

EASY PRINT – Welcome to Church All Ages Service – September 27, 2026

Welcome

Child: There was once someone who said such wonderful things, and who did such amazing things, people started to follow him. One day, these people just had to ask: “Who are you?” And he said: “I am Jesus. And I am the Light of the World...”

(altar candles are lit)

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: #355 – “ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day, unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now! Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, God’s glory let them also show,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others take your part,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear, sing praise and cast on God your care,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless and worship God in humbleness
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ The Gathering of the Community

1st Child: God is our Creator. Let us Praise God!

People: **Alleluia!**

2nd Child: God taught us how to love, through Jesus!
People: **Alleluia!**

1st Child: God, the Holy Spirit, is with us now!
People: **Alleluia!**

2nd Child: God, be with us now, as we gather together. Help us to care for one another and for the world as you care for us. Help us to pray with faith, sing with joy and worship with love.
People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

✠ The Reading of Scripture

Please be seated

Paraphrase: Genesis 1 (The Tiny Truths Bible: Joanna Rivard, Tim Penner)

Reader 1: The Story of Creation. This is where it all starts. The VERY beginning. At the beginning of everything, there was nothing.

Reader 2: Except God.

Reader 1: And God was full of love, full of joy, bursting with happiness and excitement and life. In fact, there was so much love and joy in God that he wanted to share it.

Reader 2: So God spoke into the nothingness, and something amazing happened.

Reader 1: “Let’s start with some light”, God said. And light appeared. “Sky goes up here, God said. “And oceans below.”

Reader 2: God pulled land up from the water to make tall mountains and deep valleys, and covered them with plants and trees.

Reader 1: “You are the sun,” God said to a bright light, placing it in the sky. “You’ll be the light of day”. “You are the moon” God said to a smaller light. “You’ll be our night light. Oh! And stars too!” God said and threw some tiny lights into the dark sky. God smiled.

Reader 2: “Beautiful!” God said. And it was. God filled the air with singing, flapping birds and all sorts of things that fly. God filled the seas with splashing, leaping fish and all sorts of things that swim.

Reader 1: On land, God put all kinds of animals, from the wonderfully small, to the magnificently tall. Everything was bursting with life, and everything was just as it was made to be.

Reader 2: “Now for the best part of all!” God said. And God made a man and a woman
to live with God in this perfect, beautiful world. They would belong to God, made to love God and to be loved by God forever.

Reader 1: “You are my children.” God said, “and this is ALL for you!”. Then God stopped to look at everything that was made. It was SO good. God smile again and then, God rested.

Reader 2: The great story had begun!

Reader 1: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A “Psalm” of Praise: The Seven Days of Creation

On Day One of Creation, God said “Let there be...”

A LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Two of Creation, God said “Let there be...”

Sky far above, waters deep below,

And a LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Three of Creation, God said “Let there be...”

Flowers, fruits and trees,

Sky far above, waters deep below,

And a LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Four of Creation, God said “Let there be...”
Sun! Moon! And stars!
Flowers, fruits and trees,
Sky far above, waters deep below,
And a LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Five of Creation, God said “Let there be...”
Many birds a-flying, many fish a-swimming
Sun! Moon! And stars!
Flowers, fruits and trees,
Sky far above, waters deep below,
And a LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Six of Creation, God said “Let there be...”
People I delight in,
Many birds a flying, many fish a swimming,
Sun! Moon! And stars!
Flowers, fruits and trees,
Sky far above, waters deep below,
And a LIGHT that all may see!

On Day Seven of Creation, God said “Let there be...”
A joyful day to rest in,
People I delight in,
Many birds a-flying, many fish a-swimming,
Sun! Moon! And stars!
Flowers, fruits and trees,
Sky far above, waters deep below,
And a LIGHT that all may see!

Gospel Acclamation: #715

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

The Congregation sings the “Alleluias”. The Cantor sings the verse.

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us, by Our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: 
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Child: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 1: 9-14

People: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: The Word is united to God; now through the Christ reconciling,
God has trusted us with the news of redeeming love!

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Reflection – *Fr. Daniel*

Please be seated

Statement of Faith

There are things that we, as a Church, believe in together, so we name them each week in worship.

We believe in one God, who made all that we can see and things we can't see.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh.

