



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CREATION CARE
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
September 14, 2025 - 10:30am

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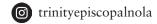
You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

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#### Children in Church

**Safe Church** - Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times and are welcome to be in spaces for church-related activities. Please do not allow your child(ren) to enter into classrooms, the school library, or other meeting spaces alone.

**Changing tables** are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

**Nursery Care** is available from 10:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our Nursery Team to welcome our littlest church members with joy and excitement. Contact: <a href="mailto:abond@trinitynola.com">abond@trinitynola.com</a>.

**The Pray Ground** is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

**To Parents:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

**To the Members of our Parish:** The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

J. S. BACH

Processional Hymn, Praise to the living God (Leoni)

Blue Hymnal 372

Praise to the living God! All prais'd be his Name who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same. The one eternal God ere aught that now appears: the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness; holy, no holiness of earth can his express.

Lo, he is Lord of all.

Creation speaks his praise, and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will: in prophet's word he spoke of old; he speaketh still. Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul; his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll. Praise to the living God! All prais'd be his Name who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

# ∞ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

All

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Celebrant

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.

#### ∞ Canticle Of Praise



# ∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

# The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *Please be seated.* 

**LEVITICUS 26:1-13** 

ou shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them; for I am the LORD your God. You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you; and I will maintain my covenant with you. You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

## ∞ The Gradual, Canticle 12, A Song of Creation,

#### CHANT BY EDWARD ELGAR



Choir: Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All: Let the earth glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Choir: Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \* O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All: Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \* and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## ∞ The Second Reading

1 Тімотну 1:12-17

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn, Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (New Britain) Blue Hymnal 671 Please stand as you are able.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

∞ The Holy Gospel *Please remain standing as you are able.* 

Luke 15:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

∞ The Sermon

THE REV. LEX BRECKINRIDGE

Silence follows the Sermon.

∞ The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.* 

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

Please remain standing as you are able.

Leader 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."

Leader 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:

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

Leader For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we

may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

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

Leader 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:

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

Leader 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:

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

Leader For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your

creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved

creatures of God, we pray:

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

Leader 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:

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

Leader For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aqua

culture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timberharvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may

be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

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

Leader For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger,

pain, or special need [especially \_\_\_\_\_], and for all 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:

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

Leader For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills,

that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

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

Leader For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have

contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet [giving thanks especially

for \_\_\_\_\_], we pray:

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

Celebrant 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 give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of 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.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all

creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ

our Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Celebrant

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### ∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

#### ∞ Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, As the Apple Tree Among the Trees of the Wood

ROBERT WALKER

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. My beloved spake, and said unto me, "Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away." As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. -Song of Solomon 2:3, 10

# ∞ The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# ∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you. Celebrant People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All By your will they were created and have their being.

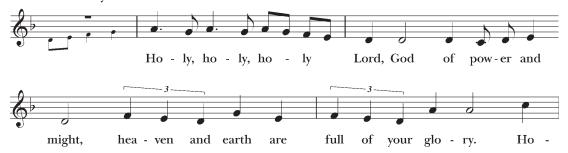
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





Please kneel or stand as you feel called.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.* 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### ∞ The Lord's Prayer

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

#### ∞ The Invitation

Celebrant

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.

# ∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

#### Communion Anthem, Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move, Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.

#### Communion Hymn, Spirit Song

Green Songbook 41

### Communion Hymn, I Am the Vine

Green Songbook 44

# ∞ Sending Out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's

Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, for we all share in one Bread, one Cup.

#### ∞ The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

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.

# ∞ The Blessing

Recessional Hymn, New songs of celebration render (Rendez à Dieu) Blue Hymnal 413

New songs of celebration render to him who has great wonders done; awed by his love his foes surrender and fall before the Mighty One. He has made known his great salvation which all his friends with joy confess; he has revealed to every nation his everlasting righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding, let every instrument and voice peal out the praise of grace abounding, calling the whole world to rejoice. Trumpets and organs set in motion such sounds as make the heavens ring: all things that live in earth and ocean, make music for your mighty King.

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring, honor the Lord with wild acclaim; mountains and stones look up adoring and find a voice to praise his Name. Righteous, commanding, ever glorious, praises be his that never cease; just is our God, whose truth victorious establishes the world in peace.

#### ∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude, Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons Maurice Duruflé

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER: The Reverend John M. Pitzer
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Lex Breckinridge
DEACON: The Reverend Carol Spencer

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Paul Weber

#### FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers on the altar of the church are given to God and in loving memory of Frank and Vita Monachino.

If you would like to honor a loved one with a flower memorial in the church or chapel, please contact Mary Katherine Williams at mkwilliams@trinitynola.com or 504-670-2526.

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