

Season of Creation 2024
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 – 10:00 AM



The World is our Host



Millbrook, NY
“Deep Roots, Open Doors”
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Voluntary: Siciliano

John Stanley (1713-1786)

Processional Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

H 546

Baptismal Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism:

People **One God and Father of All.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Creation Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Let us pray

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able

to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

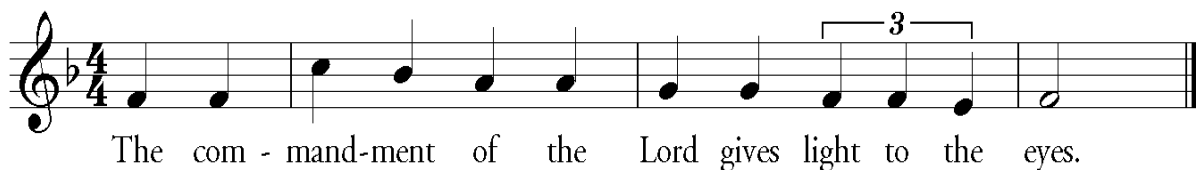
So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 19:7-14



(St. Martin’s Psalter)

7 The law of the lord is perfect, ... and re-[vives] the soul;
the testimony of the lord is sure, ... and gives [wisdom to] the innocent.

8 The statutes of the lord are just, ... and re-[joice] the heart;
the commandment of the lord is clear, ... and gives [light to] the eyes.

9 The fear of the L ord is clean and en-[dures] forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous [al]-together.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, ... more than [much] fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, ... than honey [in] the comb.

Antiphon

11 By them also is your [servant] enlightened,
 and in keeping them there is [great] reward.
 12 Who can tell how often [he] offends?
 Cleanse me from my [se]-cret faults.
 13 Above all, ... keep your servant from presumptuous sins; ...
 let them not get do-[min]-ion over me;
 then shall I be whole and sound, ... and innocent of a [great] offense.
 14 Let the words of my mouth, ... and the meditation of my heart, ...
 be acceptable [in] your sight,
 O Lord my strength and [my] redeemer.

Antiphon

The Second Reading: A Reading from Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert,
 Terry Tempest Williams

Terry Tempest Williams (b. 1955) is an American writer, educator, conservationist, and activist. Williams' writing is rooted in the American West and her work focuses on social and environmental justice ranging from issues of ecology and the protection of public lands and wildness to exploring humanity's relationship to culture and nature. She is working with the Planetary Health Alliance and the Center for the Study of World Religions in establishing The Constellation Project, where the sciences and spirituality are conjoined.

The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.
 Here ends the lesson.



Cantor: Alleluia.

All: Alleluia.

Cantor/Choir: O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.

All: Alleluia.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia: All (repeat sung Alleluia)

Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Calkins

Presentation & Examination of the Candidate

BCP 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents

I present *Nathan and Hannah* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant then asks the whole congregation to reaffirm their baptismal vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome and announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: "We Have a Common Calling"

H 525

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, sung to the tune of The Church's One Foundation

We have a common calling, O God of love and grace —
to care for your creation, to tend what you embrace.
We have one home, one future; we're not in this alone.
We're called to work together for this our common home.

You call us to be partners — to notice and to care;
you make us loving stewards of land and sea and air.
We see our climate changing; God, show us what to do
to care for your creation, to heal the earth with you.

We'll work to build strong leaders; we'll listen to our youth.
We'll strengthen congregations to help them speak the truth.
We'll work with other partners in our communities —
for moral, wise perspectives must shine in times like these.

We see our neighbors suffering — especially the poor —
and so we'll work toward justice and toward an earth restored.
We'll work as loving neighbors to plan and to prepare.
We'll allocate for climate; the earth deserves its share.

O God, as congregations, we don't act out of fear;
our moral obligations will motivate us here.
We seek a blest tomorrow; our voices rise above.
May we, today, be faithful in this great work of love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation I

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

The people join together in the Sanctus, and then the presider continues

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. AMEN.

Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people come forward for Communion.

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert)

S 164

Communion Anthem: "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Words: The Rev. Henry McFadden

Music: “Prospect” from Southern Harmony, arr. Jessica Nelson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of Earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep, and far-off land.
And I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

H 344

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Organ Voluntary: Diapason Movement

John Stanley (1713-1786)

(A note abbreviations: BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer;
refers to the blue 1982 Hymnal)

Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins
Music Director: James Ruff
Singer: Rachel Bazaz
Chalice: Marli Higa
Reader: Joe Garzetta
Usher: Ben York
Videographer: Alex Freeman
Coffee Hour: Ben York

Altar Flowers – To the glory of God.

Remember the Following Parishioners on Our Prayer List: Ann, Barbara, Cathy F., Colleen, Dan J., Evelyn, Grace, Jackie, Jennifer, John, Logan and family, Lou, Marc, May, Nalini, Tommy Z., Willem, Yasmin and family.

If you would like prayers said in church on Sundays and Wednesdays for yourself or someone you know, please contact the office at 845-677-3064 Monday-Friday 9am – 2 pm.

