

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN THE CREATION SEASONT

*The Cosmic Christ*

November 26, 1995 - 10:15 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude, *In Thee, O Lord*  
Hymn 388

J. C. Bach  
*O worship the King*

**The Preparation**

Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Bless the Creator all you, God's creatures.

**People** And forget not all God's benefits.

Gloria *See insert*

**Celebrant** The God of creation is with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Prayer, *For Our Country*

BCP 820

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Proclamation of the Word of God**

First Lesson:

Job 38:1-7, 42:1-6

Psalm 104:1-16

*Sung by choir and congregation*

BCP 735

Contemporary Lesson

"Listen to the Cosmic Christ, to Cosmic Wisdom calling all the children of God together: "Come, children, drink of my waters which are all common waters. They are free and available to all my children. Drink of my wisdom from your own unique well. Let the Taoists drink and the Muslims drink; let the Jews drink and the Buddhists drink; let the Christians drink and the native peoples drink.

"I am tired of your religious wars, your sectarian divisions, your crusading spirits that arise from disharmony. I long for harmony. If there must be competition, let it take place at the level of shared gifts and the bountiful outpouring of wisdom. Pray together. Create harmony and healing together. Cease using religion to divide.

"Use it for its purpose, to reconnect to Mother Earth, to blessings, to the underground river that I am and that you all share. And cease scandalizing the young by your

indifference to these awesome blessings, by your competition and your boredom.  
Praise one another. Praise the earth. In doing so, you praise me."

Matthew Fox, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*  
*We plow the fields*

Hymn 291      *Stanzas 1 & 2*  
The Holy Gospel  
                    *Stanza 3*

John 1:1-14

The Sermon  
Nicene Creed

The Rev. Franklin E. Vilas, D. Min.  
BCP 358

### The Prayers

Prayers of the People    *See insert*  
The Confession  
The Peace  
Announcements

BCP 360

### The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Congregation stands as the elements are brought forward*

Offertory Anthem, *Come and Taste*  
Hymn 433  
Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer C*  
Proper Preface  
Sanctus  
Lord's Prayer

Shaw-Parker  
*We gather together*  
BCP 367

Hymnal S-129  
BCP 364

### Breaking of the Bread

*All are invited to receive the bread and wine*

Communion Hymns    382  
                                  547

*King of Glory*  
*Awake, O sleeper*

*Communion hymns are sung by congregation and choir*

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

The Blessing  
Hymn 544  
Dismissal  
Postlude, *Trumpet Tune*

*Jesus shall reign*

G. P. Telemann

*All those desiring the Laying on of Hands for the healing of mind, body or spirit  
are welcome to come to the communion rail at the end of the service.*