**We believe that he was born of Mary and lived among us,
teaching us the ways of God and showing the power of God
through healing, forgiving and in miraculous signs.**

**He gave his life on the cross, without striking back with anger or hatred.
He died and rose again, showing that God is more powerful even than death.
He sent his Holy Spirit to be with us, to guide us and strengthen us.
He has brought many different people together through baptism, into one Church,
Including those who have died, but have gone before us into eternal life.
We believe that God forgives our sins and will raise us with Jesus, even after death.
We believe that Jesus will come again to this world.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

Child 1: Let us pray for our church, our world and our own needs, trusting God to hear us and do what is best.

Child 2: We pray for our church. Thank you, God for St. John's, and for all the people who make up our church. Help us to be the kind of place where people can see Jesus. Help us be the kind of people that remind others of Jesus.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 1: We pray for our world, especially for people who are suffering because of war, poverty or hunger. Change our hearts so we can be kinder, more forgiving and share more of what we have with those who don't have enough.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 2: We pray for those who are sick and those who have asked us to pray for them. Please God, bless those who need healing in their bodies or minds. Help those who are caring for them. Let us name those we want to pray for, out loud, or in our hearts. *(pause for a few seconds)*. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 1: We can't just pray for things we need. We also need to thank God for everything he has already given to us! So we thank you God for all who love and care for us. Thank you for places to live and food to eat. Thank you for this beautiful world with all the plants and animals that share it. Thank you for living in this world, through your Son Jesus.

All: **Lord, thank you for everything!**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Sharon: We remember that God is forgiving and merciful. Jesus told us that God was like a shepherd who searches for his lost sheep and like a Father waiting for his wandering child to come home. Let us return home to God.

Sharon: Forgiving Father, Loving Shepherd

All: **we admit we have not always done what you want us to do. We sometimes do things you have told us not to do. We are not always as kind and caring towards others as you are towards us. We are very sorry and we will try to do better. Help us to live as Jesus lived and love as Jesus loved.**

Priest: God who is all powerful, forgive you all your sins and give you the help of the Holy Spirit to live the ways of heaven, here on earth.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest & Children: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #427 – “ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS”

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;
hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling clear the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel-hymn, “Good will to all on earth.”

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,
thy self the vision passing by in crystal and in rose.
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,
in ever changing words of light, the wonder of thy name.

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of its members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The children who wish to may join Fr. Daniel again at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

Priest: Jesus came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which separates us from God and each other. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to give us light and show us the way to be your children.

Priest: The night before he died, Jesus showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread and he shared it with his friends saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.

(A child will raise the ciborium with the bread)

Priest: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said: Drink from this, all of you, this is the cup of my blood, shed for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me.

(A child will raise the chalice with the wine)

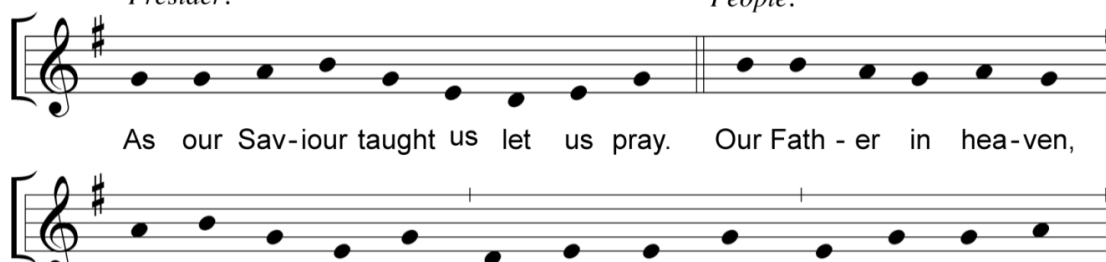
Priest: And so, we share this bread and wine, to remember who Jesus is, to remember that we are his friends and to remember that he asked his friends to love one another.

