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CHAPEL 

Service of Holy Communion

April 6, 2017, Two-thirty in the afternoon

∞ Bridging Faith and Learning ∞

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 144 (*found in the hymnals located in the chair racks*)

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

LITANY OF CONFESSION FOR CREATION

(The congregation pauses to consider and repent of our personal and corporate sins against God's creation and responds to each petition: "Lord, have mercy.")

Minister: For when we have failed to value the gift of life and have rejected our responsibility to be good stewards of your creation.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For the times we have benefited from lower-priced goods that pass the costs onto the world's poorest peoples.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For the ways we participate in systems that value profit over people, convenience over compassion.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For the times we have consumed more than we needed, wasted food, and let others go hungry and thirsty.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For the 123,000 acres of forest lost each day, and the thousands of unique species driven to extinction this past century.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For the times we have ignored your wisdom and truth, our God and Creator, choosing instead our selfish desires.

People: Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Loving Father, every good gift of creation comes from you.
Send your Holy Spirit now to teach us and illuminate your
holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 35:1–10 (*OT pages 623–4*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 8:18–30 (*NT page 148*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—Creation Groans

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OVER THE WATER

(The congregation is invited to come to the font at the back of the Chapel to receive prayer and a symbolic washing of hands in the font.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Adapted from the Second Eucharistic Prayer of Creation, Anglican Church of Southern Africa.)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Minister: We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of creation. In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.

And now we give you thanks, because by your Spirit you make us your new creation, reconciling us to you, to one another, and to your created world through your Son Jesus. Even as the first fruits of your Spirit give us hope, we offer our praise to you hoping for the redemption of your creation.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself, Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation and the covenant you made with your chosen people. Then he took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives. Lord Jesus, you invite us to feast at your table, reconciled to God, to one another, and to your creation.

Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command: through him with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

SENDING FORTH

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 (*verses 1–4 and 7*)

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand.*

Statistics in the Litany are from <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/>

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