

**A Service of Blessing And Dedication**  
**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
**Memorial Tree Garden**  
**July 11, 2010**



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*The Celebrant opens the service with this prayer*

**T**hank you, God, for this Garden of Eden called the world that you have created for us. Give us eyes to see and honor its beauty. Give us the sense of responsibility to preserve and protect this gift you have graciously given us. Help us to be responsible to see that our children's children will find it a place of beauty, comfort, and sustenance. We ask these things through Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

From *Psalms for Zero Gravity* by Ed Hays, **Garden of Eden**

**Psalm 148** *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

***Celebrant***

Let us pray

**G**racious God, Heavenly Father, bless we pray you this Memorial Tree Garden provided through the generosity of loving and faithful members

of our congregation. Thank you for the memorial dedications and those remembered with love in the loveliness of this sacred space. We celebrate and thank Sam and his helpers who created, planted and watered this gracious garden. Help us to be good stewards of creation in all forms and places. Nourish this garden with rain from above, sun light that reminds us of your glory, and keep it safe from all forms of destruction and decay. May it be a reminder to us of generations present and past which we celebrate this day with great joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

***The Celebrant now blesses the Memorial Garden with Incense and Holy Water.***