



Season of Creation II

September 12 and 13, 2026



During the Season of Creation, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God entrusted to our care

The Prelude *Andante con moto*

J.S. Bach

The Processional Hymn *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

The Hymnal 1982, 376

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Blessed be our God. For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant We gather today to explore God's holy land, land that was first named holy by the *Nauset and Wôpanâak (Wampanoag)*. We come today in the name of God that calls things Good.

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

The Gloria *said at 5pm, 9:30am sung*

The Hymnal 1982, S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

In our first lesson we are shown how God delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh's pursuing army through a series of dramatic wonders and events. It is impossible to determine the degree to which ancient storytelling has embellished the account of the escaping Hebrew tribes, but it

is certain that the success of the escape is attributed to divine intervention. Through God's evident intercession for the oppressed Israelites, the people come to fear and believe in the Lord and in the leadership of Moses, God's chosen prophet.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

This Psalm is a song of praise to the Lord, who has brought the people from Egypt through the wilderness, and across the Jordan to the promised land.

We will read the Psalm responsively breaking at the half-verse.

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the church of Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual *When Israel was Egypt's land*

The Hymnal 1982, 648

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Lay Leader O Lord our God, help us call upon You with one heart and soul, according to Your will!

We pray for Your created world: You made the universe and all that lives and exists in it. The earth is filled with Your creatures. You make grass grow, plants, and fruit-bearing trees; You feed the birds of the sky and care for all creatures on earth. Out of Your love, You created humanity; give us strength to faithfully cultivate and guard Your creation according to Your will O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world, and destined us in love to be your own: help us to pray for all your children. For the life of the world; that your peace may be known and may prevail. For this and so much more we offer you our prayers.

We remember the victims of gun violence and natural disaster. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those on our prayer list: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Cheryl, Marilyn, John, Alan, Mia, Jimmy, Jim, Lily, Catherine, Ann, Regina, Gerry, Herb, Al, Olivia, Jessica, Shaun, and Bailey. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble. I invite your prayers and petitions either silently or aloud. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who exercise rule and authority; that they may acknowledge your power:

For Donald our President, for Maura our Governor, for our Senators Edward and Elizabeth, for our Representative Bill, and for all our elected official. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church which is Christ's body; that it may live for the praise of your glory:

In our prayers, we hold our Presiding Bishop- Sean, our Diocesan Bishop-Julia and our Rector Alan. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember all those who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially the victims of 9/11 and their families. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Richard, by Jeannie Johnson.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Neponset River Deanery:

Christ Church (Medway), **St. Michael's Church** (Milton), **Church of Our Savior** (Milton), **St. John's Church** (Westwood), **Trinity Church** (Stoughton), and **The Trustees of Donations**. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for humanity—every community and every person. Grant that we may treat all with respect and uphold the dignity of our neighbors, accepting all in their diversity. Give us grateful hearts, understanding, responsible thought, and value-creating work. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to lift up your personal thanksgivings and petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *Then, all standing in body or spirit.*

Celebrant Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Music *Seek Ye First*

setting by Lloyd Larson

The Offertory Prayer, at 5pm and 9:30am then, all standing in body or spirit.

Celebrant Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and of our hands: bring to completion in them the work of your creation, so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit, they may be for us the food and drink of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

Creation Care Holy Eucharist, as adapted

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant This day we join with all creation in the chorus of praise that rings throughout eternity:

The Sanctus *said at 5pm*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

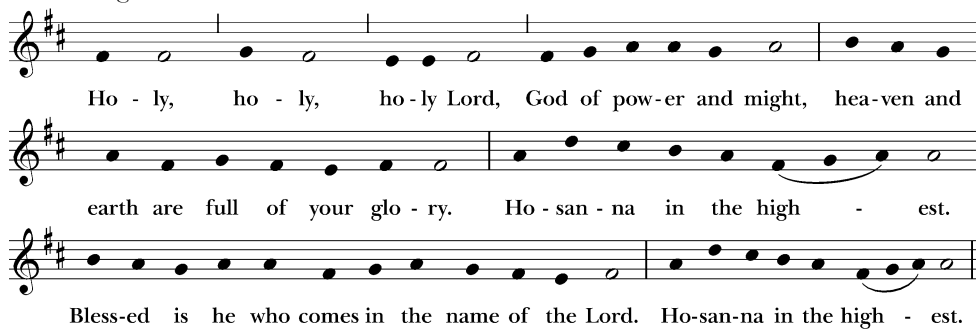
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus *sung at 9:30am*

The Hymnal 1982, S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant We praise you, God, source of all life.

You made all of the creation as Your spirit moved over the water. You spoke and brought all things into being. You saw that it was good. You spoke, breathed, and made us in your image. You saw that it was Good.

Yet we rebelled against you and what you had named Good. We violated your creation. We abused one another. We rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for us. You called us into covenant. You delivered us from slavery. You sustained us in the wilderness. You raised up prophets.

In fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. He lived with us in the midst of your creation. He embraced us as his children, welcoming us to sit and eat with you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

Then Jesus took the cup of wine, blessed it and gave it to his friends, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.” We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant May the Holy Spirit that swept over the water on that first day of creation, pour Herself on these gifts that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ and make us your new creation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **This is living Bread, given for all Creation.**

Celebrant All who eat this bread share in Christ’s Body.

The Fraction Anthem 9:30am

This setting is not used in Lent.

