

# CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## CREATION SUNDAY

### THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

OCTOBER 6, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

*Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

*Georg Böhm*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

HYMN 8: Morning has broken

*Bunessan*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 280

*Robert Powell*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must one day give, grant that we may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 39:1-18

**G**OD said to Job, "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every

green thing. “Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? “The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

*People* Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Who Made Ocean, Earth and Sky

*arr. Archibald Davidson*

*Sung by the Junior Choir*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

THE whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife’s knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. “Ananias,” Peter asked, “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!” Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and

buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People* Thanks be to God.

HYMN 405: All things bright and beautiful

*Royal Oak*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12: 13-21

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

SOMEONE in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.*

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(please kneel)*

*People* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: For the beauty of the earth

*John Rutter*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

*Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given  
Graces human and divine flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Enriching Our Worship I*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit  
you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 129

*Robert Powell*

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be  
honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 163

*Robert Powell*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Behold what you are.  
*People* May we become what we receive. (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION ANTHEMS: Butterflies and moths, from *Benedicite*

*Andrew Carter*

All you butterflies, butterflies and moths, all you fluttering and flittering and flying creatures, come magnify, magnify the Lord. All you butterflies, butterflies and moths, all you hovering and quivering and wondrous creatures, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Dragonflies trembling in the breeze, ladybirds lingering on a flower, come magnify, magnify the Lord. Kittiwakes calling on the cliffs, kingfishers flashing in the morning sun, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

A Prayer of St. Francis

*Sebastian Temple, arr. Martin Neary*

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Dragonflies trembling in the breeze, ladybirds lingering on a flower, come magnify, magnify the Lord. Kittiwakes calling on the cliffs, kingfishers flashing in the morning sun, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*please stand or kneel*)

*People* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*People* Amen.

HYMN 412: Earth and all stars

*Earth and All Stars*

## THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in Seven

*John Rutter*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITURGY & MUSIC

#### **Creation Sunday and Stewardship Kickoff – TODAY, Sunday, October 6**

Caring for Creation is one of the pillars of The Episcopal Church and we are proud to be a parish and in a diocese that believes wholeheartedly that the work of environmental stewardship is God's work. Therefore, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis (October 4) which serves as the climax of The Episcopal Church's "Season of Creation" we are dubbing today **Creation Sunday**. Our readings come from those assigned to St. Francis, whose love of nature has made him the patron saint of ecology. And the spirit of celebration for the natural world permeates the musical offerings from our Choristers as well as our hymns and prayers. This focus on good environmental stewardship fits naturally into the launch of our Annual Stewardship Campaign, which also kicks off today. The way in which we care for and share the abundance that has been given to us, be it environmental or financial, is a key component of what it means to keep this earth and this community strong. We are glad you are here today to join us in celebrating the glories of the created order and reflecting on how we can be better and more bountiful stewards of all the gifts we have been given.

#### **The Organ is Back!**

We are very excited to share that the construction work in our sanctuary has been progressing very quickly and while scaffolding is still in place, we have use of our beloved organ once more today. All the better to accompany our songs of praise and thanksgiving on this Creation Sunday!

#### **Choral Evensong – TONIGHT, Sunday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.**

In anticipation of the Choir's pilgrimage to Canterbury and St. Paul's, London, we present a series of Evensongs throughout this year. This first service will feature music of Norfolk composer John Dixon.



## FORMATION

### **Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse – Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Lloyd Hall**

*Make Me an Instrument of Peace* is designed to equip people with the tools to engage in the art of Civil Discourse - a skill that is desperately needed in our present life. Over 5 weeks, we'll hear from presenters who are well versed in civil discourse, and learn the fundamentals of this skill in the hopes of helping us faithfully engage in the difficult conversations that surround us. This class will be facilitated by the parish clergy and meets on Sundays through Oct. 20 during the 9:15 formation hour.

### **Episcopal 101 - Begins Sunday, October 6, following the 10:15 a.m. service**

The Episcopal 101 course is our standard preparation for adults seeking confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. Facilitated by clergy and staff members, participants spend time learning about the essentials of life in the Episcopal Church. Since those who will be confirmed or received will become official members of the Episcopal Church, this course is designed to highlight some of the specifics of the denomination's beliefs and practices. This course is open to all and is a wonderful chance for anyone wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church to deepen their knowledge and faith. The course meets after the 10:15 a.m. service starting on October 6. Reach out to Fr. Jared with questions.

