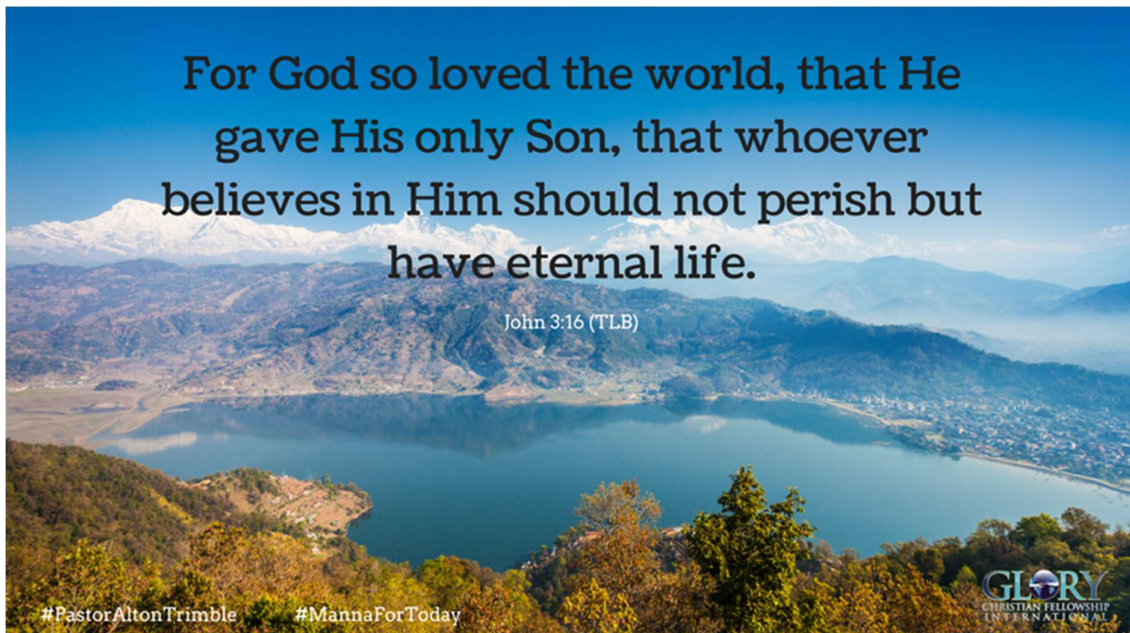


Welcome to this 12th Sunday after Trinity Communion Service



The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to Revd Brigid, the hymns, music etc.

Instructions: [Click on the links in blue](#) to activate hymns and films as you read through the service. If an Error message comes up just wait and the link will start.

All the links on this online service can be seen on one playlist see:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6lOn_prE9pSQQ5CaP50GI4yFlbgXekNE

For the Zoom service, the Chapel service and the live service see notices at the end of this service sheet.

Creation Service for Sunday 30th August

Gathering

Begin the service by lighting a candle, and setting the space with other natural items that represent the agriculture and nature of our local ecology.

Song: This is the day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuVZOzUx0No>

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

**We shall rejoice, we shall rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We shall rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

This is the day, this is the day when he rose again ...

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came ...

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Opening prayer

We gather in the name of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures!

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

We spend a moment or two in silence remembering before God those times when we have not cared for his creation and his people as we should and then we sing:

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZ8tpLIJ0TQ>

**Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.**

**All the beauty I see
he has given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.**

**Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.**

**At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways;
but I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame
and his mercy was gentle as silence.**

Together we respond with some verses of praise from Psalm 8

O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All creation throbs with your glory

Your glory is revealed in the vast reaches of the universe;

**in the twinkling stars reflected in the wondering eyes and
simple songs of little children.**

Compared with your awesome power, O God, our lives would seem insignificant if we did not know how deeply you care for us and for all of creation.

**You chose to honour humanity by giving us the responsibility
of caring for all of your wonderful creation.**

O God, how majestic and wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Peruvian Gloria (*cantor starts, everyone responds*)

<https://youtu.be/QGGXIMG--3M>

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest ...

To God be glory for ever ...

Alleluia Amen ...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus ...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit ...

A reading from Acts 17:22-28

<https://youtu.be/sk1GWvPJZs0>

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship

as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Song: Be still and know

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zN0XfOTC8U>

Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

I am the Lord that health thee. (x3)

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3)

Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

Gospel reading John 3:14-16 and Talk

<https://youtu.be/w3hE7FWSe7Q>

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Talk

May I speak in the name of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Next Sunday sees the beginning of what the church now calls ‘the Creation Season’. So today I want to think about creation and the earth as an introduction to those four weeks. John 3:16 says ‘God so loved the world’. The bible tells us that God loves us but this reminds us that God loves the whole world, all of creation.

Four years ago, we were privileged to spend some months travelling around New Zealand. At the time I wrote 'I am running out of words to describe this land. Each day we experience a different dimension of the beauty of nature. Yet even here we humans are destroying the delicate balance. In trying to eradicate one pest the land is being poisoned and many native species are being decimated. Climbing mountains, sleeping in the trees, standing by lakes watching the sun glimmer, waking to the bird song and standing in awe watching the bubbling mud pools in Rotorua I realise how precious and how vulnerable is the land on which we live.

I came across an article from Canadian Bishops giving us three responses we should cultivate as we care for creation.

The contemplative response:

We should stand and look in awe and wonder as we gaze at the earth. Stand in awe of the mystery of life and death. The earth is a sacrament because it is the bearer of God's blessings.

The ascetic/disciplined response:

We need to be disciplined in how we use the things of earth. How we learn to 'live more simply than others may simply live. We look at our patterns of living, how do we live in order to renew and recover the relationship with the earth. In the gospels we see how Jesus used nature as his teaching aid. Using nature to show us how to live life in God's kingdom.

