

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2022 11:00 a.m.

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. We at Holy Innocents will observe this special season on the Sundays in September, leading up to our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis on October 2.

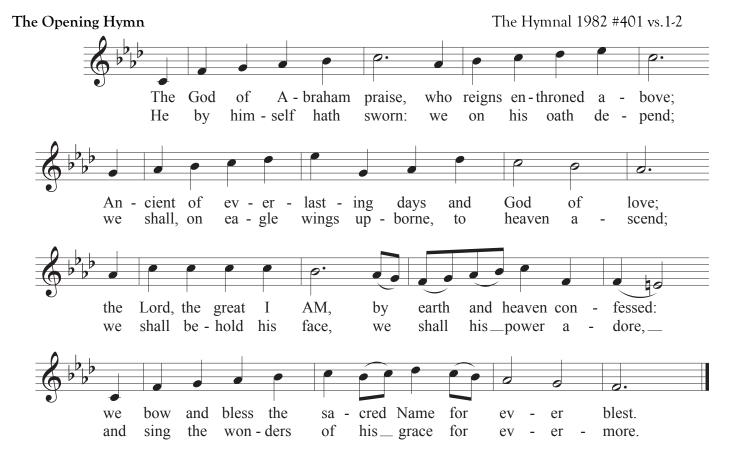
The Congregation Gathers

Prelude Prelude #1 in C Major (from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book One)

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Tolling of the Bell

Please stand as you are able



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.



Collect for Purity

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of the dirtied hands, the wandering feet; you seek out the lost before ever they turn to you: take us with you into the abandoned places to find a new community outside our fortress walls; through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse~ a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



1 The foolish have said in their hearts, "There is no God."*

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all,*

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

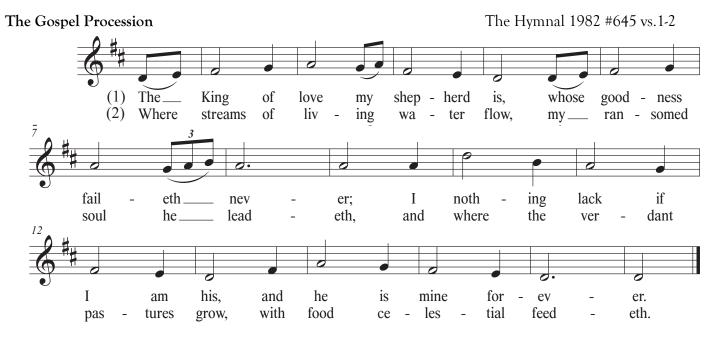
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;* there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear,* because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the af-flicted,* but God is their refuge.
- +7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of **Zion!*** when God restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be **glad**.

The Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

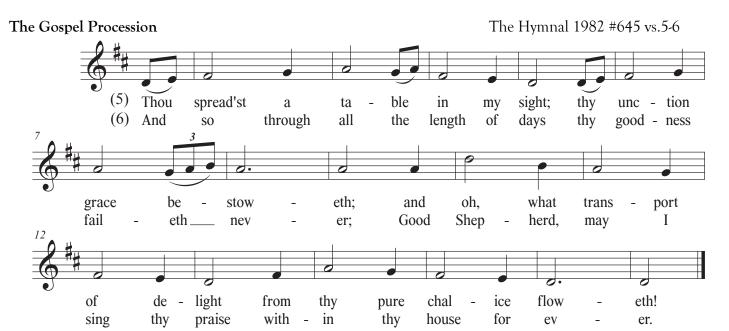
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

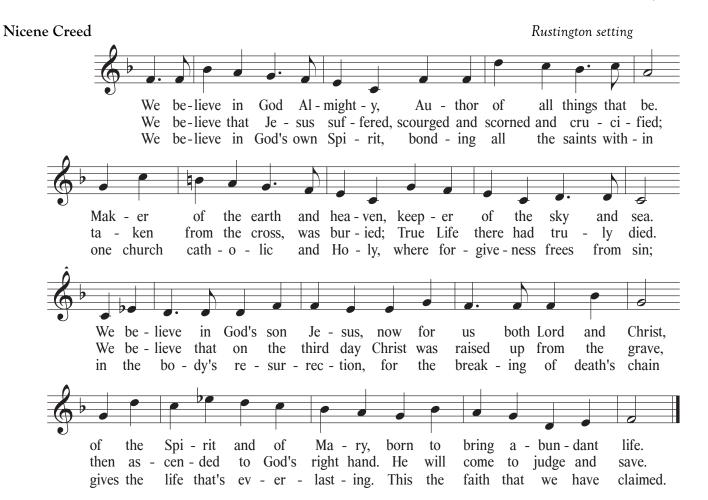
So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Ayers



The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Leader

O God, we pray for the church... (petitions may be added).

