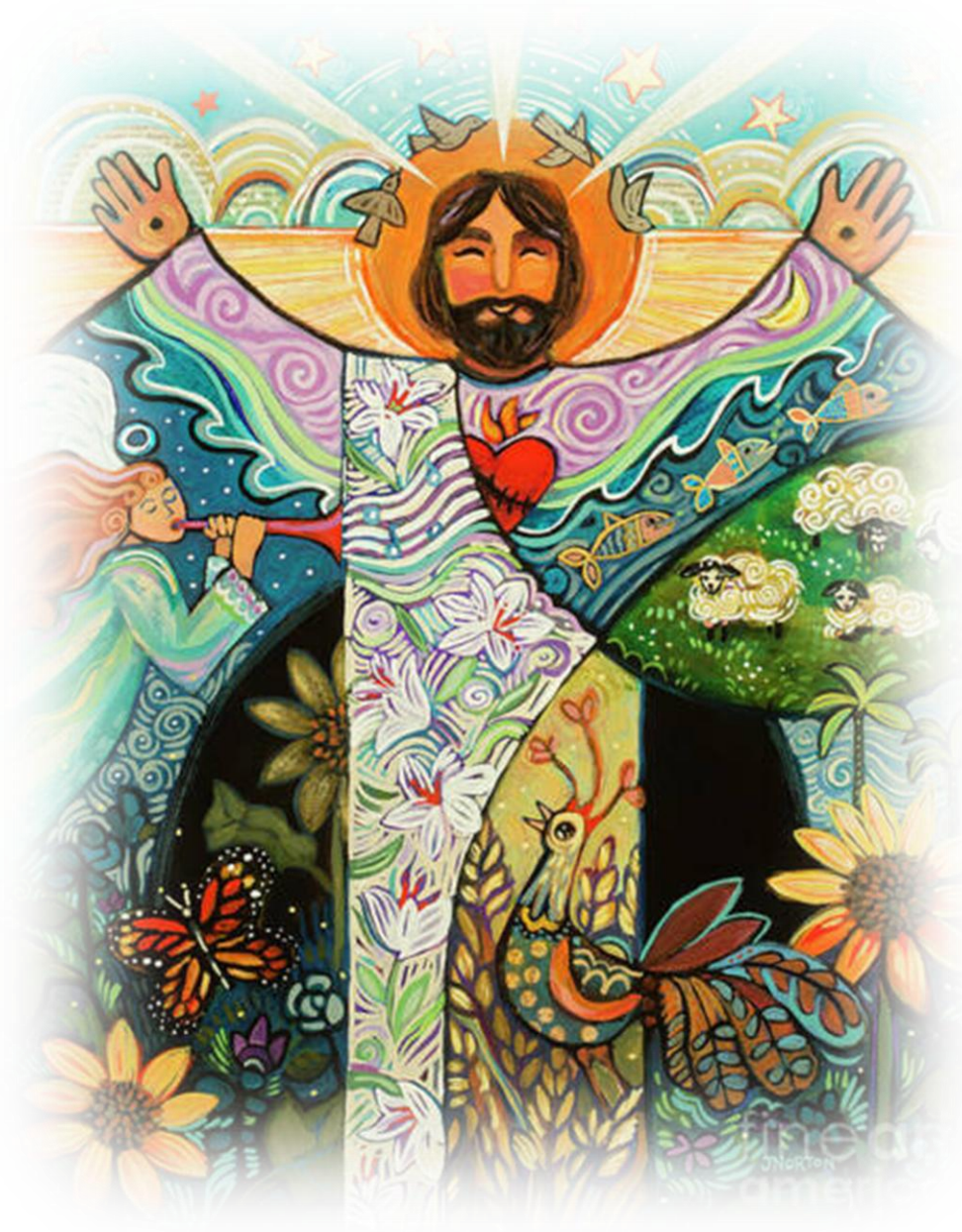




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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23rd Ordinary time



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Creation in Christ Day

6 Sep 2026

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ on Earth,

Welcome to the ***Season of Creation***! In the words of Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, "***In the Season of Creation, we turn again to Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together.***"

The global theme this year is based around "***Living Water***" – water which sustains life (Ezekiel 47:9-12). We will look at this theme more closely in week 3. During this season, we are encouraged to:

- Pray for the care of creation and for communities facing environmental challenges.
- Learn about the importance of water, ecological justice, and our Christian calling to be stewards of God's creation.
- Take action through sustainable lifestyle choices, water conservation, community clean-ups, or environmental initiatives.

This Sunday, the Season will kick off with an ecumenical '***Feast of Creation in Christ***' which was officially added to our Lectionary this year. During worship, I would like to introduce the "***Via Creationis***", also known as "***The Way of Creation***." It is a communal prayer that blends the mystery of Genesis with reflection. It is an invitation to encounter **God as Creator and Redeemer** and to rediscover creation not simply as something God made long ago, but as a gift continually held in God's love.

