

st. peter's chelsea



The Feast of Creation
Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
September 1, 2024
10:00 AM


**The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 6 (the Feast of St. Francis observed), 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 Diocese of New York is joining in the celebration for the first time this year. The 2024 theme is "To Hope and Act With Creation." In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.*

PRELUDE

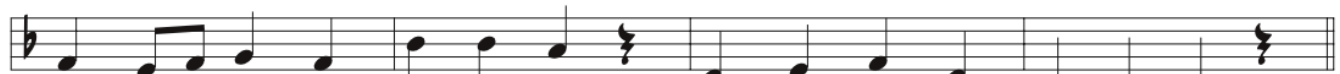
Please rise in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth



FOR TH - E BEAU - TY OF THE EARTH. FOR THE GLO - RY OF THE SKIES.
 FOR TH - E WON - DER OF EACH HOUR, OF THE DAY AND OF THE NIGHT,
 FOR EA - CH PER - FECT GIFT OF THINE, TO OUR WORLD SO FREE - LY GIVEN,



FOR TH - E LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH. O - VER AND A - ROUND US LIES.
 HILL A - NO VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWER, SUN AND MOON, AND STARS OF LIGHT.
 GRA - CE - S HU - MAN AND DI - VINE, FLOWERS OF EARTH AND BUDS OF HEAVEN.



LORD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATE - FUL PRAISE.



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THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH YOUR GLO - 0 - 0 - 0 - RY



THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH YOUR GLO - 0 - 0 - 0 - RY

Celebrant This is the day the Creator has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
Glory to the the Source, Wisdom and Breath of Creation
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

INVITATORY | Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is humankind that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory

You made them stewards over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory

Please be seated.

LISTENING | Romans 8: 14–25

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all Creation.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Please Speak

Please speak, — Your ser - vant is listen - ing. —

4 Please speak, — Your ser - vant is listen - ing. —

7 Please speak, — Your ser - vant is list - ening. —

10 Your ser - vant is list - ening. Lord, have mer - cy. —

Words/Music: Aaron Niequist

GOSPEL | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Children aged 3 and up are invited to a time of children's worship; they return in time for Communion.

CONVERSATION | *Clay and the Beauty of Imperfection* Michael and Julia DeLashmutt

Please rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from South India)*

**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

Officiant May God be with all Creation.

All **And restore us to harmony.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Show your creatures mercy, O Creator;

All **And grant all Creation your restoration.**

Officiant Clothe your beloved ones with all goodness;

All **Let your creatures sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Creator, in all the world;

All **For only in you can we live in harmony.**

Officiant Keep every tribe and community under your wing;

All **And guide us in the way of universal communion.**

Officiant Let your way of love be known upon earth;

All **Your uniting wholeness among all divisions.**

Officiant Let not those in need, O God, be lost;

All **Nor the hope of the endangered be taken away.**

Officiant Put in us new soft hearts of flesh, O God;

All **And inspire us with your Holy Breath who sustains us.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What are you grateful for? Who or what is on your heart to pray for this morning?

SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory
The earth is filled with Your glory*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Words/Music: Reginald Heber

Please be seated.

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OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Verse

Fair - - est Lord Je - - - sus,
 Fair are the mead - - - ows,
 Fair is the sun - - - shine,
 Beau - - ti - - ful Sav - - - ior!

3

ful - er of all na - - - ture,
 fair - er still the wood - - - lands,
 fair - er still the moon - - - light,
 Lord of the na - - - tions!

5

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and all the twink - ling star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of Man!

9

thee will I cher - - - ish,
 Je - - - sus is fair - - - er,
 Je - - - sus shines bright - - - er,
 Glo - - - ry and hon - - - or,

11

thee will I hon - - - or,
 Je - - - sus is pur - - - er,
 Je - - - sus shines pur - - - er
 praise, ad - - - o - - - ra - - - tion,

13

thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

My.Hymnary #191 - Fairest Lord Jesus
 WORDS: Anonymous German Hymn, Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; st. 1-3, tr. source unknown; st. 4, Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1823-1904
 MUSIC (CRUSADER'S HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH), Irregular): Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; arr. Richard Storrs Willis, 1819-1900

TO THE COURTYARD

**Bring your bulletin with you!*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread...and now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you would like to receive communion, hold your palms open when the celebrant comes to you. If you prefer a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION SONGS

10000 Reasons

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship God's holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

WORDS/MUSIC: Matt Redma

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad that you joined us for worship today! Please sign up for our email newsletter at www.stpeterschelsea.org, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

- **September 8: Blessing of the Backpacks.** Calling all students, educators, administrators, and school staff! Bring your backpack, messenger bag, briefcase, whatever you carry to school with you for this annual tradition of prayer and blessing as the school year begins.
- **September 15: Fall Kickoff BBQ!** Join us after service for our annual BBQ to reconnect in St. Peter's Garden as we welcome everyone back from the summer. Carne asada tacos from our resident chefs Ian and Ryan are on the menu (along with vegetarian options). You are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share.. RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org.

New! Fall House Churches: Gathering in community is more important than ever and so we're starting two new house churches this fall that will run through the week before Thanksgiving. Join us for food, fellowship, prayer and growing together in this season:

- **Downtown House Church, Wednesday nights** starting September 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, led and hosted by Christine, Michael and Julia at the DeLashmutt's home in Chelsea. Contact: Christine at clee@stpeterschelsea.org.
- **Uptown House Church, Thursday nights** starting September 19, 7-9 pm, led by Lisha and Ian and hosted at Isaiah and Nhaca Schulze's on the UWS. Contact: Nhaca at nhaca@schulzelink.net.

Thursday Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7-8:15 am (Midtown): Start your day with prayer! Join with other brothers at St. Peter's for a time of prayer and fellowship before the workday begins. The first meeting will be September 19 and will run through December 5. Contact Andrew Haas at andrewhhaas3@gmail.com to join.

Season of Creation Hike, Saturday, September 21, details TBA. The Season of Creation (September 1 to October 6) is an ecumenical celebration where we join with the global Church in renewing our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. Our St. Peter's family will go on a hike together led by LiChai and Lisha Epperson as we embody our connection with and appreciation of the created world. RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org.

Volunteer With Our Food Pantry, Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Help us love our neighbors through providing food and hospitality. Contact Brian Wexler at foodpantry@stpeterschelsea.org.

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