

The Anglican Church in the Diocese of Trinidad & Tobago

Holy Saviour Parish

*Service for Launching of
Becoming a Green Parish*



Sunday 24th January 2010

The Greens

UWI Creative Arts Centre

Gordon Street

St. Augustine

3:30 p.m.

Opening Hymn

Every Person Was Created

Every person was created
By God's glorious grace.
Formed with many variations,
All can find a place;
All have got a special value,
Purpose, in the human race.

With new peace understanding
All can thrive and grow;
Children, adults, learn together
Where God's world might go,
If we lean upon each other
What true richness we can know

Young and old from every
nation,
One great family
Can create, in combination,
Hope and harmony;
With our different skills and
talents,
Make one marvelous unity.

We must free out full potential
To respect and care,
God lights up our lives through
others,
Breaks through everywhere;
Lifts his people up triumphant
When we recognize him there.

(Tune Angel Voices)

Opening Sentences

The earth is the Lord's an all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

V. Blessed be the Lord our God,
R. By whose grace we are yet alive.

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,
R. By whose rising we are set free.

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,
R. In whom is our hope and our joy.

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Trough your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise

O Gracious Light

**O Gracious light, pure brightness
Of the everlasting Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the vesper light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times
To be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be
Glorified through all the worlds.**

Office Hymn S.O.F. 14

All things Bright and Beautiful

All Things Bright And Beautiful

*All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Psalm 8

1. O Lord our governor,* how exalted is your name in all the world!
2. Out of the mouth of infants and children* your majesty is praised above the heavens.
3. You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,* to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,* the moon and the stars you have set I their courses,
5. What is man that you should be mindful of him?* the son of man that you should seek him out?
6. You have made him but little lower than the angels;* you adorn him with glory and honour;
7. You give him mastery over the works of your hands;* you put all things under his feet:
8. All sheep and oxen,* even the wild beasts of the field,
9. The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,* and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10. O Lord our governor,* how exalted is your name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (N I V)

¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

At the end of the reading:

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoices in
God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the
humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath
sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he
promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without
end. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Acts 17:24-31 (N I V)

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of
heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵And
he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because
he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.
²⁶From one man he made every nation of men, that they should in-
habit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and
the exact places where they should live. ²⁷God did this so that men
would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him,
though he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

At the end of the reading:

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A Song of Creation

Invocation

The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord*

Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,

And all that grow upon the earth,*

Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,*

O whales and all that move in the water,

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord.*

Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,*

And all you flocks and herds;

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,*

Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.
In the firmament of hi power, glorify the Lord,*
Praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Musical Interlude

BY Kwesi Jeffers

Hymn

Holy Spirit We Welcome You

Holy Spirit We Welcome You.	That Your children here may truly
Holy Spirit we welcome You.	know
Move among us with holy fire,	How to move in the Spirit's flow.
As we lay aside all earthly	Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
desire,	Holy Spirit, we welcome You.
Hands reach out and our hearts	
aspire.	Holy Spirit We Welcome You.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,	Holy Spirit we welcome You.
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.	Please accomplish in me today
	Some new work of loving grace I
Holy Spirit We Welcome You.	pray;
Holy Spirit we welcome You.	Unreservedly have your way
Let the breeze of Your presence	Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
blow,	Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Address

by Marissa Clarke-Marshall

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. **Amen.**



Act of Penitence for Bad Stewardship of Creation

Then Minister and people standing say together.

Leader

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We have not forgiven others, as we have desire to be forgiven. We have not forgiven ourselves as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Chris served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord

We confess to you Lord our total disregard for your creation, our selfishness and greed in exploiting your natural resources.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites which have lead us to abuse and misuse the animals you gave us for food, and the plants you gave for our well being.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our destruction of your environment without any regard for future generations.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our reckless contribution to global warming, from which we are reaping a harvest of Climate Change.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our wanton pollution of your creation and our lack of care and concern for your environment.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our total disregard for the delicate balance of nature and our destruction of the fragile ecosystem.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our destruction of your forests and our pollution and reduction of your natural waterways.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and over exploitation of your natural resources, our lack of wisdom and foresight.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all the animals and plant species that are endangered because of our greed and selfishness.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all the animal and plant species that have become extinct because of lack of care and concern.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all the land that has become barren and unusable because of our exploits.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all the people of the world who have become refugees because of our destruction of your environment.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all the children who have died because of our disregard for your creation.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Help us by the power of you Holy Spirit to be good stewards of your creation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Canticle of the Creatures

Saint Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,

Yours are the praises, the glory and the honour, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy
to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir

Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a
likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be to You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air,
cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You
give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Water, who is very useful
and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised to you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You
light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and
strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with
colored flowers and herbs.

