



A DIOCESAN CELEBRATION  
OF  
EARTH DAY

Sponsored by the Creation Care Team  
&  
The Cathedral of the Incarnation

22 April 2023  
11:00 in the morning

**L**ove all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love. Love the animals: God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Do not trouble it, don't harass them, don't deprive them of their happiness, don't work against God's intent.

*The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky*

# Order of Worship

## THE PRELUDE

*At the sound of the bell, all stand, turn and face the tower entrance of the Cathedral.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Bishop* + Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. alleluia!

*During the following hymn, the Bishop asperges the people as a sign of their baptism.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Engelberg*



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em -  
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re -  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As



braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, And our de -  
born, we share with him an East - er life As liv - ing  
Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we  
Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
live with God the Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!  
verse re - stored and whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray

**B**ountiful Creator, you open your hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your abundance, for the benefit of the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom all things were made, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*The congregation is seated for the proclamation of God's word.*

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 55:6-13*

**S**eek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



O bless the Holy One, my soul;  
 You, Lord, excel in might;  
 You deck yourself in majesty  
 And splendor shining bright.

From where you dwell you send down rain  
 To water mountain fields;  
 The earth is fully satisfied  
 By what your labor yields.

You make grass grow for cattle food  
 And plants for humankind  
 And bread to strengthen human hearts;  
 You gladden them with wine.

O Lord, how manifold your works,  
 You wisely made them all;  
 The great, wide sea is filled with life  
 And creatures great and small.

You give them food; they gather it;  
 They eat what you supply;  
 But when you turn away, they fear  
 And turn to dust and die.

But when you send your Spirit forth,  
 The whole earth is restored;  
 May all God's glory long endure;  
 May all things praise the Lord.

## THE EPISTLE

*Romans 8:19-23*

**F**or the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
 infinite in time and place,  
 flung the suns in burning radiance  
 through the silent fields of space:  
 we, your children in your likeness,  
 share inventive powers with you;  
 Great Creator, still creating,  
 show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
 since the childhood of our race;  
 known the ecstasy of winging  
 through untraveled realms of space;  
 probed the secrets of the atom,  
 yielding unimagined power,  
 facing us with life's destruction  
 or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
 may it challenge us anew,  
 children of creative purpose,  
 serving others, honoring you.  
 May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
 each endeavor well begun:  
 Great Creator, give us guidance  
 till our goals and yours are one.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 12:22-32*

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

*People* Glory to You, Lord Christ.

**J**esus 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. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown

into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Moore  
*Diocesan Missioner for Environmental Justice*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* God has made us guardians of the Divine creation, and so we lift our hearts in prayer as stewards of our earthly home and cosmic universe.

*Intercessor* Light of light, springing from the winds of darkness, you placed all living creatures in the dome of your sky: help us to rejoice in the warmth of the sun, and in the stillness of the night season when the mysteries of life take hold. For this we pray.

*People* **Hear us, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Lord of sky and sea, you gave us water to refresh our bodies, and filled the oceans with life-giving creatures, you fashioned every winged bird of every kind: give us the perseverance to restore the fresh and pure springs of your creation, and the fragrance and vitality of the air that surrounds us. For this we pray.

*People* **Hear us, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Rock of Ages, from the earth the mountains rose, and you put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruits trees of every kind: give us the grace to nurture these sacred gifts, so that future generations may be nourished from the abundance of the land. For this we pray.

*People* **Hear us, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Yahweh, you called the earth to bring forth cattle and creeping things, wild animals, and creatures too small to behold: help us to till your soil with care, that it may yield its gifts for all your people, and for the generations to come. For this we pray.

*People* **Hear us, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Divine Potter, you formed human figures out of the dust and filled them with your life-giving breath, that we might be bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh, participants in your creation, and companions in the garden of all joy and delight: give us the grace to restore all humanity to your goodness and first love. For this we pray.

*People* **Hear us, O Risen Christ.**

*Deacon* God of all mercy, forgive:

*Intercessor* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our exploitation of other people.

*People* **Have mercy, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Our blindness to our abuse of God's creation resulting in human need and suffering, hunger and homelessness, destruction and death.

*People* **Have mercy, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Our waste and greed, and our wontedness in making sacrifices for the health of our earthly home, and all who inhabit its nations.

