All Age Service with Christine + Iris 3rd October 2021 Harvest Thanksgiving



Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are, and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still in the presence of God

Prelude ACF 79 Let All Creation Dance, vv 1, 2

(You are invited to listen or sing, as you prefer)

- 1. Let all creation dance in energies sublime, as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time, for nature's art in glory grows, and newly shows God's mind and heart.
- 2. God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark. Though moon and sun seem mindless things each orbit sings: "Your will be done."

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Gathering

We gather now in prayer, and in worship of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, also looking outwards into the world of planting, growing and harvesting.

Listen, connect, reflect and consider our place in the world and what it means to belong, be challenged and inspired as the Holy Spirit speaks to us afresh this day.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray with words from Francis of Assisi The Canticle of Brother Sun

Most high, omnipotent Lord, all praise, all honour and glory be given to thee, to thee alone most high all praise belong.

Be praised O Lord for all thy works.

For brother Sun whose brightness makes the light by which we see.

For sister moon, whose beams were formed to shine so clear and bright.

For brother wind, whose clouds and breezes blow across the land.

For sister water, so precious, humble, lowly, chaste and pure.

Be praised O Lord for all thy works.

Be praised my Lord for brother fire whose flames and light illuminate the night.

Be praised my Lord for sister Earth, for grass and plants and flowers and all our food.

Be praised my Lord for all thy love bestowed on us.

Bless those who walk the way of peace in quiet to live. **Bless those who walk the way of peace.**By thee O Lord most high they shall be crowned.

Be praised O heavenly Lord, all praise and blessing and glory be given to you, with humblest thanks for all he's given us. Amen.

(After a song by: Grayston Ives)

Confession

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for granted.

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song: ACF 23 Come Sing Praises To The Lord Above

1. Come, sing praises to the Lord above, rock of our salvation, God of love; with delight into God's presence move, for the Lord our God is King!

God is King above the mountains high, the ocean deep, the land and sky; mighty continents and islands lie within the hollow of God's hand.

2. Come to worship him and bow the knee, praise our shepherd with humility; humble creatures in his hand are we_____ sing the praise of God the king!

God is King above the mountains high, the ocean deep, the land and sky; mighty continents and islands lie within the hollow of God's hand.

3. Hear the story of God's people now, you with stubborn hearts who will not bow; learn what happened long ago and how God can show you who is king.

God is King above the mountains high, the ocean deep, the land and sky; mighty continents and islands lie within the hollow of God's hand.

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The Collect for today, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind

and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The reading is taken from Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God Our hearts and our minds are open

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you

power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The reading is taken from Luke Chapter 12:16-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, "What shall I do, I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "This is what I'll do: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, you have plenty of good things laid up for many years; take life easy, eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then, who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself, but is not rich towards God.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn, yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable are you than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider how the lilies grow: they do not labour or spin; yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is

here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you. O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink, do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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

Homily

Song: ACF 89 My God Is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty there's nothing my God cannot do. My God is so big, so strong and so mighty there's nothing my God cannot do.

The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork too.

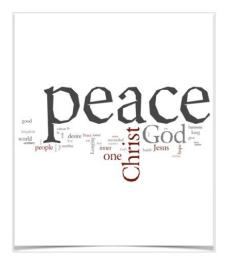
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty there's nothing my God cannot do.

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Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our Saviour taught us



A sign of peace

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation. One Home, One Body.
We see God around us.
We see God within us.
We give thanks to our Creator.
The peace of our Creator
be with you in all things.

You are invited to care and share a sign of peace with your neighbor here in the church, and then speak a word of peace to the land where you are, and all the creatures who share this common home.

Song: ACF 3 All Creatures Of Our God And King

- All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia;
 burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,

 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Swift-rushing winds that are so strong, and clouds that sail in heaven along,

 O praise Him, alleluia;

 fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice, and lights of evening, find a voice:

 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5. Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship Him in humbleness;
 O praise Him, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Blessing

May God,
who clothes the lilies of the field
and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture
and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes,
and changed water into wine,
lead us and feed us,
and change us
to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity,
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and for ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Announcements (see below)

Postlude ACF 79 Let All Creation Dance, vv 3, 4

(You are invited to listen or sing, as you prefer)

- 3. Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms, is made for praise, a fragile whole and from its soul heav'ns music plays.
- 4. Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete. In hope be strong, all life befriend and kindly tend creation's song.

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Sources of the liturgy:

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Evening Prayer on Wednesdays

6th October 2021 9pm (for 20-30min)

(Please use the usual Sunday service link.)



Women's Prayer Group

October 7, 2021 at 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

via zoom (Please get in touch to receive the link.)



Thursday, 14th October 2021 at 7:30 pm Bible study with Revd. Vinod Victor (Please use the usual Sunday service link.)



Studien- und Begegnungstag

Im Vorfeld der Vollversammlung des Weltkirchentags 2022 in Karlsruhe

Prof. em. Dr. Hans Ulrich Steymans OP (Uni Fribourg)
Zur Enzyklika "Laudato Si"

Arbeitsgruppen zu folgenden Themen:

- → Mitgeschöpflichkeit
- → Ansätze für eine grüne Landwirtschaft
 - → Tierwürde und Konsum
- → Pilgerweg für eine Ökonomie des Lebens und für Umweltgerechtigkeit
- → Das Klimakonzept der Erzdiözese Freiburg
- → Informationen und Materialien für die Gemeindearbeit

9. OKTOBER 2021

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ACF CALENDAR 2022

Work on the ACF Calendar 2022 has begun! If you are part of the ACF and would like to contribute your drawings and paintings, please get in touch by the end of September.

Thank you to all the ACF artists that make our calendar what it is!





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