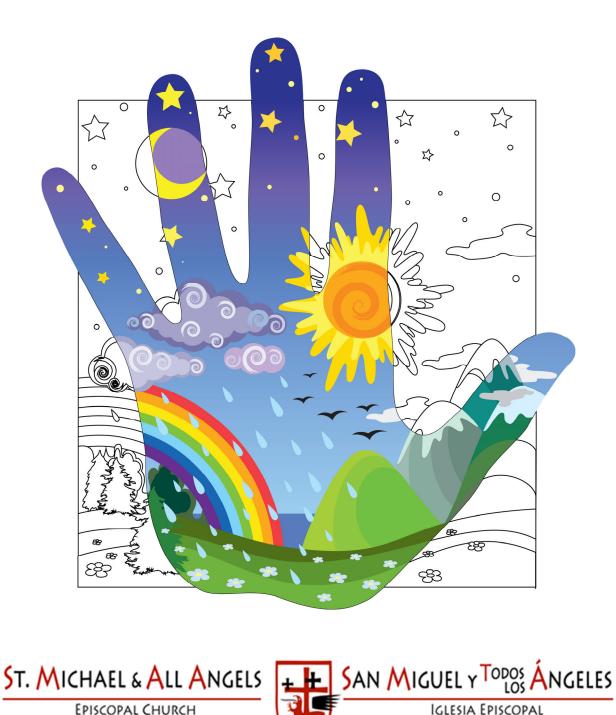
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN THE SEASON OF CREATION October 6, 2024 11:00 AM



WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

WE MANIFEST JOY through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE EMBRACE RESILIENCE by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE SEEK JUSTICE by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE LIVE IN LOVE through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants. Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before Communion. Also, coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed below.

Thank you for coming together!

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

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THE SEASON OF CREATION

The celebration of this Season began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September I as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

The yearly themes, logos, and other resources are provided by the ecumenical organization to which we belong as members of the Anglican Communion. The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, former Bishop of California, represents the Episcopal Church on the steering committee.

The theme for 2024 is To Hope and Act with Creation.

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

"For Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, groaning as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only Creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But

if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

(selection from Romans 8:19-25)

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andante

Joséphine Boulay (1869-1925)

Please be seated

A WORD OF WELCOME

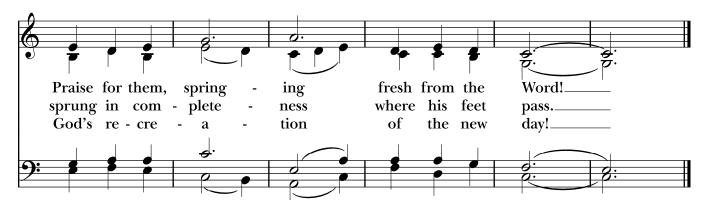
A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND MILESTONES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as able

HYMN 8





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THE GREETING

Presider This is the day that God has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SONG OF PRAISE



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray together.

God of eternal love, you fashioned the heavens and the earth and called forth all creatures into being, you made humankind in your loving image, and you see all you have made and name it good; Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to honor your image in one another, for the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear stories about the Good News of God's love. Children return to their families at the Peace.

Please be seated

THE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (Common English Bible)

Lector A reading from the book of Hebrews.

In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

God didn't put the world that is coming (the world we are talking about) under the angels' control. Instead, someone declared somewhere,

What is humanity that you think about them?

Or what are the human beings that you care about them? For a while you made them lower than angels.

You crowned the human beings with glory and honor.

You put everything under their control.

When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet. However, we do see the one who was made lower in order than the angels for a little while—it's Jesus! He's the one who is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of his death. He suffered death so that he could taste death for everyone through God's grace.

It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything. exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he's leading to glory. This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source.

That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says, "I will publicly announce your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you in the middle of the assembly."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to creation.

