **5** "Who do you think set the wild donkey free, opened the corral gates and let him go? **6** I gave him the whole wilderness to roam in, the rolling plains and wide-open places. **7** He laughs at his city cousins, who are harnessed and harried. He's oblivious to the cries of teamsters. **8** He grazes freely through the hills, nibbling anything that's green.

26 "Was it through your know how that the hawk learned to fly, soaring effortlessly on thermal updrafts? **27** Did you command the eagle's flight, and teach her to build her nest in the heights, **28** Perfectly at home on the high cliff-face, invulnerable on pinnacle and crag? **29** From her perch she searches for prey, spies it at a great distance. **30** Her young gorge themselves on carrion; wherever there's a roadkill, you'll see her circling."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104.14-23 ‘Survival and Celebration in the Wild’.

14 You make grass grow for the livestock, hay for the animals that plow the ground. Oh yes, God brings grain from the land, **15** wine to make people happy, Their faces glowing with health, a people well-fed and hearty. **16** God's trees are well-watered - the Lebanon cedars he planted. **17** Birds build their nests in those trees; look - the stork at home in the treetop. **18** Mountain goats climb about the cliffs; badgers burrow among the rocks. **19** The moon keeps track of the seasons, the sun is in charge of each day. **20** When it's dark and night takes over, all the forest creatures come out. **21** The young lions roar for their prey, clamoring to God for their supper. **22** When the sun comes up, they vanish, lazily stretched out in their dens. **23** Meanwhile, men and women go out to work, busy at their jobs until evening.

PrayGround

We welcome the Gospel

Wade in the Water

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Luke 12.22-31 ‘The Kingdom of God’

22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **26** If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **28** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! **29** And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30** For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn ACS 1064 Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom (see back page)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition-

God of Mercy, Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth.

Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation,
cries for justice from the air, the clouds and the sky,
cries of our fellow creatures deserted and dying.

Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit,
groans of longing for a new creation.

Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin,
songs of celebration echoing around us.

Christ, teach us to care. Amen

Offering of Music - "When at Last the Rain Falls" Pablo Fernandez Badillo

8:30 Trinity Choir 10:45 Celebration

We lift our voices in prayer and praise. We gather and present our offerings of material goods for the Church's mission. We sing together hymn

ELW 734 – “God, Whose Farm Is All Creation”

Offering Prayer

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for
all in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,

by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

The Invitation

Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table and find peace: assurance of God's goodness and love amid all the storms in nature and life, assurance of Christ's compassion no matter how deep the pain, assurance that Christ is our hope for a renewed creation.

May we who share these gifts, share Christ with one another and with all who suffer.

The Distribution

The people receive the Holy Communion. All are welcome here.

*During communion, we sing ELW 739 "Touch the Earth Lightly"
ELW 824 "This is My Father's World"*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us give thanks for this meal.

We thank you Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for our kin on Earth. Amen.

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation, and all creatures in danger or need.

Will you care for creation?

We will care for all creatures!

We will nurture our planet!

We will sustain our endangered kin.

Blessing

Now may the penetrating power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds and, through you, to bring healing to Earth, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High"

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.
Season of Creation Schedule

	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
Storm	Atonement, Immanuel, Christ the King and Zion	Montpelier, Emmanuel, St. John's and English	Trinity	
Animal	Montpelier	Christ the King and Zion	Atonement and Immanuel	Emmanuel, Trinity, St. John's and English
Ocean	St. John's, Trinity, and Emmanuel		Christ the King and Zion	Atonement, Immanuel, and Montpelier
Universe		Atonement, Immanuel, and Trinity	Montpelier, Emmanuel, St. John's and English	Christ the King and Zion

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those who have died:**

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Mary Sargeant
Olive Jacobson

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October!**

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an appointment:
centralvalleyhealth.org



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Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,

Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

C F Dm Am F Dm C

All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck-o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

C F

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