

19 SEPTEMBER 2021
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: Week 3
Ecumenism: The Family of God in our Common Home

A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship

Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. Many times, when people crossed these seas from other lands, they broke the circle of your creation by their greed and violence, and they shattered the lives of others.

Creator, renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all people to one another; that they and all the earth may live and be drawn toward you through the power of your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit in the circle of the Trinity, forever One. **Amen**

The Angelus prayer from Archbishop Thabo

**God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord

Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his name, now and for ever

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord, God heavenly King
almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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 of God the Father. Amen**

Collect for Purity (APB 105)

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
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**

Act of Penitence

Let us confess our sins:

Lord Jesus Christ, the firstborn of creation, in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

You who are before all things and in whom all things hold together, the head of the church,
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

In you all the fullness of God dwells and through you God was pleased to reconcile to
himself all things in heaven and on earth,

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Assurance of Forgiveness

God who in His wisdom sent us Jesus Christ as an offering for our sins, once and for all,
forgive us our sins and restore through the cross of Christ our relationship with himself, with
each other and with all of creation.

Amen

Collect: Season of Creation: Week 3

God of the living earth

**You called us to be part of your beloved community, baptised into one family through
the sacred waters of life called to care together for your world.**

**Guide as we work to sustain our common home. Help us to find the path to living in
peace and harmony with all your creatures united by the divine dance of the Trinity.**

Amen

Our Parish Prayer

**Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's to be your church in our city. Help
us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you,
through serving this parish and the community, to travel and grow in faith together,
to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Reading: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

***Hymn/Song:* SOF 1163 All to Jesus I surrender**

All to Jesus I surrender,

All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
 I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
 I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.
All to Jesus I surrender,

Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.
 I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
 I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!
 I surrender all,
 I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We have faith in One God, one Source of all life. One Ground of the whole earth, with all her creatures.

We have faith in the fullness of earth's life, in the innate worth of all her dependents, in human partnership in the life of nature.

We have faith that in Christ we have been shown the special role of the human race to bear God's likeness in working and caring for the earth, in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers, in gently working with these powers for the well-being of all children of the earth.

We have faith that God's Spirit will lead us to sensitive closeness with earth's life.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

Creator God, we thank you for your word, the word that was with you at the creation of the world, the word that went forth from you and created light and separated it from the darkness, creating land and separating it from the waters, giving life every creature and calling us to be the carers of all you created. We thank you for Jesus, the promised Messiah, who came to earth as the word made flesh and taught us how to live.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We acknowledge before you that we haven't always lived up to our calling to be stewards of your gifts. Forgive us for our lack of care that has caused pollution of the land, sea and air. Forgive us for our greed that has caused the over-use of water, the extinction of insects, birds, fish and animals, the burning of forests and the exploitation of people. Forgive our love for war and violence through which we have disrupted countries, displaced people, poached animals and caused devastation for the earth.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring before you all who suffer; the sick, the homeless, the unemployed and the lonely. We pray for comfort for the bereaved and rest for those who have gone before us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you for teachers of the faith who remind us of your grace and your love for us. For teachers in places of learning who help us understand your wisdom in creation and open for us new ways of knowing you and praising you. We thank you for homes and institutions that teach values of love, fairness and godly living and for all who pass on the story of your salvation from one generation to another.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We ask your blessings on the leaders of our country, the ministers of your word and sacrament and the faithful here gathered. May we be channels of your grace and companions in your transformation in the world. We ask these things through Christ who loves us and the Holy Spirit who empowers us.

Amen

The Peace (APB p 115)

As a community let us embrace the ongoing work of being stewards of all your creation. We see God around us. Let us claim it. We see God within us. Let us share it. If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation. One Body. Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

(Kelly Sherman Conroy, Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Peace be with you.

The Presentation of Gifts (APB p116) Use Your Home-Made Collection Boxes.

Lord we thank you for all give to us. Out of your provision we bring this offering today, praying that you will bless it and guide us to use it well to build up your Kingdom here.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

(New Zealand Prayer Book, adapted)

Invitation to Communion

Draw near and receive the body broken and blood poured out. Christ was sacrificed for the world and by his wounds we are healed.

Spiritual Communion prayer (APB p 516)

One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to them in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer

But hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.

Conclusion (APB p 129)

Give thanks to God for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

God has restored us by the cross of Christ and renewed us with His word and sacrament.

Let us go forth into the world to renew and restore all that is broken, lost and hurting. Amen

Father almighty

we offer ourselves to you

as a living sacrifice

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out into the world

in the power of the Holy Spirit

to live and work

to your praise and glory.

A Prayer for Africa:

God, bless Africa

protect our children

transform our leaders

heal our communities

restore our dignity

and give us peace;

for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

Renewing Spirit, Creator God, look upon these faces gathered in Holy community together and send them anywhere you would have them go, so that they may embody the ministry of justice for your Creation through their actions.

Walk with them so that they may face the winds of change and walk the good road. Enlighten them. Sustain them. May God our Creator be with you this day and always.
(Kelly Sherman Conroy, Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Dismissal (APB 129)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.