

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

*Officiant* We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

*All kneel.*

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence.*

**Confession: Stewardship of Creation**

*All* Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,  
we confess to you that we have sinned.  
We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,  
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful  
of the resources you entrusted to us.  
Polluted air and water,  
eroded soil and salty earth,  
birds and animals deprived of habitat,  
and neighbors left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:  
all these cry out against us.  
We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,  
and we repent in sorrow and distress.  
Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy.  
Give us grace to change our ways,  
to make amends,  
and to work together for the healing of the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Absolution: Restoration of Creation**

*Officiant* Our Saviour died and rose again  
so that for all who live in him  
there is a new creation.  
Therefore I declare to you:  
your sins are forgiven,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen. Send out your Spirit, O Lord.  
Renew the hearts of your people.  
Renew the face of the earth.

**Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
*People* And your glory all the day long.

*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant and People say responsively:*

God is the Rock of our salvation  
**O come let us worship.**  
Providing God of the wheat in the desert,  
**You nourish our lives.**  
Sustaining God, you sent food for your people  
**You supply all our needs.**  
With honey from the rocks you fed them  
**Your presence is joy.**  
God of the manna from heaven,  
**You are bread for the souls.**  
Refreshing God of the rain and the dewfall,  
**You revive the land.**

God of the rock and river,  
**Your love overflows.**  
Our God, you are healing and cleansing  
**Renew us in you.**  
God of the crystal waters,  
**The water of life.**  
Lord Jesus, by your life you feed us,  
**For you are our bread.**  
Lord Jesus, by your body broken  
**Our souls are fed.**  
River of life-giving water,  
**Refresh and renew.**  
Creator, Savior and Spirit  
**We thirst for you.**

Sit.

### Psalm

*After the Psalm,*

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### READINGS

*A period of silence will follow each reading.*

### First Reading

*The people remain seated.*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Following the reading:*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated.*

### Canticle 12

A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*  
*Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

#### *I. The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

#### *II. The Earth and Its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains  
and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

### *III. The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

### *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

### **Second Reading**

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Following the reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated.*

### **Canticle**

#### **Divine Musician**

O God, you sang creation into being  
And then embraced it in the sacred dance.  
You breathed your harmonies into its spirit:  
Enchanted restless forces with a glance.

Divine Musician, you played us and Eden:  
You filled its silences with notes divine.  
But we grew deaf from discord we engendered  
And heard no more your musical design.

Your melodies still hover in our beings  
Like tunes that echo through a hollow reed;  
Your Spirit's voice sets ready heartstrings ringing,  
That choruses long buried might be freed.

Make us instruments, tuned for your service:  
All forth a symphony of grateful praise;  
Arrange our lives in rhythm with your music;  
Sing us a new creation for these days.

### **Apostles' Creed**

*All stand.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* Our Father 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 Officiant and People say responsively*

Help us, O God our Savior;  
**Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
Look upon your congregation;

**Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Declare your glory among the nations;

**And your wonders among all peoples.**

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### COLLECTS

#### Your Fragile Creation

O God, You bore us, making us in your image. You made everything that is. May we give birth to that life-giving mother love that preserves and protects this fragile creation. **Amen**

#### God of all Creation

God of creation and creature's sublime, fill our hearts with love divine. Let all our selfish ambitions cease that cause scars to a world of peace. Let Brother Wolf and Sister Wind teach us, inform us and from our sins free us. Let all I do nurture earth and help the process of global rebirth. **Amen**

#### The Deeps, Whales

Blessed Lord, thank you for the deeps. Thank you for the whales who swim with me to plumb the depths. Thank you for creating me just as you have; for loving me even unto death; for gifting me with faith. Use me as You will. **Amen.**

#### For the Protection of the Earth

Almighty God, we praise and glorify your name. We thank you for our lives and for refreshing us, through the Holy Spirit, with your grace from day to day. Stay among us, O Lord we pray, that we may be guided by your presence. Give us wisdom that as we seek to live in harmony with our neighbors, we will be ever vigilant stewards for the protection of this earth and all who dwell in it. Speak to the hearts of the world's leaders that they may embrace those policies that will positively impact our environment. Keep us focused, O Lord, that whatever we do will be to the glory of your precious name. We pray through Jesus Christ, our savior and our friend. **Amen.**

## Office Hymn

## Intercessions

## The General Thanksgiving

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, creator and redeemer,  
we praise you for your work of creation;  
for the beauty of the world around us  
and for every gift we enjoy.  
We bless you for creating us to know you,  
love you and obey you.  
Most of all we thank you  
for your amazing love  
in sending your Son  
to restore your world,  
to die for us  
and to give us life in all its fullness.  
Accept, O God, our praise and thanksgiving  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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