

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
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Officiant 1 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. *Psalm 96:11-1*

Officiant 2 Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8*

Confession of Sin

Officiant 1 Let us confess our sins against God and all Creation.

Silence

Officiant 1 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.

Officiant 2 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant 1 This is the day the Creator has made.

Officiant 2 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Officiant 1 Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation:

Officiant 2 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant 1 Your faithfulness, O Holy One, is rooted in Creation:

Officiant 2 Come let us sing your love for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm for Creation

Psalm 147:1, 3-11

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds *

and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds *

and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.

Officiant 1 Your faithfulness, O Holy One, is rooted in Creation:

Officiant 2 Come let us sing your love for ever. Amen.

Psalm 103:19-22 *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Lessons

Officiant 1 **A Reading from Hope is Here! Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community by Luther Smith Jr.**

I hear people's anxiety about the present and future state of the world... All this has led many to feel and say, "The times have never been this bad!" Although I understand how people come to this conclusion, I also know that every generation has faced crises that threatened to rip apart their personal, social, and political foundations... We insult our ancestors by exclaiming that we are overwhelmed and incapacitated because we live in the worst of times.

This is our season! This is our time! We cannot use the increased complexity of our times and lives as an excuse to withdraw from our distinctive challenges. Every generation has dealt with confusing new realities that led to bewildering circumstances. Every generation has had the challenges and opportunities to embrace the work of hope. *This is our time! This is our season! Hope is here to enliven us to life and the practices of justice and beloved community...* Each one of us can be a sign of hope for this and future seasons.

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Canticle **A Song of the Heavenly City**

*Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4
said responsively breaking at the half verse*

I saw no temple in the city, *

**for its temple is the God of surpassing strength
and the Lamb.**

And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *

**for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the
Lamb.**

By its light the nations shall walk, *

**and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory
there.**

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *

into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.

I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *

flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *

and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.

All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,
and all servants give worship there; *

**there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on
their foreheads.**

Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Officiant 2 **A Reading from the Gospel according to John**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
John 1:47-51

Officiant 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

Officiant 1 Thanks be to God

Profession of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things,

who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,

the malnourished one, the climate refugee,

who loves and cares for this world

and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world

and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God

and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

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The Prayers

Officiant 2 In God all Creation lives, moves, and has being.
Officiant 1 Indeed we all are God's offspring.
Officiant 2 Let us pray.

Officiant 2 Our Father and Mother in heaven
Officiant 1 **You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans**
Officiant 2 Hallowed be your name
Officiant 1 **By the care we take of your Creation**
Officiant 2 Your kingdom come
Officiant 1 **All that you see is good**
Officiant 2 Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven
Officiant 1 **Your will to till and care**
Officiant 2 Give us this day our daily bread
Officiant 1 **That all may have enough to live life in fullness**
Officiant 2 Forgive us our trespasses
Officiant 1 **Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations**
Officiant 2 As we forgive those who trespass against us
Officiant 1 **By reconciliation with justice and peace.**
Officiant 2 Lead us not into temptation
Officiant 1 **The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation**
Officiant 2 And deliver us from evil
Officiant 1 **The evil of destroying your gift of creation**
Officiant 2 For yours is the kingdom
Officiant 1 **Yours, Lord, not ours**
Officiant 2 The power and the glory
Officiant 1 **In the cross and resurrection**
Officiant 2 For ever and ever
Officiant 1 **You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen.**

Suffrages A

V. Show your creatures mercy, O Creator;
R. **And grant all Creation your restoration.**
V. Clothe your beloved ones with all goodness;
R. **Let your creatures sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Creator, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in harmony.**
V. Keep every tribe and community under your wing;
R. **And guide us in the way of universal communion.**
V. Let your way of love be known upon earth;
R. **Your uniting wholeness among all divisions.**
V. Let not those in need, O God, be lost;
R. **Nor the hope of the endangered be taken away.**
V. Put in us new soft hearts of flesh, O God;
R. **And inspire us with your Holy Breath who sustains us.**

Officiant 1 God of Word and Light, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of all creatures above and below. Mercifully grant that, as the disciples were granted to see Christ on earth, our eyes would be opened to the spiritual reality all around us today; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *The Creation Collect of the Day*

Officiant 2 Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

The Peace and Greetings

Officiant 2 Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Officiant 1 **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.

Closing Prayers

Officiant 2 Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant 1 Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant 1 Let us bless the Lord.

Officiant 2 Thanks be to God.

Officiant 1 In Christ all things hold together. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Colossians 1:17b, 19