



Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost
*A World Communion Sunday Service
for Creation Care*
October 4th, 2020

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude	<i>Vöglein (Little Bird)</i>	Edvard Grieg
Welcome		
Moment for Mission	CROP Hunger Walk	Hayden Heflin
Opening Prayer		Ken Henry
Opening Hymn	Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU	

God's Word to Us

First Reading	Psalm 104 Liturgical dance: Dana Patek & Megan Sharp	
Second Reading	Leviticus 25:1-5, 8-10	
Sermon	Jubilee for the Earth	Dorothy Piatt
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Sung Response (You are invited to repeat each line after the cantor introduces it.)		
Holy, holy, holy God of power and might.		
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.		
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.		
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.		
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.		
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Lynne Clements
Hymn	The Earth Belongs to God Alone	SIMMONS
Charge and Benediction		
Postlude		Percussion Ensemble

18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
 2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
 3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the

stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
 wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
 heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of

tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
 all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
 strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is

love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - jice! (O)
 sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
 found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)

This recent paraphrase of Psalm 148 expands our awareness of the breadth of God's creation by being set to a traditional Indonesian melody that has become the basis for one of the most widely known worship songs from Asia. It needs to be sung joyfully and at a lively tempo.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - jice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The bottom staff is a bass line in the same key and time. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melody and accompaniment.

715 The Earth Belongs to God Alone

1 The earth be - longs to God a - lone; hard
 2 The fer - tile ground through years of toil has
 3 All life be - longs to God a - lone, in
 4 Till God en - dows the earth once more with

clay, rich soil, fine sand. Give thanks wher - ev - er
 cried for Sab - bath rest— a time of peace for
 wil - der - ness and fields. From fal - low land, or
 E - den's state of grace, may we en - deav - or

food is grown on bor - rowed ho - ly land.
 worn - out soil so land can be re - freshed.
 plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.
 to re - store all land as sa - cred space.

This text emerged from a study of the attention in Levitical laws to the well-being of the land, especially by calling for fallow periods, or "land sabbaths," to preserve the soil. 2 Chronicles 36:21 even suggests that the Babylonian exile may have resulted from abusing the land.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

God above us —
trees, birds and sunshine,
stars and moonlight

God beneath us —
earth, rocks and rivers,
roots and caverns

God around us —
seas, winds and cities,
animals and people

God within us —
hope, tears and laughter,
love and wonder

We celebrate that
you made us,
you love us,
and you call us to work and rest with you.

— *Iona Community*

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