May this Season of Creation help us to deepen our faith, renew our relationship with God's creation, and become channels of God's living water in a thirsty world. *Yukiiko*

News and Upcoming Events

Update on Yukiko's Injury

Thanks for your loving support and prayers. I went to the hospital expecting I would have surgery on Wednesday. After examining, the orthopaedist didn't think I needed to do that. I will work on rehabilitation with a physiotherapist and see the orthopaedist in a couple of weeks' time. He reassured me to take a good rest.



Thanks to Dorothy Schultz, we didn't have to cancel the meeting. The participants made a photo books and Foot photos for their first Father's Day gift!



Settler's Morning Tea: Next meeting: at **10am**
Wednesday 16 September at Settler's Lounge.

Season of Creation @AGAC

6th Sep: Creation in Christ

14th Sep: Holy Cross Day

20th Sep: Living Water

27th Sep A guest preacher:

Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan

7st Oct: A Half Day Retreat

**4th Oct: St. Francis Day and
Blessing of Animals**

All welcome

We pray for:

- Auckland Diocesan Synod 3 to 5 September
- Bishop Ross as he prepares to complete his sabbatical; for good health for him and his wife; and for a safe, enriching and restful experience.
- people of Nepal as they face the catastrophic flooding.
- those who are no longer able to attend Sunday worship at Church
- every man in our parishes — fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, mentors, and friends — who have touched lives with their love, guidance, and strength.

This Week's Bible Question

Which two things were the first to be given names in the creation story?

- A. The earth and darkness B. Light and the earth
C. The sea and the sky D. Light and darkness

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Turn Turn Turn
Gradual: All creatures of our God and king
Offertory: What a wonderful world
Recession: Ten thousand reasons

Sentence for the day

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
(Colossians 1:15)

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Gen. 1: 2-2:3	TBA
Psalm	148:1-14	TBA
2 nd Reading:	Acts: 17: 22, 24-28	TBA
Gospel:	John 1:1-5	TBA

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: It describes God creating the heavens, the earth, all living creatures, and humanity in six days, followed by God blessing and sanctifying the seventh day as a day of rest.
- 2nd Reading: We're reminded of the prophetic and indeed the missional voice of the Earth, again through variety, diversity and concern for God's justice.
- Gospel: "All things came into being through [Christ], and without [Christ] not one thing came into being

Collect for the Day

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you
are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your
love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

This Week's Bible Question Answer: D

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Reflection

Liturgist

Presiding

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

6 Sep

Val D

Trish D

Bernadette

Trish

Yukiko

Yukiko

Cheen

Yukiko

Patrick

Robert & Beatrix

Diana

Andrew

13 Sep

Karenne

Ria

Alison T

Christian

Yukiko

Yukiko

Cheen

Beatrix

Karenne

Ria & June

Ria

Trish

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Reflection & Liturgist

Presiding

6 Sep

Bruce

Brian

Yukiko

Cheen

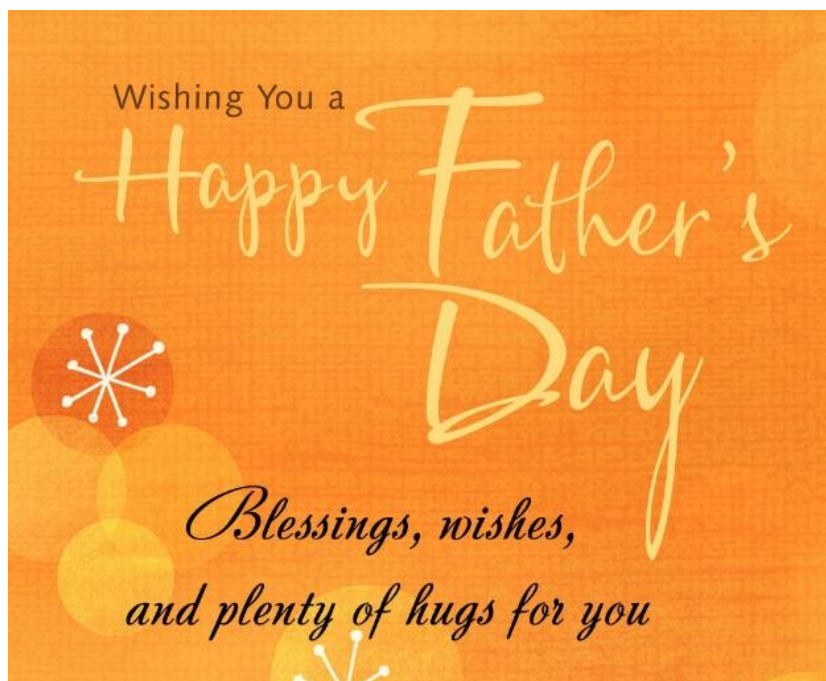
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Feedback welcome:

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Wild Geese

Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