Praise be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endured in peace

For by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,

From whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks

And serve Him with great humility.

The Suffrages

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name forever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope

R. And we shall never hope in vain

Collect of the Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour
Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His
salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of
His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Praying with Creation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus, ascended Sovereign of the universe. Guide and guard this precious blue planet, home for all your creatures. Deepen our commitment to earth, that set in the midst of rivers and deserts, cities and countryside, creatures seen and unseen, we may live to your glory.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past so be with us in the coming night. Free us from evil, sin and fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life.
To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

There's a place in your heart
And I know that it is love
And his place is much brighter
than tomorrow
And if you really try
You'll find there's no need to cry
In this place you'll feel
There's no hurt or sorrow

There are ways to get there
If you care enough for the living
Make a little space
Make a better place

Heal the World

Chorus

*Heal the world,
Make it a better place
For you and for me
and the entire human race
There are people dying
If you care enough for the
living
Make a better place
For you and for me.*

If you want to know why
There's a love that cannot lie
Love is strong
It only cares for joyful giving
If we try, we shall see
In this bliss we cannot feel
Fear or dread
We stop existing and
Start living

Then it feels that always
Love's enough for us growing
So make a better world
Make a better world...

Chorus

We could fly so high
Let our spirits never die
In my heart
I feel you are all my brothers
Create a world with no fear
Together we'll cry happy tears
See the nations turn
Their swords into plowshares

We could really get there
If you cared enough
For the living
Make a little space
To make a better place...

Chorus (x3)

There are people dying
If you care enough
For the living
Make better place
For you and for me (x2)

Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God,
We thank you for the gift
of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love
And serve all persons
In the power of the Holy Spirit
And in the Name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices and announcements:

Blessing

Father God, Universal Power, remind us daily of the sanctity of life.

Touch our hearts with the glorious oneness of all creation, as we strive to respect all the living beings on your planet.

Penetrate our souls with the beauty of this earth, as we attune ourselves to the rhythm and flow of the seasons.

Awaken our minds with the knowledge to achieve a world in perfect harmony.

And grant us the wisdom to realize that we can have heaven on earth.

(Adapted from Jo Poore—Earth Prayers 1991)

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be
among you and remain with you always! *Amen.*

Processional Hymn

Commitment To Creation

We shall go out renewed in our commitment
To Integrate creation in ourselves,
To work and trust,
To hope and play and wonder
With heart that long for world integrity.
We'll work to right the wrong of devastation
Of humankind and all created life;
We'll dream our dreams of earth's reintegration
Within the dreamtime of a Christ who is the Way.

We'll play our games that still the hectic struggle
To win a race that all can only lose;
We'll trust the God who works from deep within us
For peace and justice, unity for all.
We'll keep alive the flame of hope within us
And wonder still at beauty yet unborn.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all within the circles of our love.

(Tune: Londonderry)
Seeing Christ in Others—Ed. Geoffery Duncan



Practical Tips for achieving our objective—Becoming a Green Parish

1. Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving.
2. Turn off lights, TV, music, and digital entertainment when leaving the room for any length of time.
3. Wash clothes in coolest water possible.
4. Air-dry laundry whenever possible.
5. Hand-wash clothes instead of dry cleaning them if possible.
6. Clean out closets and donate clothes not worn in the past year.
7. Replace incandescent with compact florescent bulbs.
8. Avoid fast-food restaurants; pack lunch when traveling.
9. Avoid the use of pesticides and chemicals on your lawn and garden.
10. Plant a vegetable or herb garden.



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&
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