



season of
creation

*“The sky proclaims the glory of
God, and the firmament
announces the work of God’s
hands.”*

Psalm 19:1

THIRD SUNDAY IN CREATION SERIES: SKY

July 11, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Canopy

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Marty Haugen

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

In the name of the Creator, who colors the sky, the name of Christ, who died under dark skies, and the name of the Spirit, the wind in the sky. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

The Lord of life be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,
**a planet filled with your presence, quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land,
pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

As we begin worship we remember times when we have been amazed by the sky, both at night and in daylight.

O God, we thank you for the wonders of the heavens and the splendor of the skies.

+SOLA GRATIA+

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We remember and confess how we have polluted our skies with toxins. Christ, who ascended into a cloud, hear our cry. We remember and confess that we have turned the surrounding sky into a new domain to be conquered rather than a presence to protect us.

We are sorry. We have polluted the atmosphere with waste, We have depleted the ozone layer that protects us, We have filled our skies with floating toxins. We are sorry.

We are sorry.

We are sorry.

We are sorry. We are sorry.

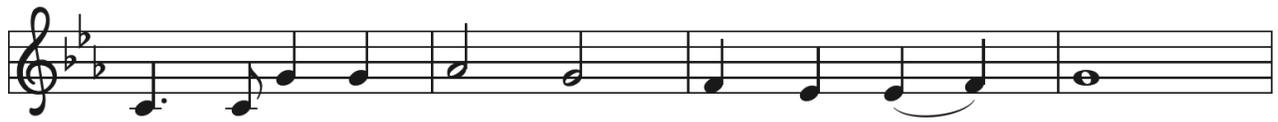
Christ hears your confession and forgives your sins against the atmosphere,

Christ, teach us to love the skies that surround and sustain our planet.

I speak for Christ: I invite you to come home to Earth by rejoicing under her skies.

Shalom! Shalom! We are coming home!

KYRIE **cantor will sing each line once, then congregation will repeat it*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE **all sing*



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

INTRODUCTION TO LAMENT AND LOSS RITUAL

There are two baskets at the altar to receive your Lament Cards. Those placed into the basket on the lectern side will be read aloud during worship. Those placed into the basket on the organ side will be prayed over and lifted up privately by the pastor. You may bring the cards forward anytime during worship, as The Spirit invites.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

God, our Creator, as we look into the skies, we celebrate the wonders of the worlds that surround us. Help us to see your presence in the evening sky, your spirit in the wind, your mercy in the falling rain. Teach us to hear the good news from the sky celebrating the glory of God in Earth. Rejoice with us as we behold the dawn revealing the mysteries of the skies above and Earth below. In the name of Christ who unites heaven and Earth. Amen.

+SOLA SCRIPTURA+

READING FROM OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 4:23-28

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19:1-6 *(read responsively)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:9-13

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing through the Alleluia once, then the congregation will sing the second time through. The cantor will sing the verse, then the congregation will join in for the Alleluia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:8-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face - to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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+SOLA FIDE+

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**sung at beginning and end of prayers:*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me**

after each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

This we believe.

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

This we believe.

God became flesh and blood, a part of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.

This we believe.

The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

This we believe.

The Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

This we believe. We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

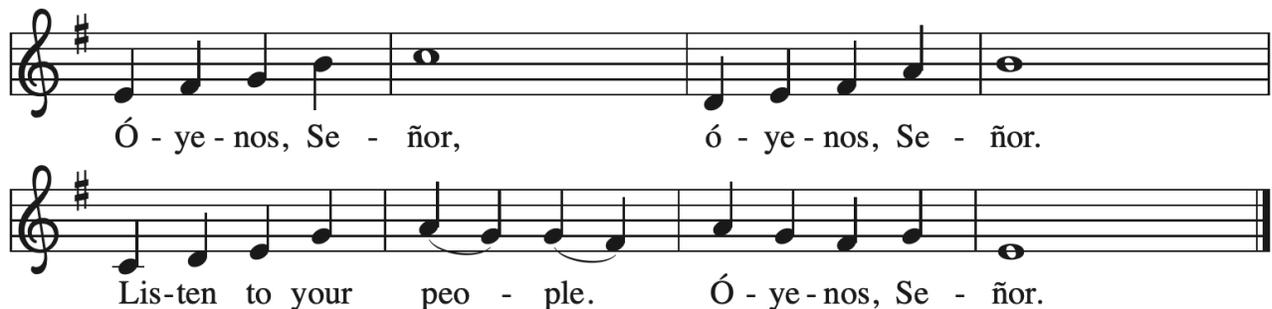
OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. **With all creation we praise our Creator.**

