Morning Prayer: Rite Two
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Officiant 1 I looked, and heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands. *Revelation 5:11*

Officiant 2 O praise the Lord all you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding; and heed the command of the Most High. *Psalm 103:20*

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 Psalms 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 the Book of Genesis**
Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Officiant 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
Officiant 2 Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of the Spirit** *Revelation 22:12-17*
said responsively breaking at the half verse

"Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord, "and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end."
Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
"I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star."
"Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride; *
"Come!" let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

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**

John 1:47-51

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."

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Officiant 1 Thanks be to God

Profession of Faith

Officiant 1 Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
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.

(Colossians 1:15-20)

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 Make us your messengers, Jesus, make us the guardians of your faith, and grant us also that great and ancient vision of Michael, numberless angels, and the dazzling host of heaven to accompany and inspire us for all time; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Officiant 1 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 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 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