*People* **Have mercy, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Our pollution of what is below the heavens and in the universe in which we reside.

*People* **Have mercy, O Risen Christ.**

*Intercessor* Restore us, O God,

*People* **to fellowship with you and all that you have made. Guide us in the restoration of your sacred creation. Help us, to proclaim the good news of your salvation.**

*Bishop* Almighty God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, forgive them their sins through the mercy of our Risen Lord, and bring them to the joys of your eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS



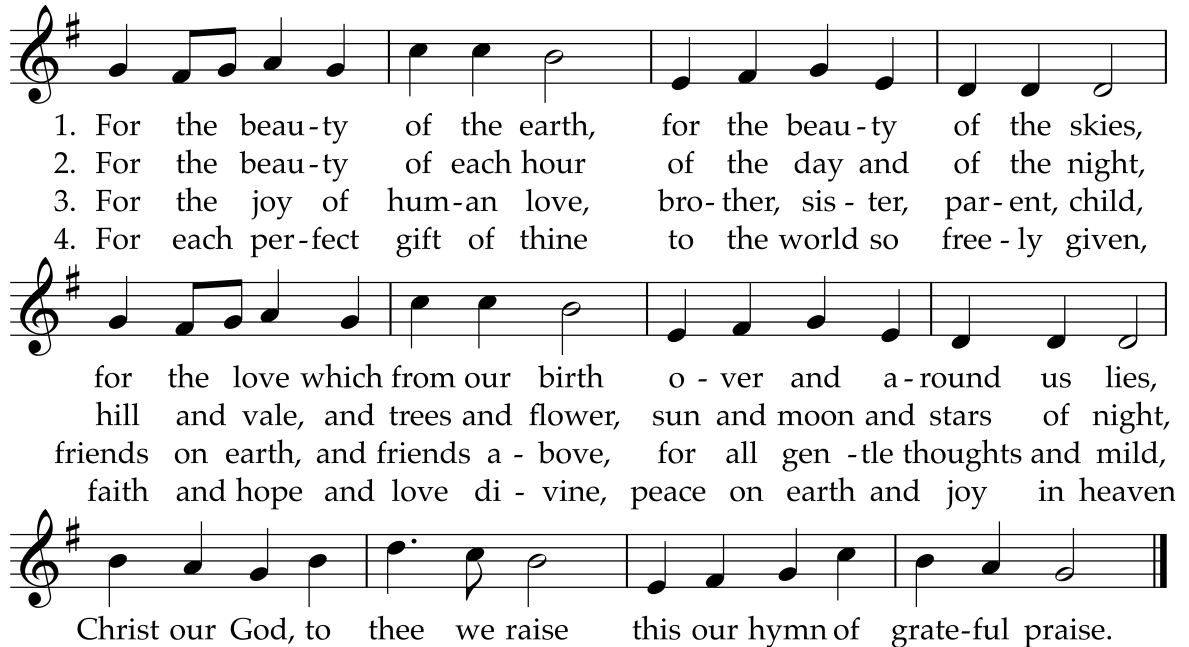
# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

LITURGICAL DANCE

*St. David's Episcopal Church, Cambria Heights*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*Dix*



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,  
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of hum-an love, bro-ther, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4. For each per-fect gift of thine to the world so free-ly given,  
for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
hill and vale, and trees and flower, sun and moon and stars of night,  
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
faith and hope and love di-vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

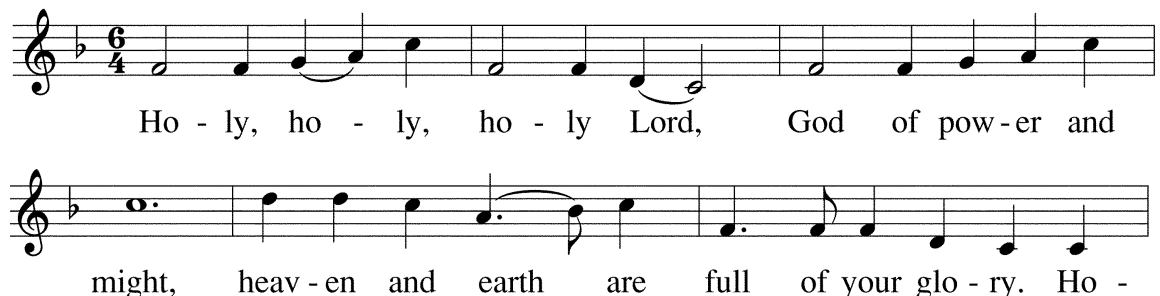
*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Bishop* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, because you have brought us into being and called us to care for the earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

*Bishop*

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Bishop*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* AMEN.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Bishop* And now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* 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

*Bishop* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.\_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.\_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world.\_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace.

