

Monday Evening Prayer Season of Creation

with centering prayer / contemplative sit.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Invocation of a memorial or commemoration, as appropriate.

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Creator and our hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

The psalm of the day is said or chanted.

...Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

The Reading *A reading of the day is read.*

The Contemplative Sit

The Principles of Centering Prayer.

1. Choose a sacred word or a sacred breath as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your thoughts, return ever-so- gently to the sacred word. Thoughts include body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

20 minutes of silence begins and ends with a bell. We bow toward each other.

The Responsory

The world around us is full of beauty. **We praise your name O God.**

For the gift of life on earth. **We praise your name O God.**

Open our eyes to see your artistry -Your image in all that you have made.

We praise your name O God.

Where our praise is short or silent all creation sings out with joy.

Here we join creation's song: **We praise your name O God**

The Canticle

The Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis may be said:

All praise be yours, My Lord, through all that you have made.

And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day....

How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendour!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;

In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air....

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
so useful, lowly, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten up the night....

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,

Who feeds us...and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs....

Praise and bless my Lord, and give You thanks,

And serve You with great humility!

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (Season of Creation 2010, alt.)

God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates God's creation. **This we believe.**

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin. **This we believe.**

God became flesh and blood, a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation. **This we believe.**

The risen Jesus is the Christ at the centre of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos. **This we believe.**

The Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation and waits with us for the rebirth of creation. **This we believe.**

We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. **Amen, thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany Church of England, alt.

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect end:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will have mercy upon us and on all your creatures:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this night without sin:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bring us with [N and] all your saints to glory everlasting:

we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God...

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings
may be offered in silence or aloud.*

Collecting Prayers

This, or another collecting prayer (collect) may be said:

Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love which never ceases, so that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Friend - and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** The last three Collects are from the Episcopal Church USA

The Lord's Prayer

...Rejoicing in God's new creation
and gathering our prayers and praises into one
in a language, paraphrase or translation of our choosing
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father (or Source, or Maker, or Parent) **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.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

God of immeasurable grace,
Bless us with spirituality as deep as the ocean
Call us to a discipleship as bold as the saints'.
Compel us to a justice as daring as the Redeemer's love,
In the name of our Impossible Hope, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Jennifer Henry The United Church of Canada.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God grant us a restful night and a peaceful death. **Amen.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

We stand, bow to each other, and depart in silence.

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