

Genesis Rhyme Reading

by Sam Hargreaves

Rewind, back to the beginning, no birds tweeting, no earth spinning. Formless, nothing, 'til the day God's Word and Spirit combined to say: "**Light!**" And there was **light**. It was a good **light**, it was from God.

Somehow there was water, but it had no limits, so God had to set some boundaries within it. Once evening and morning had sailed on by he divided heaven and earth with the cry: "**Sky!**" And there was **sky**. It was a good **sky**, it was from God.

Then God reached out his creative hand to pull back the sea, revealing land. He wanted to see diverse vegetation food and colour for every generation: "**Plants!**" And there were **plants**. They were good **plants**, they were from God.

Now God wanted rhythms, days and nights, seasons and patterns, shadows and lights. So he set the stars and the moon in place and he called with joy and delight on his face: "**Sun!**" And there was a **Sun**. It was a good **Sun**, it was from God.

God looked at the waters and looked at the sky, he imagined sea creatures and things that fly, all shades of colour, both huge and small, and each appeared as he smiled and called: "**Fish and birds!**" And there were **fish and birds**. They were good **fish and birds**, they were from God.

As he turned to land, God saw in his mind creatures and critters of every kind, tame and friendly, wild and wondrous, at his voice there appeared in abundance: "**Animals!**" And there were **animals**. They were good **animals**, they were from God.

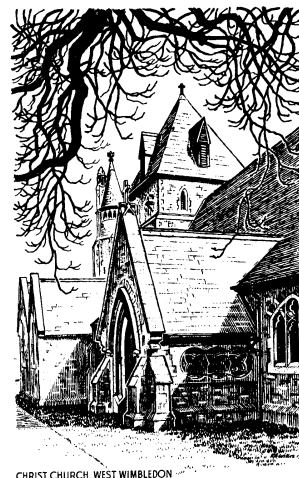
God the Trinity said "we need people like us, male and female, united in love, reflecting our nature, caring for earth," so with one word God brought to birth: "**Humans!**" And there were **humans**. They were good **humans**, they were from God.

All God made, it was very, very good. There were trees for shelter and plants for food. The gift of creation with enough to share, God blessed that day, and with a whisper declared: "**Rest.**" And there was **rest**. It was a very good **rest**, it was from God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13.31-35



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SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 CREATIONTIDE



COLLECT

Glorious God, the whole creation
proclaims your marvellous work:
Increase in us a capacity to wonder and
delight in it, that heaven's praise
may echo in our hearts and our lives
be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Creator God, send your Holy Spirit
to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS: Romans 13.8-14;
Matthew 18.15-20

10.00am CREATIONTIDE SERVICE

Services led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards;
Sermon: Jack Edwards,
Southwark Diocesan Environmental Officer

READINGS: Genesis Rhyme Reading;
John 13.v31-35

HYMNS: SEE SERVICE SHEET

GREEN PRAYER

Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer:

Let us turn our hearts to the West,
from there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain.
Creator God, heal us and our relatives.
Let us turn our hearts to the North,
winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.
Creator God, restore our strength.
Let us turn our hearts to the East,
the morning Sun begins each day there.
Creator God awaken us and help us to walk
with a renewed life.
Let us turn our hearts to the South,
where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.
Creator God soothe our aching souls.
Let us turn our hearts to the Sky,
from there our Creator sees all around us,
Creator God help us to trust you to lead us
Let us turn our hearts to the Earth
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.
Creator God hear us as we pray. **Amen.**
(Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina
- Anglican Indigenous Ministries)

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

READINGS: 2 Kings 6.24-25;7.3-end;
Acts 18.1-16

HYMNS: 537, 210, 624 Psalm 149

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Peter Turner, Chris Kernan, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

Those who have died: Grace Tapping.

Anniversary of death: Stan Tanner (1989); Angela Salmon (2014); Monique Dixon (2014)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

9.15am **TODDLER GROUP** Hall

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 15

Service led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards.

Guest speaker: Gabby Parikh,
Diocese of Southwark's Head of Giving

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Junior & Senior Church

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

CREATIONTIDE SERVICE TODAY at **10.00am** Guest preacher Jack Edwards, Diocesan Environmental Officer for Southwark. Special hymns, readings and childrens' groups activities.

TODDLER GROUP re-starts this Wednesday 13th September, at 9.15am in the Hall.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday 1st October.

CALL FOR VEGETARIAN & VEGAN RECIPES. Please bring your favourite recipes to the 10.00am Harvest Service to pin on our board. The Eco Church Group will collate them into a Christ Church Cooks booklet available late this autumn.

VEGAN TASTING STALL After the 10.00am service—why not try a vegan milk in your coffee? Vegan products to taste.

HARVEST DONATIONS—Please bring gifts of food to the services to go to Wimbledon Foodbank, Christian Care Association and Merton Refuge. See the separate flier for guidance. The collection money will go to A Rocher Kenya, Christian environmental organisation who we partner in prayer.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY Thank you to everyone who contributed. Enjoy the display in the coming weeks and add a prayer on our pathway to 'net zero'.

DIVESTMENT from FOSSIL FUELS

Dis-investment, is the moving of investments out of particular stocks, bonds or funds. In June 2023, the Church of England's Church Commissioners and Pensions Board announced the historic decision to divest from all oil and gas companies for failing to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement on combatting climate change and transitioning to renewable energy. And so have we! In May this year, the PCC of Christ Church declared that they do not hold any fossil fuel investments and will not invest in fossil fuels in the future. At least 23 Church of England dioceses have made a commitment and Southwark Diocesan Synod are due to vote on divestment from fossil fuels this autumn.

NEW VICAR ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE REVEREND
LOTWINA FARODOYE**

IS DELIGHTED TO BE APPOINTED
VICAR OF CHRIST CHURCH
AND IS VERY MUCH LOOKING
FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW
YOU ALL.

*HER LICENSING IS TAKING PLACE
ON **MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**
AT **7.00PM** IN CHURCH,
WITH A PARTY AFTERWARDS
- ALL OF YOU ARE WELCOME.*

*PLEASE RSVP ON THE FLIER
OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.*

INSTALLATION SERVICE on ZOOM

If you can't make it to Church, Lotwina's Licensing Service will be available to watch live on Zoom. The Parish office will send out an email on the 25th September to those who receive the electronic version of the weekly noticesheet. If you would like to watch it on Zoom, and are not on this Mail-out, please let one of the Wardens know and we will make sure you are sent it.

DONATIONS: If you don't carry cash but would like to donate to Christ Church, we have a card reader at the cross aisle which you are welcome to use. Thank you.