Priest: And now, let us sing together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray: a prayer we sing every Sunday together:

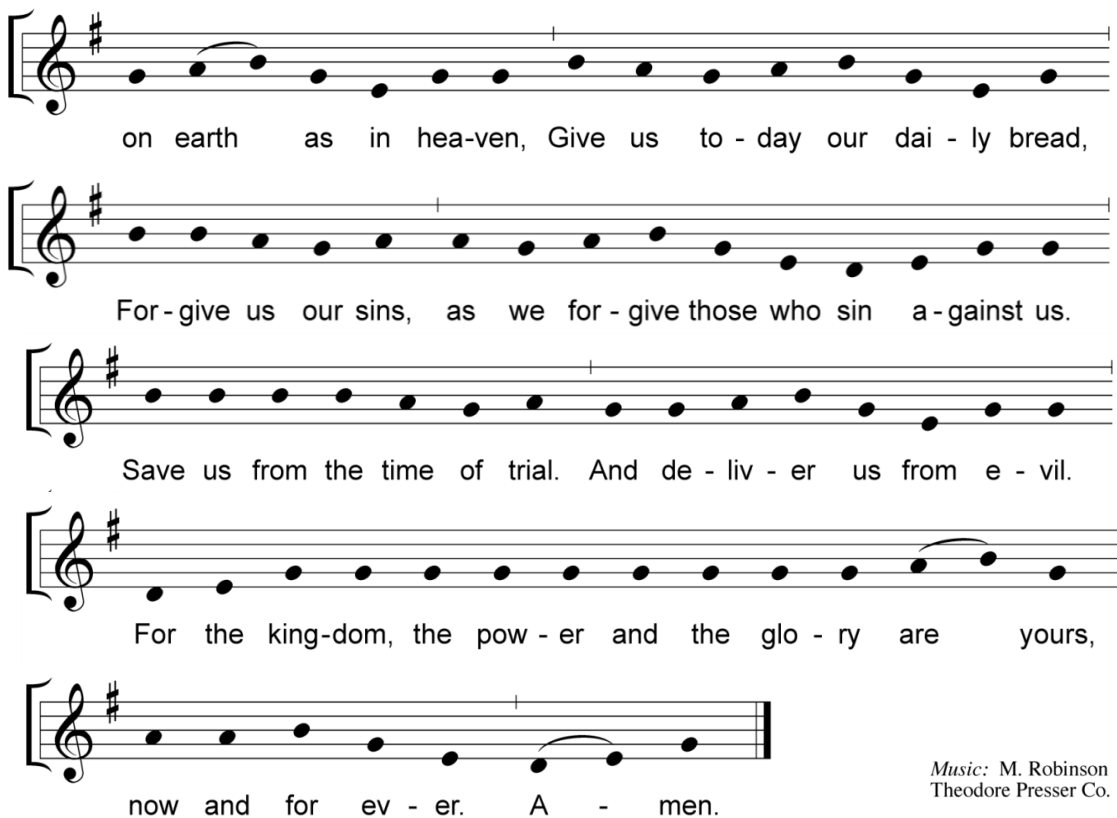
The Lord's Prayer

All sing, unaccompanied

Presider: *People:*



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,

For-give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.

Priest: We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Child: If you are joining us from home, please know that you are also part of our church too. God is with you, even if you cannot take the bread and wine.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.
Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.*

Communion Hymn: - #428 – “GOD WHO GIVES TO LIFE IT’S GOODNESS” *All sing*

God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom, God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you, deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits, minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending all our acts by Love refined

Communion Hymn: “HE’S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS” *All sing*

He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole wide world in his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands. He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands

He’s got the little tiny baby in his hands. He’s got the little tiny baby in his hands.
He’s got the little tiny baby in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got you and me brother in his hands. He’s got you and me sister in his hands.
He’s got all of us together in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

Choir Anthem: - “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH” – *JOHN RUTTER*

Prayer after Communion:

Child: Thank you, God, for this time together to praise you and to think about how wonderful your creation is. Thank you for the blessing of our life, our loved ones, our church and especially for the blessing of Jesus, who has called us all into his family.

All: **Amen.**

Dispersing the Light:

A child will extinguish the altar candles.

Child 1: Remember the person who did and said wonderful and amazing things? Remember how he said: "I am the Light?" This Light couldn't stay in just that time, in just that place, or with just those people, so the Light changed.

Child 2: The Light changed so it could be in all times, in all places, and with all people. Including today, here, with us.

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: # AAH #149 – “THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD...”

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go into God's beautiful world, shining God's wonderful light. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Thanks to all who participated in serving in the service today.