WE SHARE OUR LAMENTATIONS



Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor, ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.
Lis-ten to your peo - ple. Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

We offer up our Laments, Grievs, and Loss to the Living God

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Creator be with you and all creation. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We open them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to the Maker of heaven and Earth. **It is right to join creation in thanking God.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth, and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. Your Spirit is the life impulse in all things, renewing the barren and healing the wounded, groaning in anticipation of a new creation, stirring a new life born of water and the Spirit. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die, and rise from death—to redeem humankind, to renew creation, and to affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit. Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea, and air—filling every element and place, filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day. Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, God of all life, Earth and sea and sky are full of your presence and glorify your name. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

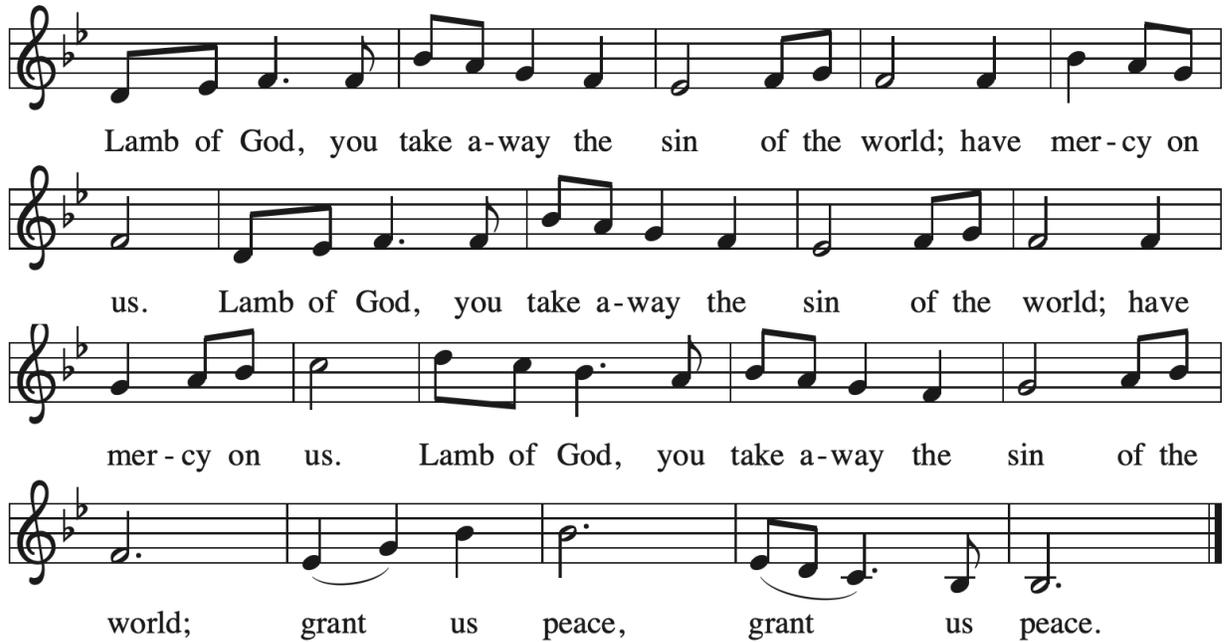
Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**We continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. You are invited to come forward to a credence table, onto which will be placed the elements. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistant will then place it on the table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat

- 1** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2** Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3** In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4** Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

*Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us give thanks for this meal.

We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Your Canopy of Vigil Lights



1 Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
2 You walk with us a - long the way, your
3 Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your praise.
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and feast.
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at home



You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and bind - ing us to
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that hearts might see what
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O mer - ci - ful, im -



your dear Son, re - newed our life, de - stroyed our death.
eyes con - ceal: by grace your pres - ence we re - ceive.
mor - tal One, O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CANOPY, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Now may the penetrating power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds and, through you, to bring healing to Earth, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

POSTLUDE

God Whose Farm is All Creation

setting by Mark Sedio

Guest Pastor	the Rev. Jim Friedrich
Organ	Bill Engel
Violin	Omari Abdul Alim
Parish Administrator	Hannah DeMers
Facilities	Wayne Boss
Worship Technician	Rebecca Kjonegaard
Assisting Minister	Richard Phillips
Lector	Jan Neuhaus
Cantor	Paul Engel
Singers	Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Jan Neuhaus, Billie Thompson
Usher	Ruth Clayton

confession & forgiveness, prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal

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