Morning Prayer: Rite Two

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The Feast of Francis of Assisi

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Officiant 1 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. *Psalm 65:12-13*

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 God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 The heavens and earth rejoice:
Officiant 2 Come let us sing a new song.

Invitatory Psalm for Creation Psalm 148

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 The heavens and earth rejoice:
Officiant 2 Come let us sing a new song.

Psalm 121 *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Job** *Job 39:1–18*

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

Canticle **The Canticle of the Creatures** *St Francis of Assisi*
Said responsively breaking at the half verse

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,*
All praise is Yours, all glory, honor and blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;*
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

We praise You, Lord, for all Your creatures,*
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,*
of You Most High, he bears your likeness.
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,*
in the heavens you have made them bright,
precious and fair.
We praise You, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,*
by which You cherish all that You have made.
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Water,*
so useful, humble, precious and pure.
We praise You, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night.*
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Earth,*
who sustains us with her fruits, colored flowers, and herbs.

We praise You, Lord, for those who pardon,*
for love of You bear sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,*
by You Most High, they will be crowned.

We praise You, Lord, for Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape.*
Woe to those who die in their sins!
Blessed are those that She finds doing Your Will.*
No second death can do them harm.

We praise and bless You, Lord, and give You thanks,*
and serve You in all humility.

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 Luke**
Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

Profession of Faith

Officiant 1 Our God, God of all people,
God of heaven and earth, sea and rivers,
God of sun and moon, of all stars,
God of highest mountain, of deepest valleys,
God over heaven and in heaven and under heaven.

He has his dwelling
in heaven and earth and sea
and all that is in them.

He inspires all,
he gives life to all,
he surpasses all,
he upholds all.

He ignites the light of the sun.
He surrounds the stars and tells them to shine.
He makes fountains in dry lands,
and dry islands in the sea,
and stars to serve the greater lights.

He has a Son,
coeternal with him and like him.
The Son is not younger than the Father,
neither is the Father older than the Son.

And the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
Not separate are the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

(**A Confession of St. Patrick** *This creed is attributed to the 5th century missionary and bishop Patrick, known as the Apostle of Ireland, in the story of "Patrick and the royal daughters" from the biographical Collectanea by the 7th century Irish Bishop Tírechán. It is included in the 10th century The Tripartite Life of Saint Patrick which is traditionally preached during the three-day Feast of St. Patrick in Ireland.)*

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 B

V. Heal your Creation, O God, and bless your offspring;
R. **Guide and sustain your creatures, now and always.**
V. Day by day your Creation blesses you;
R. **We join our voices to praise your Name for ever.**
V. O God, unite us with all Creation in harmony;
R**. Have compassion on our failings, O God.**
V. O God, show us your love and sustaining power;
R. **For your creatures live and move only in you.**
V. In you, O God, is our hope;
R. **And your Creation shall never hope in vain.**

Officiant 1 Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; 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 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 1 Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *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