This Week's Prayer Cycle: Monday: Kish Tuesday: Kistner Wednesday: Kolts Thursday: Kozlowski, Jr. Friday: Kramer Saturday: Kryzak Sunday: Lacey

We welcome all who are with us this morning, and pray that this time of worship and fellowship is inspiring and uplifting for you. Following the service, please join us in the Parish House for coffee and continued fellowship. If you would like to discuss your faith journey, please speak with our Rector, Fr. Matthew Calkins. Contact Info: Cell (203) 216-2287 - Rectory (845) 677-5414 email: calkins@gracemillbrook.org

Servers for next week and Coffee Hour 10/6/24:

Reader	Chalice	Usher	Coffee Hour
8AM- 10AM- Marli Higa	Beth Willis Ben York		Barbara Rudy

Baptism at 10 a.m. – We give thanks today for the baptism of Nathan and Hannah Shanks. Nathan and Hannah are the children of Johnathan and Candice Shanks.

About the Season of Creation: The Season of Creation is a recent ecumenical development in global Christian practice and understanding. It began with the 1989 declaration of a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation by Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, affectionately known as “the Green Patriarch” of the Greek Orthodox Church. In 2015, Pope Francis and the Protestant World Council of Churches joined in—and made it a Season of Creation stretching from September 1 to October 4, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. In the years since, the movement has grown, and this past year the General Convention of the Episcopal Church announced adoption of resources for liturgy and other actions and activities. Our newly elected Bishop of New York,

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, has embraced the Season, and the Creation Care committee of the diocese—whose co-chair is our own Fr. Matt and whose program director is Grace Church parishioner Kirsten Muth—has launched a website promoting the resources and other programs. Throughout September and into the first Sunday of October, Grace Church services will incorporate these resources—as we did last year as a diocesan pilot program. Go to the Creation Care website <https://creationcare.episcopalny.org> to learn more.

We warmly welcome children at Grace

Children will be invited to join our Sunday School teachers in the choir room during the first part of the service for a Godly Play story. The Godly Play program is the Grace Church response to children's Sunday School. A Montessori-based program that meets children at their individual age, intellectual and experiential levels, it teaches Old and New Testament bible stories through storytelling with engaging movable props, and introduces children to many of the traditions and practices of the Christian Church in a fun, low-key way.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6th after the 8am and 10am services. Bring your pets to receive a blessing, as well as stuffed animals and even cell phone photos!

Shady Knolls Family Fun Day Saturday, October 12th 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Please join in Grace Church Millbrook and Shady Knoll Orchards for our 2nd Annual Family Fun Sunday! RSVP by email office@gracemillbrook.org or by phone (845)677-3064. Suggested donation is \$ 25.00.

What to expect: Yard games, hay bales for climbing, freshly grilled food and cold drinks, tasting room with Shady Knoll distilled spirits for parents.

Call for Artists and Crafters and Save the Date for Grace Cookie Bakers. December 14, 10am-2pm.

Welcome to the St. Nicholas Bazaar Fine Crafts & Holiday Cookie Sale at Grace Church Millbrook! The event will take place on Saturday, December 14th from 10am-2pm.

Reservations are being taken for vendors to participate in our annual event. We offer two floors of space in our beautiful parish hall to showcase your handcrafted items.

The cost is \$40 for a six foot space prior to October 15th, and \$50 for a six foot space after that date. We provide tables and access to electric outlets to vendors on a first come-first served basis. There is a small elevator that can be used if needed. Chairs are provided. We will advertise the event county wide.

This event is well known in the community for the unique crafts that are offered and the festive and delicious holiday cookies that are baked by our parishioners. For the last several years our attendance has grown to hundreds of visitors and our cookies sell out quickly.

To register as a crafter or for more details see our website at <https://www.gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar.html>. Registration forms will also be available in the church.

For questions about vendor space contact Pam Freeman at freemanpamela@icloud.com or call 845-341-7348.

More details will be announced about the cookie sale in the future. For questions about the cookie sale contact Lynda Boissey at lboissey@aol.com or call 914-456-1097. In the meantime please think about what kind of cookies you like to bake. If anyone has freezer space we can use please please let Lynda know. Happy baking!

SEARCHING for AVAILABLE FREEZER SPACE

As we begin to plan for the annual GRACE CHURCH Holiday Craft and Cookie Sale, we are hoping to find a shelf or section in one or several parishioners' freezers where we can freeze homemade Holiday cookies starting in October. If you can help us out with a freezer shelf, section, or any available freezer space, please call or text Lynda Boissey @ 914 456-1097 or the church office @ 845 677-3064.

We give thanks for these four Pillars of Grace

The success of the 2024 Golf Tournament, Dinner and Silent Auction was thanks in part to the valiant leaders who came before us. For many years, Pam Freeman, Lynda Boissey, Robin Capers and Doug Capers led this effort, and together over 15 years combined, raised well over \$300,000 to support Grace Church. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to these four Pillars of Grace for all the hard work and dedication they have shown all these years. We are blessed beyond measure because of you!

Grace Church made our presence felt at Community Day!

- The Lacey's and Cathy Shanks organized, planned and set up.
- Ben York, Will Cox, The Rev. Canon Elliott and Barbara Lindsley, Beth Willis and Fr. Matt manned the table.
- We gave out several boxes of goody bags, dog treats, literature and blessings.
- It was a privilege to pray for and pray with so many of our fellow Millbrook residents and friends!

Creation Quotes:

T.S. Eliot (1888-1965), The Idea of a Christian Society

A wrong attitude towards nature implies somewhere a wrong attitude towards God, and the consequence is an inevitable doom. For a long enough time, we have believed in nothing but the values arising in a mechanised, commercialised, urbanised way of life: it would be as well for us to face the permanent conditions upon which God allows us to live upon this earth.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), The Irony of American History

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

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