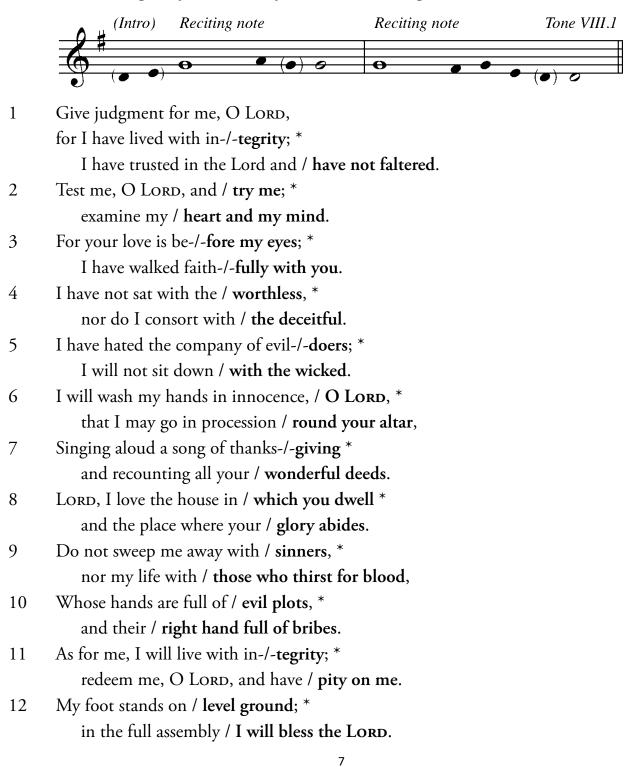
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

THE PSALM

Psalm 26

The choir or cantor sings the first verse. All join in the remaining verses.



Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16 (Common English Bible)

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?"

Jesus answered, "What did Moses command you?"

They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife."

Jesus said to them, "He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts. At the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, and the two will be one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together."

Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please observe a moment of quiet reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please say together

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through Christ and for Christ. Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: The Leader and People pray responsively. Leader: for our world, People: the heavens tell of your glory; for our land, its beauty and its resources, for the rich heritage we enjoy. We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may steward your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work creation may be renewed.

Colossians 1:15-20

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We pray: for all who are deprived of fullness of life, especially those on our prayer list, for prisoners, refugees, and those who are suffering or sick;

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, **for all who seek to bring life to others.**

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love; may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Creator, bring us new life. Jesus, Redeemer, renew us. Holy Spirit, Sustainer, strengthen and guide us.

The Presider says

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

THE CONFESSION

All Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

The Presider saysPeace with yourself.Peace with Creation.Peace with one another.The peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Sentence

O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY	ANTHEM
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A Song for the Season of Creation

Words; Malcolm Guite Music: Ian Stephens

Everything holds together, everything, From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks, To secret seeds that open every spring, From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks, Everything holds together and coheres, Unfolding from the centre whence it came. And now that hidden heart of things appears, The first-born of creation takes a name.

And shall I see the one through whom I am? Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made, The light in light, the flame within the flame, *Eikon tou theou*, image of my God? He comes, a little child, to bless my sight, That I might come to him for life and light.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer C, Expansive Language

God be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to our Creator. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

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.

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

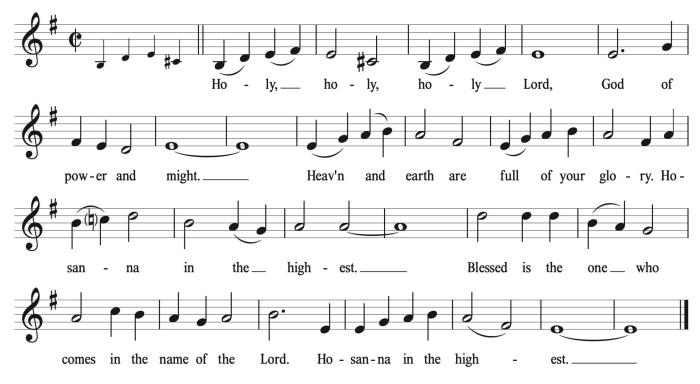
All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.

