

News and Notes

Where all are welcome!

Gull, at the water's edge
mirrored in shining sand,
sleek in the silver wind
blown from the land;

in the clear fall of dark
past the thin pools of tide
with the gray sanderlings
swift at his side.

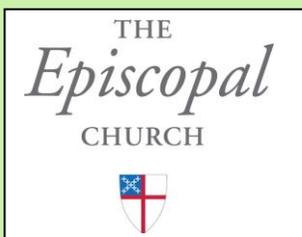
Outward beyond the eye
reaches the solitude
out to the end of time
where the winds brood.

One with his element,
quiet, unquestioning,
still, when the spill of wave
scurries the sanderling.

Dusk, and the spell of sea,
tide smell and all the vast
air for his wings when he
rises at last.

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No One Can Stem the Tide,
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*SPECIAL EDITION: CREATION SEASON**What is Creation Season?*

In 1989, the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox church called for a day of prayer for creation and that set off a global movement for the Church writ large, culminating in an ecumenical season (Sept 1-Oct 4) to “join together to rejoice in the good gift of creation and reflect on how we care for it.” ([Faith Leaders Letter](#), June 2018)

“With Martin Luther, we know that “God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and the flowers and the clouds and stars.” With Thomas Aquinas, we affirm that “Revelation comes in two volumes – the Bible and nature.” The world is God’s creation, and God delights in it. (*God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed it was very good.* Genesis 1:31; *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament show’s [God’s] handiwork.* Psalm 19:1) The land and the rivers, the air and the sea belong to God, not to human beings. (*The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.* Psalm 24:1) We are part of the created order, not separate from it, and our first calling by God is to be caretakers of creation. (Genesis 2:4b-8, 15) Reckless destruction of nature is a sign of estrangement from God. (*There is ... no knowledge of God in the land.... Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing.* Hosea 4:1b,3; *Hurt not the earth, neither the sea nor the trees.* Revelation 7:3)” (2003 Pastoral Letter of Province I Bishops)

How will we celebrate Creation?

The majority of our celebration will be on Sundays in our regular services. We have prepared a special bulletin including the texts (and service music) for the whole service plus a Hymns Supplement – to be re-used each week. The Lectionary will remain the same as usual. The sermons will invite an examination of the covenant relationships between God and creation, between God and humanity, and between humanity and creation.

Learning Opportunities:

Beginning September 9, we will offer four short classes with discussion on the following topics:

- Sept. 9: The Doctrine of Discovery
- Sept. 16: Culture Clash: Sacred Ground
- Sept 23: Environmental Stewardship
- Sept 30: Rudiments of Climate Change

Each class will be offered *between the services* on Sundays, 9:10 to 9:45 AM.

We hope you can join us!