

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.

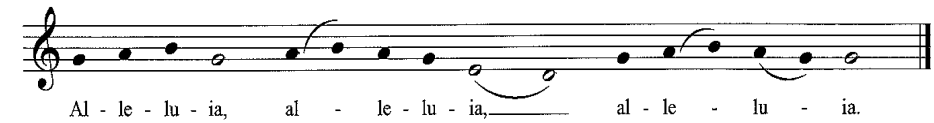
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor intones the Alleluia and the assembly repeats it once, then again following the versicle



V. Open our minds, O God, to understand the Scriptures; *
make our hearts burn within us when you speak.

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Donnell

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.*

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 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me K. Lee Scott

Presentation Hymn 705 *As those of old their first fruits brought* Forest Green

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

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)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn 186 *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands Christ lag in Todesbanden*

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

The Blessing

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.*

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

For the Procession

Improvisation

Josh Bullock

Please remain in place until the procession is completed.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Reception follows in the parish house.

Serving Today:

Lectors: Laurie Walton, Mary Robert

Intercessor: Martha Harris

Chalice: Molly Allison

Thurifer: Cynthia Donnell

Crucifer: Graham MacDonald

Book: Henry MacDonald

Ushers: Gabe Posadas, Ronald Feuerlein

Altar Guild: Kathy McKenzie, Elva Goldman, Katie MacDonald

Bread Baker: Brenda Woodmansee

Vestry Greeter: Cynthia Tucker

Flowers: Julie Praytor

LEV: Beth Hardaway (Wilson), Barbara Caddell (Dillard)

Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Apr 19	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, upstairs in Parish House 9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm 10:30a Holy Eucharist, church Reception follows, Parish House
Mon, Apr 20	6p Vestry, Saad Rm 7p AA, Smith Rm
Wed, Apr 22	8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall 5:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm 6p AA, Smith Rm
Sat, Apr 25	2p Prisms, Youth Rm

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*

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EARTH DAY SUNDAY

10:30 AM

April 19, 2026

Welcome to All Saints! 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.*

Voluntary

Improvisation

Josh Bullock

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 Prayers of the Social Awakening, Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)*

Following the reading, the Lector says

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Psalm 150 *(sung by the choir)*

Thomas Norris

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