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:

SANCTUS



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The Presider continues

And so, Creator God, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

Then the Presider continues

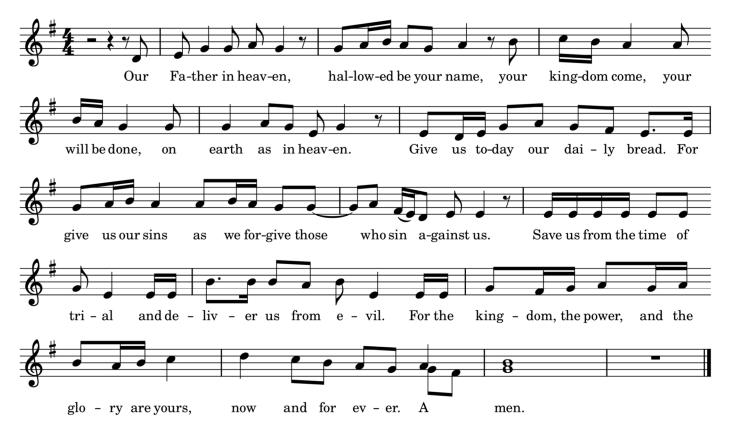
Lord God of our Ancestors; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one 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.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Christ teaches us, we pray.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider This is the Living Bread, given for all Creation.All who eat this Bread share in the Body of Christ.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James

Choir first, then All:



Verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain** One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

THE INVITATION

The Presider says The gifts of God for the People of God.

> All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar. To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches. To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other. To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth. If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

Butterflies and Moths

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

Dragonflies trembling in the breeze, ladybirds ling'ring on a flow'r, come magnify, magnify the Lord. Kittiwakes calling on the cliffs, kingfishers flashing in the morning sun, come magnify, magnify the Lord.

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

TAIZÉ



Make me a channel of your peace



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SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with N.

All You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us and transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

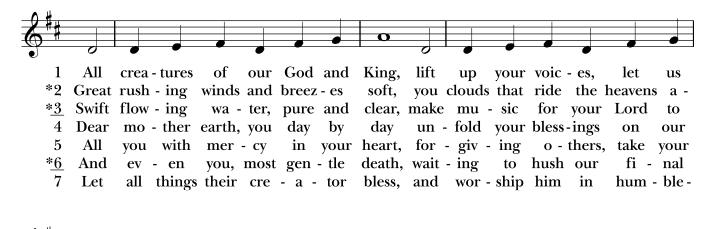
The presider blesses the people.

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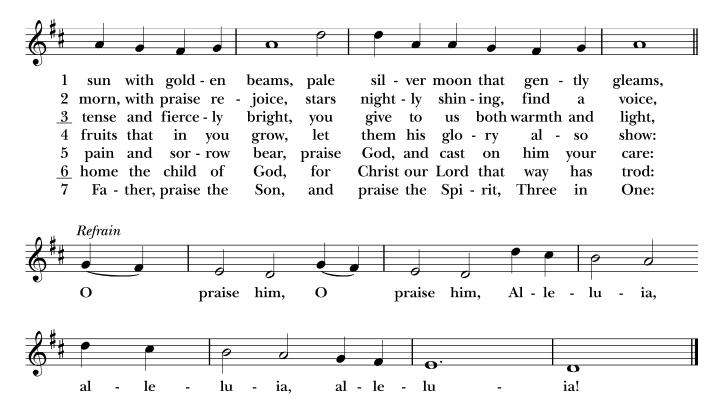
HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1, 4-5, 7)

Lasst uns erfreuen



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1 sing:	Al-le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!	Bright	burn - ing
2 loft,	O praise him,	Al - le - lu - ia!	Fair	ris - ing
<u>3</u> hear,	Al-le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!	Fire,	so in -
4 way,	O praise him,	Al - le - lu - ia!	All	flowers and
5 part,	O sing now:	Al - le - lu - ia!	All	you that
<u>6</u> breath,	O praise him,	Al - le - lu - ia!	You	lead back
7 ness,	O praise him,	Al - le - lu - ia!	Praise	God the



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout (1844-1924)

Assisting in the Service Today

VESTRY

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