



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major, J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Divine Voice,

People: You sing and the universe comes into being;

Leader: O Divine Breath,

People: You breathe and all things spring to life;

Leader: O Divine Word,

People: You call and creation is sustained;

Leader: O Divine Flesh,

People: You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;

Leader: O Divine Spirit,

People: You fill all that has been formed;

Leader: O Divine Life,

People: You are the pulse of all that is. We gather now to worship and to praise You.

HYMN 32

I Sing the Almighty Power of God, Ellacombe

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness, desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us. We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making, polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth. We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence, sending missiles instead of accepting refugees, ignoring your commandments. Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation. Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Forgiving God,

People: open our hearts and minds that we may receive your forgiveness, and forgiven seek to forgive others, and to live a life of reconciling love towards all of creation, modeled on the example of Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

SERMON

The Poetry of God's Handiwork

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth, Dix

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: **[Refrain]**

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: **[Refrain]**

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: **[Refrain]**

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: **[Refrain]**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Flute Piece, W. Hine

Leaders Today

Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist Cindy Kornetzke
Minister of Music Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech John Tarr