

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

A Celebration of Labor Day

Using The Daily Office: Prayer with Creation
from Season of Creason Episcopal Liturgical Guide

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Officiant 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament
proclaims his handiwork.

Psalms 19:1

Officiant 2 The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird
themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing
together for joy.

Psalms 65:12-13

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 Creation is speaking:

Officiant 2 Come let us listen.

Invitatory Psalms for Creation

Psalms 19:1-6 (God's glory in Creation and the Law)

The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

and runs about to the end of it again; *

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Officiant 1 Creation is speaking:

Officiant 2 Come let us listen.

Psalm 90:1-2,16-17 *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

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 Prayers of the Social Awakening by
Walter Rauschenbusch**

O God, we thank thee for this universe, our great home; for its vastness and its riches, and for the manifoldness of the life which teems upon it and of which we are part. We praise thee for the arching sky and the blessed winds, for the driving clouds and the constellations on high. We praise thee for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills, for the trees and for the grass under our feet. We thank thee for our senses by which we can see the splendor of the morning, and hear the jubilant songs of love, and smell the breath of the springtime. Grant us, we pray thee, a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty, and save our souls from being so steeped in care or so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing when even the thorn-bush by the wayside is aflame with the glory of God.

Enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all the living things, our little brothers, to whom thou hast given this earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the Earth, which should have gone up to thee in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that they live not for us alone, but for themselves and for thee, and that they love the sweetness of life even as we, and serve thee in their place better than we in ours.

When our use of this world is over and we make room for others, may we not leave anything ravished by our greed or spoiled by our ignorance, but may we hand on our common heritage fairer and sweeter through our use of it, undiminished in fertility and joy, that so our bodies may return in peace to the great mother who nourished them and our spirits may round the circle of a perfect life in thee.

The Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918) was an American theologian and Baptist pastor who taught at the Rochester Theological Seminary. Rauschenbusch was a key figure in the Social Gospel and single tax movements that flourished in the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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

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.
(South Indian)

The Prayers

Officiant 2 May God be with all Creation.
Officiant 1 And restore us to harmony.
Officiant 2 Let us pray.

Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. 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 Author of Creation: In wisdom you brought forth all that is, to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all Creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word. *Amen.*

A Collect for The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1

Officiant 2 All-loving God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in our labor and leisure that it may be for the common good of all Creation; and, as we seek the proper share for all, make us supportive of the rightful needs of all creatures who live and love on this earth; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Feast of Labor

Officiant 1 O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

Officiant 2 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 All things came into being through the Word, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. *Amen.* *John 1:3-4*