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Holy Trinity Geneva

THE 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
CW Eucharist and Spiritual Communion  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 9h00



# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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

## Introduction to the Season of Creation

"In the face of the climate crisis, protecting God's Creation is a spiritual imperative for Christians throughout the global Church. The Season of Creation has inspired us to come together in prayer and action - to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. That is why, inspired by the Orthodox Church's leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the Church, as we follow Christ's call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us."

Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

## THE GATHERING & WELCOME

*We stand*

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

*Romans 8:19-21*

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

### **Words of welcome**

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the first fruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.**

*World Council of Churches,  
Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete,  
Greece, 11-18 November 2023*

### **HYMN**

### **NEH 261 (omit v2)**

*We remain standing to sing*

1 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise In hymns of adoration; To thee bring sacrifice of praise With shouts of exultation. Bright robes of gold the fields adorn, The hills with joy are ringing, The valleys stand so thick with corn That even they are singing.	3 We bear the burden of the day, And often toil seems dreary; But labour ends with sunset ray, And rest is for the weary; May we, the angel-reaping o'er, Stand at the last accepted, Christ's golden sheaves for evermore To garner bright elected.
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4 O blessèd is that land of God,  
Where saints abide for ever;  
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,  
Where flows the crystal river:  
The strains of all its holy throng  
With ours to-day are blending;  
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song  
Which never hath an ending.

*A Sullivan (1842-1900)  
W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

*We sit or kneel*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

There is no other commandment greater than these,

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen, Lord have mercy.**

### **Invitation**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

### **Kyrie Eleison Confession**

Eternal God, the whole world is full of your glory. We bear forth the anguish of Creation in the time of the climate crisis to you. In your grace, grant us the opportunity to do good, as your created co-creators.

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you have walked the Earth and lived in our midst. Make us sensitive to the suffering of humankind and the entire creation. Strengthen us in our endeavours to create a life of dignity, in justice, and solidarity with those who live and will live.

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, power of courage and self-control, you speak to our consciences. Comfort us when we suffer and are plagued by anxiety. Make us worry when we are numb in the calmness of complacency. Re-create us to become what we are: one humanity under the same sky.

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

*Adapted from "Prayer for the Climate",  
from the "Bishops' Letter for the Climate",  
of the Church of Sweden*

### **Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'  
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

#### **Psalm 54**

*We say the psalm antiphonally*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name  
and vindicate me by your power.
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God;**  
**give heed to the words of my mouth.**

- 3 For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless seek after my life;  
they have not set God before them.
- 4 **Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who upholds my life.**
- 5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;  
destroy them in your faithfulness.
- 6 **An offering of a free heart will I give you  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.**
- 7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,  
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

### **Epistle**

**James 3:13-4:3,7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

### **Gospel Reading**

*We stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON - Revd Glen Ruffle**

*We sit*

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

*We stand*

#### **We have faith**

**in one God, one Source of all life,  
one Ground of the whole Earth,  
who created all things good.**

**And we have faith in Christ,  
in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity  
to bear God's likeness  
in working and caring for Creation,  
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,  
in working with these powers  
for the wellbeing of life on Earth.**

**And we have faith  
in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate  
lifestyle.**

**So that the Earth is inherited in peace,  
her life is transformed for all creatures  
and her bounty shared justly.**

**So be it. Amen.**

*(Adapted From India. Source: Sinfonia Oecumenica, Gütersloher Verlagshaus, Gütersloh 1998. Reproduced by ECEN for Creation Time 2003)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

### **Conclusion**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace and the Offertory**

*We stand*

In Christ, we are called not to conform to this world, but to be transformed by  
the renewing of our minds.

**We seek to discern the will of God, to do what is good and acceptable and  
perfect.**

Let us not lag in zeal but be ardent in spirit and serve God.

**We intend to live in harmony with one another and with all of Creation.**

Let us strive to live peaceably with all and share a sign of peace with one  
another.

The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you. Amen**

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **Reflective music**

*We sit while the altar is prepared.*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*We stand*

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 thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise  
for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to proclaim your praise:

### **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.



Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. And bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sit or kneel*

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in the one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*We invite you to come and to receive Communion, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

## **THE CONCLUSION**

### **Post Communion Prayers**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**NEH 377**

*We stand*

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### NEH 377

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest - to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but nought changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Ad. from a Welsh song  
J Roberts 1839  
W Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

### Blessing

May God who can set Creation free, show us his glory.

#### **Glory to God.**

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

#### **Now and always.**

May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

#### **The Lord is our hope.**

And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of his grace and bless us all. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Music after the service** - JS Bach: Adagio e dolce » from Trio Sonata No.3 in D Minor BWV 527

## Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Christine Damary, Chris Talbot, Irene Tretheway, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Mrs Azania Wilson Lupai, William Amos, David Knowles and Graham Routley. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Pray for the Church of Sweden.

Pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (Turkey), for Patriarch Bartholomew and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches and their leaders.

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only  
what comes from your hand.*

**(1 Chronicles 29:14)**

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- ✿ Interactive session to grasp the science behind climate change.
- ✿ Empower yourself to take practical steps to combat climate change.
- ✿ Access resources and tips to make impactful lifestyle changes.



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11th October 2024, from 18:30 - 20:30, Holy Trinity Church Hall & online

Bring along family and friends for a fun filled night of bidding, accompanied by a delicious Indian meal! Everyone is welcome, including online bidders.



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- Can you cook a meal for 2, 4 or more people at their house?
- Do you know any Geneva/regional restaurants or hotels willing to offer vouchers for a meal/stay?
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- Could you offer coaching or lesson(s), e.g., for tennis, languages, painting or paddleboard?
- Do you have a boat or know someone who does? Could you donate a trip on the lake?
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To submit a skill or ask any questions please contact Jeff at:  
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