

GRACE AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
KILLAM'S POINT, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day

OPENING SENTENCE

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People *The Holy One's love is new every morning.*

Presider and *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you*
People *no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration*
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon

St. Francis of Assisi

*Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your Name.

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day
through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
and of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious, and fair.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.*

*Praised be 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,
producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be you, my Lord,
through those who grant pardon for love of you
and bear sickness and trial.*

*Blessed are those who endure in peace;
by you, Most High, they will be crowned.*

*Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Death,
from whom no one living can escape.*

*Blessed are they whom she finds doing your will.
No second death can do them harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks,
and serve him with great humility.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY - FIRST READING – PSALM – SECOND READING

CREATION DAY

*Creation Day, Creator's Day
It's time to love our planet home day
Creation Day, Creator's Day
She needs our love right now*

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| <p>1. The eagle soaring through the air
The white and mighty polar bear
The hippity hoppity hurried hare
They all need our tender care</p> | <p>3. Fluorescent flowers and towering trees
Hovering hummingbirds and buzzing bees
Bumpy camels with backward knees
You can hear their fervent pleas</p> |
| <p>2. Electrifying skates and rays
Speedy horses hoovering hay
Ubiquitous urban squirrels at play
Listen to what they have to say</p> | <p>4. Raucous rivers and languid lakes
Autumn leaves it's best not to rake
Human hearts that begin to break
'Cause there's really quite a lot at stake</p> |

GOSPEL - SERMON

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Presider and People *Holy and merciful God,
 we confess that we have failed to honor you
 by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
 We have walked heavily on your earth,
 overused and wasted its resources,
 taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
 and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
 holding future generations hostage to our greed.
 Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
 Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth
 as you desire and intend,
 with grateful and compassionate hearts,
 through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

ABSOLUTION AND PEACE

PRAISE GOD CHANT

Praise God for the life within us
 Praise God, let love abide

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER RESPONSES

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.*

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
 you are worthy of glory and praise.

People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Presider At your command all things came to be: ...
 ... and this fragile earth, our island home.

People *By your will they were created and have their being.*

- Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race ...
... But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.
- People* *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*
- Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. ...
... to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
- People* *By his blood, he reconciled us; by his wounds, we are healed.*
- Presider* And therefore we praise you, ...
... to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
- Presider and People* *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*
- Presider* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring before you these gifts. ...
... Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
- People* *We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*
- Presider* Lord God of our ancestors ...
... Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us
one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may
worthily serve the world in his name.
- People* *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.*
- Presider* Accept these prayers and praises... from generation to generation.
- People* *AMEN!*
- Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
- Presider and People* *Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*
- Presider* This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
- People* *All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.*

WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

[Sung in unison once, then in 2-part canon twice through]

COMMUNION

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
[Sung in unison once, then in 2-part canon twice through]

Laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum
Laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum
Sing praises, all you people, sing praises to the Lord
Sing praises, all you people, sing praises to the Lord.
[Alternate Latin and English]

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People *Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us
and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen*

BLESSING

HERE I AM

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, O so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin (*hope, love, faith*) upon that cross *[repeat]*

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth ... Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

1. He's got the whole world in his hands [4x]
2. He's got the itty bitty baby in his hands [3x]
He's got the whole world in his hands
3. He's got you and me sister in his hands
He's got you and me brother in his hands
He's got you and me sister in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
4. He's got the sun and the moon in his hands
He's got the lark and the loon in his hands
He's got the rascally raccoon in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
5. He's got the cats and the dogs in his hands
He's got the sloths and the frogs in his hands
He's got the beaver chewing logs in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
6. He's got the birds and the bees in his hands
He's got the flowers and the trees in his hands
Even mosquitoes and fleas in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
7. He's got everybody in his hands [3x]
He's got the whole world in his hands
8. He's got the whole world in his hands [4x]

ANNOUNCEMENTS



at Beaumont Farm
945 East Center St
Wallingford CT

September 15th through October 31st

Beaumont's will refund Grace & St John's
20% of our combined purchases!
Just mention Grace & St John's when you pay.

*Decorate your home and yard, and help our church
earn some extra money. All you have to do is shop!*

Time to get your pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, corn stalks,
and mums, plus perennials to plant now and beautify your
garden next year.

*Everything is included except for regular farm produce
such as tomatoes, peppers, etc.*



**BLESSING
of ANIMALS**

*Sunday
October 4
at the
9:00 am
service*





*Bring your furry friend
for a blessing!
All people and pets
welcome!*



**GRACE and ST JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HAMDEN**

The Rev. Robert Bergner, Rector
2927 Dixwell Avenue, across from City Hall - 203-248-4338
Follow us on Facebook at Grace & St John's

Funeral services for Sharon Faye Hutchinson, mother of **Kim Clarke**, who for was our parish administrator before Linda Rolstone, will be at St Peter's, Cheshire, at 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 29. St. Peter's is located at 59 Main Street in Cheshire.

Kim writes, "Much of my journey with Mom occurred while working and being with G&SJ's folks. Everyone was always so thoughtful and often asked how Mom was doing and how I was holding up. I will forever remember the care and support of the congregation!"

**FEEDING HAMDEN
FUELING ACTION**

Hamden residents and community members are invited to an open event to **learn about hunger in our community and how YOU can take action!** We need your help to build a community where every neighbor has access to nutritious food.



VISIT ACTION STATIONS
and talk to local organizations about how you can get involved!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
5:30-7:00 PM**

GRACE & ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
2927 DIXWELL AVE, HAMDEN

CELEBRATE!

An All-Ages Gathering of Episcopal Churches in the South Central Region **2026**

- ▶ Casual Outdoor Eucharist
- ▶ Food Truck & Autumn Dessert Potluck
- ▶ Lawn Games & Community

**Saturday, October 10
4pm – sunset**

St. John's North Haven
3 Trumbull Place
North Haven, CT