### **Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel**

- **The Registration Form for all children's programs may now be found online under the current announcements.**
- **9:00 a.m. Childcare:** *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation:** *Children 3 years to 3rd grade (3-8 years old)* gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation:** *Children in 4th & 5th grade (9-11 years old)* gather in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's in a fun and relaxed setting. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- **10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel:** *All children through 3rd grade* participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

### **Important information for when you drop off your child:**

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is here and please make sure there is an adult present. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

### **In the Shelter Book Study – Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

In preparation for Pádraig Ó Tuama's visit with us for the inaugural Jim Sell Community Conversation, we are inviting the congregation to read his memoir *In the Shelter*. Join Fr. Noah for a conversation about that book on October 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Today is the last day to register for this event. Please email Fr. Noah ([noah.vanniel@christandstlukes.org](mailto:noah.vanniel@christandstlukes.org)) to receive the zoom link.

### **Jim Sell Community Conversation – Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m.**

The inaugural Jim Sell Community Conversation will take place at CSL on October 26 at 5:00 p.m. Join writer, poet, and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama for a conversation on fostering unity in times of division. More info can be found at [christandstlukes.org/jimsellcc](http://christandstlukes.org/jimsellcc). The keynote is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors! A light reception will follow at 6:00 p.m. with a chance to meet Pádraig and purchase books.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Building Blessing & Block Party – Saturday, October 12, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

It's a celebration you won't want to miss! We hope everyone will join us Saturday, October 12, to officially bless our new building and enjoy fellowship with parishioners and community members. We'll gather in the new CSL driveway for music, food, and games, including a chance to dunk your favorite priest!

#### **An Evening of Hope – Thursday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Harrison Opera House**

One of the local organizations with whom we work closely is the Urban Renewal Center (URC). They are partnering with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra to host the 3rd annual *Evening of Hope* to honor victims, their families, and survivors of various forms of violence, including gun and knife violence. Additionally, they will recognize the crucial efforts of frontline professionals who tirelessly work to provide hope amid pervasive violence. In light of the pastoral letter we shared with the parish this week we encourage you to attend this important evening. We also will have a number of our choir members singing in the community choir that night.

### **OUTREACH**

#### **Tidewater Friends of Foster Care Christmas Giving Opportunity**

Christ & St. Luke's will again be partnering with Tidewater Friends of Foster Care (TFFC) to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care. This year we will be sponsoring 100 foster children so we are starting the process early. Wish lists will be available beginning Sunday, October 20. Watch this space for more information as we get closer to the date and be prepared to spread some joy!

## **WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS**

*If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Emmanuel, Cape Charles, and St. James', Cartersville.

**All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:** Leslie Baker, Linda Coupland, Jonathan Glaser, Sam Hedgecock, Sharon Hubbard, Susan Pryor, Sam Roady, Krisnajanti Saffell, Barb Schafer, Tracy Simmons, Grant Singleton, Liz Slamin, and Karen Stricker. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there.

**Thanksgiving for the birth of:** Matthew James Daniel.

**Those who ask for our continuing prayers:** Carter Bernert, David Black, Tom Bolt, Carol Davis, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Robert Jones, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Hugh McCrory, Leon Parham, Ken Reynolds, Pat Rueppel, William Swan, and Irene Wenger.

**Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:** Abbey Brassfield, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mike, Mavis Stapleford, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

**This week's birthdays: Oct. 7 – 13**

Dottie Ballard, Blair Bickford, Linda Coupland, Ann Daley, Nancy Franklin, Jane Hedgecock, Ron Hopkins, Kevin Kwan, Aiden McClellan, Michelle Prescott, Elizabeth Riley, Kiersten Scharnhorst, Curtis Spear, Andre Williams, and Cindy Wilson.

**This week's anniversaries: Oct. 7 – 13**

Dan Hunt & Rod Ingram, Frank Kirchner & David Nicholson, Suzanne & Terry O'Donnell, Jim & Jo Ann Short, and Ed & Robin Szeligowski.



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WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector  
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Katie Beth Miksa, Assistant Rector & Chaplain to ODU  
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest  
The Reverend Jess Stribling, Assisting Priest  
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music  
Marjorie Setnicky, Assistant Organist  
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry  
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations  
Michelle Sturges, Business Administrator  
Rachel Welch, Administrative Assistant  
Will Lee, Director of Communications  
Bob Reneau, Sexton for Grounds  
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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