Voluntary This is My Father's World arr. Diane Bish (b. 1941)

For the Procession

Hymn 400 All creatures of our God and king

Lasst uns erfreuen

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.

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.* 

The Collect of the Day The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation, and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

The First Lesson from Meditations of the Heart, Howard Thurman (1899-1981) I seek new levels of awareness of the meaning of the commonplace. It is easy for me to take things for granted and to deal with them without sensitiveness. When have you noticed the color in the sky? When have you looked at the shape and place of a tree? What about the light in the eyes of your friend when he smiles? The gracious manner that your child has in meeting people at the door? The moving insight and the power of the words of a hymn, the music of which you enjoy? The renewal of mind and body after a night of restful sleep? The way the cut in your finger healed, leaving scarcely a trace of the opening? The spontaneous response which overcomes you when you are face to face with some poignant human need? The times when deep within your heart you whisper a thank-you to Life, to God, or, as you may say, to the Fates! I seek new levels of awareness of the meaning of the commonplace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 580 God, who stretched the spangled heavens

Holy Manna

The Second Lesson An Environmental Reading from Laudato Si', Pope Francis (1936-2025) When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, its economy, its behavior patterns, and the ways it grasps reality. Given the scale of change, it is no longer possible to find a specific, discrete answer for each part of the problem. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 651 This is my Father's world Mercer Street

The Third Lesson from Prayers of the Social Awakening, Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918) Following the reading, the Presider says

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Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Green Team Witnesses

### Profession of Faith

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.

## The Prayers of the People

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

# Keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

## Keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray: Silence

Merciful God,

## Keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

## Keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

# Keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

## Keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

Silence

Merciful God,

Keep your planet and people in peace.

## Concluding Collect

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

#### Announcements

This is Tommy Watts' last Sunday as our interim choirmaster and organist. Please offer to him your thanks for a job very well done, especially during Holy Week.

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.

The Offertory Hail Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Forest Green

Presentation Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation III Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

God is with us.

God is present here.

Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty. Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S-128

William Matthias (1934-1992)

The Presider continues

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a

part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other. Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one. On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me." Therefore, let us pray: Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day. Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body. Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of Christ. Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray:

Leader Our Father in heaven

People You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Leader Hallowed be your name

People By the care we take of your Creation

Leader Your kingdom come

People All that you see is good

Leader Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

People Your will to till and care

Leader Give us this day our daily bread

People That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Leader Forgive us our trespasses

People Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species

and for future generations

Leader As we forgive those who trespass against us

People By reconciliation with justice and peace.

*Leader* Lead us not into temptation

People The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

Leader And deliver us from evil

People The evil of destroying your gift of creation

Leader For yours is the kingdom

People Yours, Lord, not ours

Leader The power and the glory

People In the cross and resurrection

Leader For ever and ever

People You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn 412 Earth and all stars

Earth and All Stars

Let us join with the Earth and each other—to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to protect the animals, to treasure the trees, to gaze at the stars, to cherish the human community, to heal the Earth, to remember the children. Let us go forth to put our words into action; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

For the Procession

Suite Gothique, VI. Toccata

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Please remain in place until the procession is completed. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Lillian Cochran. Reception follows in the parish house.

Serving today:

Cynthia Tucker, Cyndie Harrison Lectors:

Richard Coarsey Intercessor: Chalice: Duncan Cooper Thurifer: Darrel Williams Carly Tucker Crucifer: Book: Darrel Williams

Ushers: Henry Brewster, Maggie Prestridge

Maggie Prestridge Vestry Greeter:

Julie Praytor, Brenda Woodmansee, Betty Bentley Altar Guild:

Lillian Carsten Bread: Sheri Hewitt Flowers:

Beth Hardaway (Dillard) LEV:

Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Apr 27 7:45a Nursery opens

> 8a Holy Eucharist, church 9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall

9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm

9:15a-10:15a Godly Play classes, Parish House (upstairs)

9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm 10:30a Holy Eucharist, church Reception follows, Parish House 6p Wade in the Water, chapel

Mon, Apr 28 7p AA, Smith Rm

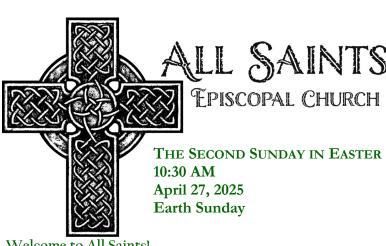
8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall Wed, Apr 30

6p AA, Smith Rm

6p First Friday, Jim & Katharine Flowers' home Fri, May 2

Sat, May 3 2p Prism, Youth Rm

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#### Welcome to All Saints!

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being. Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org Sign up for our parish newsletter! https://www.allsaintsmobile.net/the-herald/

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later!): https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/who-we-are/lgbtq/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/

# We begin worship in holy silence.

Please silence all cell phones. In the tradition of the church, prayer posture is standing or kneeling. Our preference at All Saints is standing, but kneeling is acceptable. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by "S" are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in *Bold Italics* are said by the congregation.

# Please keep in your prayers...

For healing for: Cynthia Donnell, Barbara South, Mary Robert, Carolyn Thornton, Stephen Rollins, Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Carr family, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Mary Hunter Slaton, Chip Deupree, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Paul and Tracy, Geneva Piloto, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Albert Corte, Robin Steele, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Ruth LaMonte, Bryan LaPorte, Emily Callaway, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Bruce Barrett, Lister Thomas, David Powers, Sue Aiken Zundel, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Jan Cade, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Donna Bowcock, Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Garn Menell, Shannon Cook For those who serve in the armed forces: especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Nyirou Kuot, Matt Abbot, Trevor Thiel

For those who have died, especially Clayton Ryan.

\*Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.

The gifts of God for the people of God.