

Morning Prayer for Creationtide



We enter into a season where we think about our world and how we are all called to be good stewards of all creation.

Gathering

An informal welcome is given.

In the name of God the Father.
Who made Heaven and earth.

In the name of God the Son.
Who became a creature like us.

In the name of God the Holy Spirit.
Who sustains all life on earth.

In the name of God.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm 65

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it. The river of God is full of water, you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Reading from Scripture

This may be followed by a brief reflection.

A Response

The canticle of St. Francis of Assisi

Most high, all-powerful, good Lord, yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.

To you alone, most high, do they belong.

Praise and bless the Lord and give him thanks; serve him with great humility.

Praised be to you, Lord, with all your creatures.

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A Time of Open Prayer

We take a few moments to be still and reflect.

The Collect

Living God,
You call us to be good stewards of this earthly home; strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our negligence or indifference, we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit, to nurture and love the world, so that all creation sings to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

God of wonder, go with us into this new day; speak to us, refresh us, astound us, so that we may grow to love you, and cherish and respect your world, more deeply. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.