

All Age Communion Service - 9 August – CREATION

Collect:

Heavenly Father we meet together, your people, one people, your family, bound together, with the woven chord that binds all of creation together, fashioned from your love. Brothers and sisters, children together, one family in fellowship, with you, its Heavenly Father. May this be a time of joy, a time for growing, a time for strengthening, a time for loving, time together.

First reading: Psalm 19: 1-8

The heavens tell the glory of God.
And the skies announce what his hands have made.
Day after day they tell the story.
Night after night they tell it again.
They have no speech or words.
They don't make any sound to be heard.
But their message goes out through all the world.
It goes everywhere on earth.
The sky is like a home for the sun.
The sun comes out like a bridegroom from his bedroom.
It rejoices like an athlete eager to run a race.
The sun rises at one end of the sky, and it follows its path to the other end.
Nothing hides from its heat.

The Lord's teachings are perfect.
They give new strength.
The Lord's rules can be trusted.
They make plain people wise.
The Lord's orders are right.
They make people happy.
The Lord's commands are pure.
They light up the way.

Second reading: Colossians 1: 15-19

No one has seen God, but Jesus is exactly like him.
Christ ranks higher than all the things that have been made.
Through his power all things were made—things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, all powers, authorities, lords, and rulers.
All things were made through Christ and for Christ.
Christ was there before anything was made.
And all things continue because of him.
He is the head of the body. (The body is the church.)
Everything comes from him.
And he is the first one who was raised from death.
So in all things Jesus is most important.
God was pleased for all of himself to live in Christ.

Gospel:

John 1: 1-5, 16-18

Before the world began, there was the Word.
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
All things were made through him.
Nothing was made without him.
In him there was life.
That life was light for the people of the world.
The Light shines in the darkness.
And the darkness has not overpowered the Light.

The Word was full of grace and truth.
From him we all received more and more blessings.
The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
No man has ever seen God.
But God the only Son is very close to the Father.
And the Son has shown us what God is like.

Post-Communion

For this world,
Your creation,
Rolled into a sphere,
Packaged in sunshine,
Gift-wrapped in love,
Given to us,
We, your children, thank you.