O God, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for those who are sick or in any kind of need... (petitions).

O God, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for those who have died... (petitions).

O God, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

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:

People 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:

People Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People 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:

People Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world 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:

People Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Celebrant

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

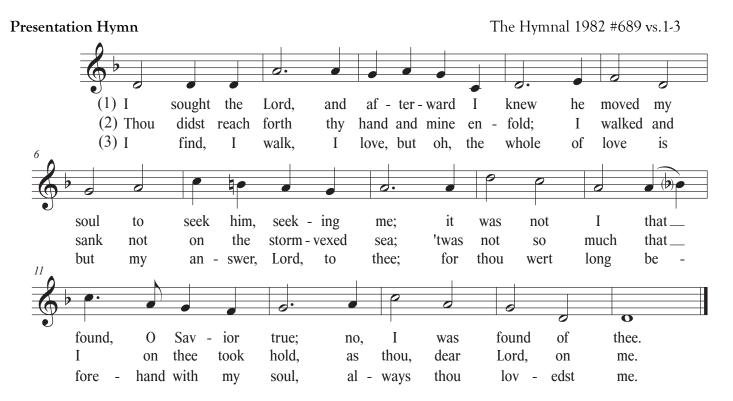
Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem God that madest earth and heaven

Words: v.1- Reginald Haber (1783-1826) & v.2 - Richard Whatley (1787-1863);

Music: Trad. Welsh, arr. by David Thorne (b.1950)



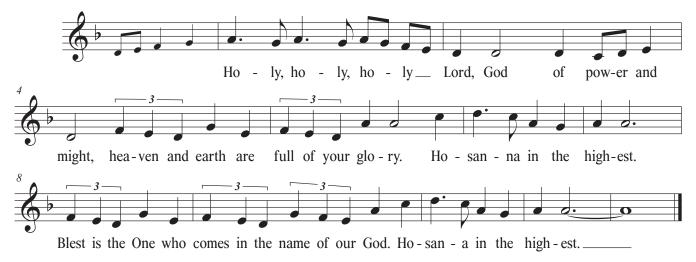
The Great Thanksgiving



Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation. We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world; for their lives so different from our own, and the riches they reveal. We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, children and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him, with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity.



We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now, he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

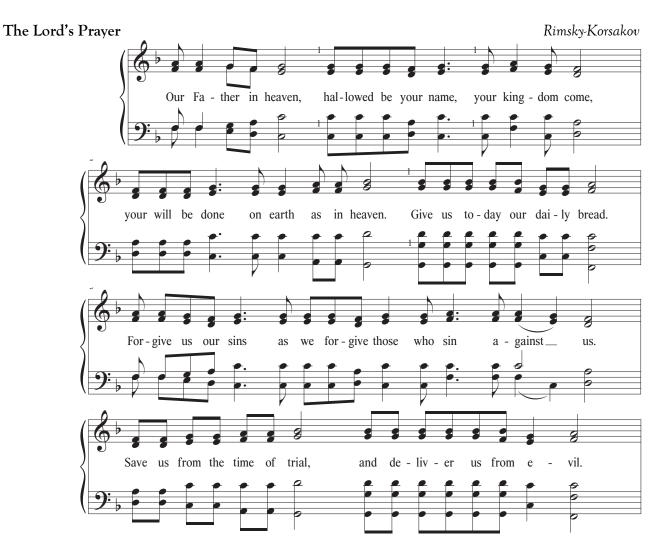
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

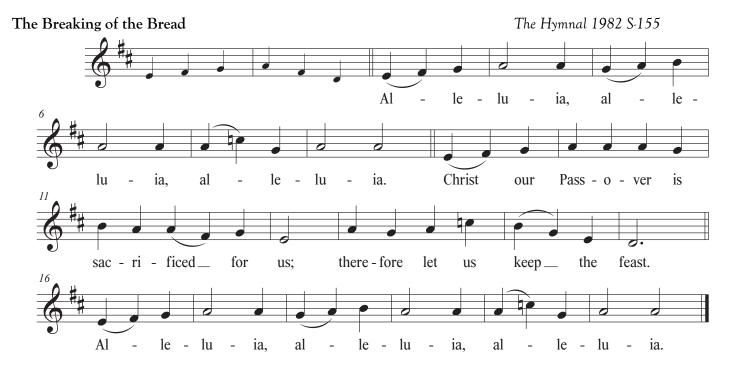
Therefore, we come to the one in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through Christ who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, who fills all in all, now and forever. *AMEN*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,







Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

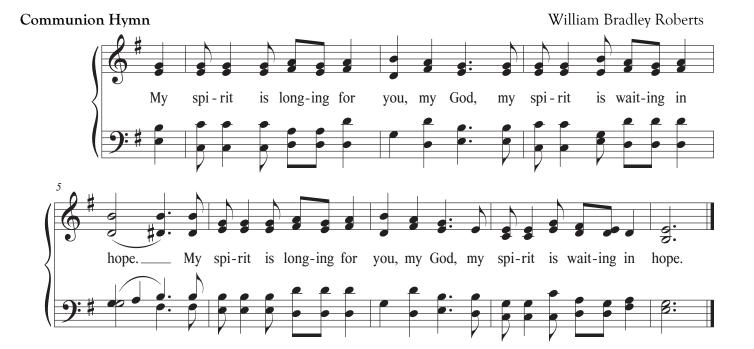
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshiping with us online:

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

We thank you, Eternal God, for the feast of your love shared at this table. You welcome us home to your heart even when we know we are not worthy to be called your children. Send us forth with joy and make us living signs of the peace and good will announced by the angels at the birth of your Child, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Community Blessings

Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie on Royal Oak (All things bright and beautiful)

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The Great Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People, based on the Gospel of Luke, were written by the Rev. Tom Dipko and the Liturgy Committee. Music is reproduced with permission, under the auspices of OneLicense number A-723428

Today's collect comes from Steven Shakespeare's *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*. p105.

SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

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Fabienne Blanc, Acolyte
St. Pamela Clare, CSF, Prayers of the People
Beth Weise, Tech Team
Dano Cammarota, Altar Guild
Camilla Bixler, Flower Committee

Community Announcements

- Due to privacy concerns, we are going to remove personal email addresses from our newsletters and bulletins. When we list a person as a contact, please use our membership directory. This directory requires that a person be in the directory in order to retrieve contact information. If you need to be added to the directory, please send your request to office@holyinsf.org.
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities

Deacon Margaret has recently become involved in Habitat for Humanity in San Francisco – including a project in the Diamond Heights neighborhood. And so - we have two upcoming Habitat opportunities – please contact Deacon Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain if you would like to sign up for either/both of these.....she will inform you about the Habitat on-line sign up process.

Saturday September 17, 12-4 pm, in the Excelsior neighborhood, all ages welcomed

This is an opportunity to help get the word out about Habitat Greater San Francisco's Home Preservation program in the city of San Francisco! A recent grant now allows Habitat to make critical repairs to homes in target neighborhoods in the Bayview District and volunteers are needed to help spread the word. This will include walking up and down assigned streets, stopping door to door, and hanging doorhangers. Volunteers will work in teams of two and under the leadership of a staff person.



Saturday October 8, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, at the 36 Amber Drive building site, ages 16 and up

This is a volunteer opportunity at a new building site in the Diamond Heights neighborhood which is creating 8 affordable housing units (photo attached) St. Aidan's has volunteered at this site, and have had a blast each time. The progress at the site is inspiring and impressive. Please join us!

- Open Cathedral potluck and sandwich making dates: October 5.
 - Reach out to Rita Lin or Fabienne Blanc if you are interested in taking part in this ministry. We would like to commit to providing meals once a month, and we do have some funds if you would like to help but want reimbursement for the cost of the meals.
- Dano will be making Scent Jars for Fall and Halloween. Scent Jars contain decorative seasonal particulars along with cinnamon, cloves, orange spice, and citrus peel, artistically arranged in a quart Mason Jar with a pumpkin light. All donations collected will be donated to Holy Innocents. Custom requests welcome.



Contact Dano Cammarota for more info or to order.

- **Hospitality:** We have begun having a small **coffee hour** on the sidewalk after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the <u>rota sign up link</u>.
- Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed: No specific skills required, just a willingness to learn and a general comfort with technology. We will provide all the training you need.
- Morning Prayer (via Zoom) continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please reach out to Sue Fandel if you'd like the link.

• **Interested in Baptism?** If you think you might be interested in baptism, please contact The Rev. Cameron Ayers.

Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF. The Holy Innocents WiFi password is HOLYINSF
If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email office@holyinsf.org

Holy Innocents Prayer List

* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please contact the church office at office@holyinsf.org

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Andrea & Lucas, and their family (Sarah B's friends); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bucky Mills (Richard.'s dad); Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Catherine (Amelia's mother and Thomas' friend); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); David B.;Diana (Anne's niece); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Fatima (Claire's godmother); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joan (Alison's sister); Joel & Sam; John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Mary (Allison's mother); Mary (Susan K DeGrado's mother); Mary M.; Maxime, Thomas & James; Pierre (Fabienne's family friend); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sharon (Natasha's mom); Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Virginia, Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Burt Cazden; Donald Pace (Judith's friend); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Mike Scorer (Paul's father), Sue (Sarah B's friend); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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