

Sunday September 29th 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Anglican Parish of Lantz



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Our Mission

*To be a diverse ministering community
making Christ's presence known in the world around us.*

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement
11:00 Christ Church: 14 Church St., Lantz

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath
Rev'd Patty McKenna

Our Worship Today

Call to Worship: *(standing)*

Creator God:

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.

Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus the Christ. Amen

God be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

Collect for Purity:

Almighty God

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

Opening Hymn: CP327 – Lo, God Is Here! Let Us Adore

**Lo! God is here; let us adore,
and own how awesome is this place;
let all within us feel God's power,
and bow before the hidden face.
Redeemer Lord, your grace we prove,
serve you with awe, with reverence love.**

Lo! God is here, both day and night
united choirs of angels sing;
to God, enthroned above all height,
heaven's host their noblest praises bring
Disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
who praise You with a stammering tongue.

Being of Beings may our praise
Your courts with grateful fragrance fill;
still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will.
To You may all our thoughts arise
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

The Collect for the Season of Creation:

Holy God, living in all life, heartbeat of the Universe; give us the grace to wonder at your gifts, to cherish the earth, and to work this day for justice -- that all your creatures might be restored, renewed and loved through Jesus Christ, the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God - now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

Creator God, we come to you having heard creation groaning in despair. Speak to us through your holy word that with insight and compassion we may care for all creation and change the fate of our planet. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Book of Genesis (28:10-17)

(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (103:19-22)

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen

The Gospel: God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to John (1:47-51)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(After the reading) The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Creation Creed:

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

Prayers of the People:

We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. We respond to each petition saying, 'Hear our prayer'.

Confession & Absolution:

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

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.

We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. 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 the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

May the loving God of creation forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus the Christ. Amen

Celebrations:

We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exchanging of the Peace:

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn: CP381 - Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayer over the Gifts:

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

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with myriad wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption.

Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth; and he 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, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, work of our human hands, gift of our earth; and he gave thanks to God. 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.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

Send your life-giving Spirit -- who first moved upon the waters of the deep -- upon us, and upon this bread and upon this wine, that we may be transformed and become agents to transform our world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in

Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, let us pray:
**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 echoes 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 beloved community 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.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**

Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.
The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion

Announcements:

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

Closing Prayers: *Standing, let us return our thanks to God.*

Faithful God: in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus the Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Glory to God

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.

Blessing: God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning, God of the forest and shining seas, God of the blooming desert and rolling grasslands – shine on us today and bless us with your presence. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: CP505- Be Thou MY Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, bright Heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal:

Let us go out as people open to the way of the Christ -- walking in the footsteps of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements

Next Sunday's Readings: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26; Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

Weekly Wisdom:

"You and I have a contract with the Spirit. We have a working relationship. Our purpose in creation is not just to sit and look pretty, but to stand and go to work. Life is unfinished. Hope is not yet realized"— Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage

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