

## Hymn during Communion: CP 360

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

Tune: Bless the Lord

## Sending Hymn CP 619 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Tune: Crusaders Hymn

## Postlude: Gavotte from *Concerto*

Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

### The Season of Creation - 2024

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family from around the world comes together to listen to and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins on September 1st, the Feast of Creation, and concludes on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

The celebration of this Season began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I, established September 1 as a *Day of Prayer for Creation* for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year the theme "*Hope and act with Creation*" and the symbol "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25, will be our guiding inspiration.

In the letter of Paul, the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his *Canticle of Creatures*. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

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## The Cathedral Church of All Saints

September 1, 2024



*To hope and act with creation.*

### The Season of Creation 2024

**Prelude Music: Mr. Russ Hall** *Pastorale*  
Charles Wesley (Jr.) (1757 – 1834)

**Opening Hymn: CP 384** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Tune: Lobe den Herren

### Collect

**Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Seasons of Creation 2024*

### The Proclamation of the Word

**Reader** A reading from the Letter of James [1:17-27]

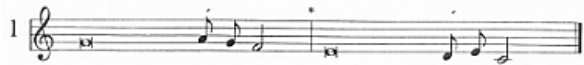
Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10



My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned / for the king;\*  
my tongue shall be the pen of / a skilled writer.

**You are the fair-/est of men;\***  
**grace flows from your lips,**  
**because God has blessed / you forever.**

Your throne, O God, endures forev-/er and ever,\*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your  
kingdom;  
you love righteousness and / hate iniquity.

**Therefore God, your God, has a-/nointed you\***  
**with the oil of gladness a-/bove your fellows.**

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, al-/oes, and  
cassia,\* and the music of strings from ivory palaces /  
makes you glad.

**Kings' daughters stand among the ladies / of the  
court;\*** **on your right hand is the queen,**  
**adorned with the / gold of Ophir.**

**The Gradual Hymn CP 355** *All Creatures of Our  
God and King* Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

## The Gospel

*All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark [7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23]

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "*This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.*"

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Preparation Hymn CP 610** *Before I Take the  
Body of the Lord* Tune: Laying Down



*Today the Wine and Host of the  
Eucharist, are offered in Loving  
memory of the Seymour family,  
Nassau, Bahamas*