*Bishop* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ has died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Members of other Christian traditions who receive Communion in their own churches are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. We ask that you only receive the host in the palm of your hand and that you only drink from the chalice. Gluten-free communion is available.*

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*People* **Creator of the universe, fountain of life and source of all goodness, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of your Body and Blood. Send us into the world to listen to the voice of all creation, to be faithful stewards of your bountiful gifts, and to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BENEDICTION

*Bishop* From the pain of the cross, Christ rose from the dead and gave us eternal life.

*People* **Alleluia.**

*Bishop* From the chaos of the world, we are called to speak God's word and be bearers of his hope and love.

*People* **Alleluia.**

*Bishop* From confusion, desolation, and the ravages of war, we are called to proclaim the good news of a holy peace.

*People* **Alleluia.**

*Bishop* And may the blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN

*Nun danket alle Gott*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



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*We*, the Creation Care Community in the Diocese of Long Island, are equipping individuals, parishes, and diocesan organizations to respond to God's call to ecojustice, which we take to encompass the equitable distribution of environmental benefits and harms (environmental justice) and also right relationships with non-human Creation. Ecojustice, as we understand it, is therefore inseparable from racial and economic justice.

We are committed to collaborative teamwork, to equal partnership of clergy and laity, and to reflecting and honoring the diversity of our diocese in our actions and in our leadership.

*We are answering the call to ecojustice by:*

① Working to align diocesan financial investments with the goals of ecojustice.

② Building a network of parish-based green teams across our diocese.

③ Understanding our carbon footprint and working to become a carbon-neutral diocese by 2035.

④ Entering into partnerships with other organizations in the broader movement for ecojustice.

⑤ Taking into account the latest science on the environment and the drivers of climate change in our actions.

For more information, please email us at [creationcare@dioceseli.org](mailto:creationcare@dioceseli.org)



## About the Creation Care Community of the Diocese of Long Island

CCCDLI was formed under the direction of the Bishop of Long Island, and consists of individuals who share a care for creation and a commitment to finding ways, as Christians, to address environmental degradation and climate change. The group had its first meeting of interested parties in late 2019. At the 2020 Diocesan Convention, the newly formed Creation Care Community submitted a resolution calling for a commitment to “the work of seeking right relationship with the created things of our environment through acts of repentance, justice-seeking, healing, activism, education, or witness”.

The Creation Care Community Team seeks ways to partner with parishes and organizations across Long Island, and to advocate and give support to the work being done for the environment, as well as racial and economic justice. (See our Statement of Purpose included in this bulletin.) We have assisted in the formation of Green Teams in various parishes, and completed our first Green Teams retreat in October 2022. We are actively engaged in expanding solar energy use throughout the Diocese in cooperation with Long Island Progressive Coalition.

The CCCDLI Leadership Team currently consists of:

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Moore, Co-Chair, Diocesan Missioner for Environmental Justice (Brooklyn)

Ms. Rita Ann Griffith, Co-Chair (Nassau)

The Rev. Canon Eddie Alleyne (Nassau)

The Rev. Maxine Barnett (Nassau)

The Rev. Lilo Carr Rivera (Suffolk)

The Rev. Diane DeBlasio (Suffolk)

The Rev. Deacon Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds (Queens)

The Rev. Mark Genszler (Brooklyn)

Mr. Darren Glenn (Brooklyn)

The Rev. Canon Marie Tatro, Diocesan Canon for Community Justice Ministry (Brooklyn)

To join the team, to schedule a parish visit from our Missioner, to subscribe to our newsletter, or for other information please speak to any member of the leadership team. Or email us at [creationcare@dioceseli.org](mailto:creationcare@dioceseli.org).