The Hymnal 1982, S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Hold out your hand to receive the host. You may receive the wine by the chalice or in the small cups in the tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, cross your arms and wait for the minister to say *The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided in a white pedestal table.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know.**

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people and your whole creation. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebrant Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share: Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect the wonders of creation. Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us and to know them as family. Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land and sea, and to hear and understand those who extract its resources. Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our communities and to heal the wounds we have inflicted. Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people and to shape beloved community. For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds and sets us free, and it is in the name of Jesus the Christ that we pray. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

The Recessional Hymn *Go forth for God, go to the world in peace*

The Hymnal 1982, 347

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into all of Creation, rejoicing in the power of Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Voluntary*

John Stanley

Liturgical Notes:

--Introduction to the readings come from Fredrick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3rd Edition" Morehouse 2009.

--This service adapted by the Rev. Anna Woofenden (Creation Care Leadership Circle, Diocese of Western MA), adapted by Jess Kotnour from *Enriching Our Worship*; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco; and *Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration* (20220 and the two Episcopal dioceses in MA). [SeasonOfCreation-ACelebrationGuideForEpiscopalParishes2025.pdf](https://www.seasonofcreation.org/ACelebrationGuideForEpiscopalParishes2025.pdf) Along with other gathered worship material.

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church (2022) recognized climate change as "an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency that impacts and interconnects every aspect of pastoral concern including health, poverty, employment, racism, social justice, and family life and that can only be addressed by a Great Work involving every sector of society, including the Church."

Announcements

QUILT RAFFLE: Sunday is the drawing. You still have time to purchase tickets in the Thrift Shop or at Saturday's Parish Picnic for the beautiful quilt made by expert professional quilter Lynne Benson. You do not need to be present to win. **THANK YOU** Lynne!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Attention students, teachers, teaching assistants and others! Bring your backpacks to worship services this weekend, on Saturday, September 12 and 13 for a Backpack Blessing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS: this weekend at 9:30am in the Godly Play room. Volunteers are needed to assist with lessons. Kindly reach out to Will Hibbard for information and to offer your help at will.hibbard@gmail.com.

CHOIR HAS RETURNED: Sunday, September 13 and Coffee hour resumes in the Parish Hall following worship.

PORCHFEST/SANDWICH 2026: next weekend, on Saturday, September 19th from 1-4pm. St. John's Thrift Boutique porch will be used for musical groups between 1 and 4pm. Stop by for some toe-tapping music, and shopping.

PAWS FOR JOY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL — Sept. 19: Join Amazing Grace of Cape Cod for "Paws for Joy," a free family festival Saturday, September 19, 10 AM–5 PM, at Saint David Episcopal Church, 205 Old Main St., South Yarmouth. Enjoy live music, pet awards, animal meet-and-greets, and a raffle — all benefiting local children affected by a parent's incarceration. Info: agfestival.org.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Please join us in the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday, September 20 as we celebrate Rev. Barbara Peterson's 75th birthday. Birthday Cake will be served! Cards for Rev. Barbara are welcome.

CARING FOR CREATION SERIES PRESENTATION: After a break for the month of August, our next series presentation is Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker is Dr. Kumara Sidhartha, MD, MPH, Chief Health Equity and Wellness Officer, Cape Cod Healthcare. Dr. Sidhartha's program is titled "Nourishing Human and Planetary Health". These programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

CANDY NEEDED: It's still more than a month away but we have begun collecting candy for "Halloween on Main Street". Last year St. John's gave away soooo much candy to Trick 'or Treaters who appear beginning at dusk, thanks to our parishioners. This is a big deal for downtown Sandwich, and you are invited to participate in costume or not. Since Halloween falls on Saturday, in the interest of safety for parishioners and kids, **our service that day will be held at 3pm.** Your generous donations can be left in the basket in the Narthex, at the Thrift Shop, or in the office.

ST. JOHN'S THRIFT BOUTIQUE: hours have changed to 10am-3pm Tuesday through Saturday. Winter clothing is needed! Please call 508-833-1452 to make an appointment for drop-offs.

HOUR OF PRAYER: The church is open for your quiet prayers weekly on Wednesdays from 12noon-1pm.

CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE: Join us on Fridays at 11am via Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>. Ask Steve Tom or Fr. Al for details.

September 12 - 19, 2026

Saturday, September 12

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist and blessing of the Backpacks, at **American Legion Post, 20 Main Street, Sandwich.** All Church Picnic and Potluck Supper follows worship.

Sunday, September 13

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Backpacks

10:15am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Monday, September 14

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

4:30am-6:30pm, Lasit Theater Group ,Parish Hall and Undercroft

Tuesday, September 15

12noon AA, Parish Hall

6:30pm Ways and Means via Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86559395776>

Wednesday, September 16

12noon-1pm Open Prayer, Church

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, September 17

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30-7pm Lasit Theatre Group, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, September 18

11am Caring for Creation Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>

Saturday, September 19

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

September 12 – 4pm Parish Picnic and Worship Service at **American Legion, 20 Main Street, Sandwich**

September 13 – 9:30am

Choir Returns; Blessing of the Backpacks; Sunday School Resumes in Godly Play Room

September 19 - 11am - Funeral Service for Phyllis Briggs

1-4pm Porchfest at Thrift Boutique

September 20 - Birthday Celebration for Rev. Barbara follows worship, Parish Hall

September 22 - 7pm Caring For Creation Presentation, Parish Hall

October 3/4 - Blessing of the Animals

October 31 - **3pm Saturday Worship Service with Holy Eucharist**

At dusk: Halloween on Main Street

Family and Pet Photos or Mementos Due by 3pm for All Saint's Day

Dec. 4/5 - Christmas Fair

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama and Choir

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ames and Charles Diana

Lectors: Jann Czarnetzki and Phyllis Helfrich

Altar Guild: Judy Cohen, Jann Czarnetzki, Dee McLaughlin, and Sharon Therriault

Ushers: Alan Carlson and Mary Howe

Hospitality: Volunteers Needed for serving coffee after worship. See Fr. Al.

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.



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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, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