The prophetic response:

This calls us to look for justice for the earth. To stand up and speak out where we see the earth being damaged. Because the earth is a sacrament, we recognise that our destruction of the earth's systems is an act of sinfulness and wounding which demands repentance and reconciliation. We must look at our individual and our collective choices in the light of sustainability for the earth.

So, what can we do?

We can stand in awe of nature; we can take a moment stand and look around us and give thanks.

We can take time to listen. To stand outside, shut our eyes and for 5 minutes just listen to creation.

We can pause to really look at a leaf or a flower, contemplate it for several minutes. How often do we stop to pause and gaze and really understand nature?

A reflection on 'The Sacrament of the present moment'.

Listen to sounds of the world around

Against the background of the wind, the song of the birds.

A dog barking, the combine at work, the chatter of children, the cars along the street.

Feel the wind, look at the trees, hear the leaves as they sing and dance in the wind and know that this is the moment to bask in the love of God's creation and artistry.

To hear his music and to join in his song.

All creation, human, animal and nature together in harmony.

People may ask where is God?

Where is God but holding all this together.

God is here, there and everywhere

But above all he is in this moment of time.

Creating his harmony which we can hear, only if we open our ears to his music.

It is indeed the sacrament of the present moment.

No fear of the past or the future, because all that matters is here and now, knowing God with us.

Now is a holy moment.

Now is the moment of concern.

What has gone before does not matter at this moment.

What will come cannot affect this moment.

Therefore, this moment has to be the very best that it can be, for you, for me, for everyone else in it.

For this moment and the next is of God.

When I was in New Zealand and learning about the Maori culture I was reminded about the importance of community. That everything we do in our individual lives is bound up with the Earth and all those with whom we live and work.

Let us finish with a prayer.

Praise God

In the trees, the fields, the leaves, I see the hand of God.

In the lapping of the waves, the singing of the birds,
the rustling of the leaves, I hear the voice of God.

In the laughter of my neighbour, the call of a friend,
the sigh of a loved one, I feel the love of God.

In the despair of life, the pain of hunger,
the shame of poverty, I sense the compassion of God.

In my life, my wealth, my greed, I see the tools of God.

Grant me such a greed, such a desire to tell and show the love of God that my
life becomes a wealth of poverty, goodness and compassion and that my life is
lived always for others and not for self.

And the rich young man turned away
and there was much sadness in his heart.

Profession of faith

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living,
in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, in him God is living,
through him we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit,
who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living,
the breath of God always moves us.**

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

**In God we are all made,
in Christ we are all saved,
in the Spirit we are all united.**

(Per Harling seasonofcreation.org)

Prayers for God's created world

We pray in thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden.

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Creative Spirit,

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Creative Spirit,

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Creative Spirit,

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world

In the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, hear our cries of compassion, and heal our world and all creatures. Inspire our hearts with a holy imagination, to rise, freed from the demands to produce and consume to imagine a just, sustainable way of living, where all have enough, and all may be restored.

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world

During this Season of Creation, grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the

Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Creative Spirit,

Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.

(adapted from A prayer for the Earth, Pope Francis, Laudato Si)

Please see the notes at the end of the service for those in need of prayer.

Sharing the Peace

God's grace and goodness go with you and give you his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song: Colours of day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw-7CJhlbp0>

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.***

**Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.**

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.**

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Eucharistic prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6GCGFHjZ1o>

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for 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 one bread.**

(Video ends)

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Final prayer

O God

We thank you for this earth, our home, the wild sky and the blessed sun.
For the salt sea and the running water.

For the everlasting hills and the never resting winds.

For the trees and the grass underfoot.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of the birds
and see the splendour of the summer fields and taste the summer fruits.

Open our eyes to the joy of your world all around us.

Bless us as we enjoy your creation today.

Blessing

Go into this week, blessed with
the creative love of God,
the grace and peace of Jesus Christ,
the truth and purpose of the Holy Spirit

Song: Walk in the light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvhKJu9Vn04>

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light;
The dead were wakened by His call,
Walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light;
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

We know His death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light;
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
Walk, walk in the light;
The Father's kindness is revealed,
Walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

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Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go, giving thanks to God

A Northumbrian blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxUAeTDW3c0>

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you;
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm;
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you;
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

by Northumbria Community from Celtic Daily Prayer

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Notices

Prayers

We bring to for your loving and healing touch those known to us who are sick at this time. In particular we remember: Wyn Edwards; Cally Thorpe; Josh Pitman; Sue Wilson Beryl; Dixon Georgia; Shirley Mee; and Andy Smith.

In that same spirit we remember those who have departed this life and gone to their eternal rest with you in Heaven. We remember Mick Garwood and we pray for Molly, Richard, Penny and family. And Alan Baker, we pray for his wife Yvonne and his family. Also, Irene Reeds from Tillingham. Please pray for Patricia and family. And we ask that you hold Archdeacon Elizabeth in your prayers after her husband passed away.

We also bring to you for your loving comfort all those who grieve, may they know the comfort and joy of your presence as they adjust to a life without the person they love.

Lord in your loving mercy — **Hear our prayer**

General notices

The Chapel services have restarted at 9am on Thursday mornings but please remember to bring a face covering if you are coming to this or any service.

Live Zoom communions will take place each Sunday at 9am, the link will be on this service sheet each week. A Communion Service sheet is available to print out to follow these Zoom services. See: <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/assets/documents/zoom-sheet>

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7125613716?pwd=QlItTmVoQXBTVjVadEhwV080ZGMrUT09>

Meeting ID: 712 561 3716

Passcode: 366985

These online services will continue for those wanting to continue worshipping at home.

The St Peter's Chapel Summer Evening Services will be online, see

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6204/service-and-events/events-regular/>