



Liturgy for the Season of Creation – Peace with Creation
September 28 – Advocate

Opening Sentence

Officiant 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.

Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and all Creation.

**All 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant This is the day the Creator has made

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Antiphon for Creation

Officiant Your faithfulness, O Holy One, is rooted in Creation:
 Come let us sing your love for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm for Creation - Psalm 148

Reader #1

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, a tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

The Lessons

Epistle: Amos 6:4-7

Reader #2

A reading from Amos.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David, improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils.

But are not grieved over the ruin of God's people.

Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Reader #3

A reading from Luke.

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then Father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets, they should listen to them.' He said, 'No Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

The word of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Christ.

Canticle – Canticle D – A Song of the Wilderness

Reader #4

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, coming with judgement to save you."

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Creed - A Confession of St. Patrick

Note: This creed is attributed to the 5th century missionary and bishop Patrick, known as the Apostle of Ireland

All

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.

The Prayers

Officiant May God be with all Creation.

People **And restore us to harmony.**

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All

Our Creator in heaven

You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans

Hallowed be your name

By the care we take of your Creation

Your kingdom come

All that you see is good

Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

Your will to till and care

Give us this day our daily bread

That all may have enough to live life in fullness

Forgive us our trespasses

Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations

As we forgive those who trespass against us

By reconciliation with justice and peace.

Lead us not into temptation

The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

And deliver us from evil

The evil of destroying your gift of creation

For yours is the kingdom

Yours, Lord, not ours

The power and the glory In the cross and resurrection

For ever and ever

You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen. (So be it.)

Suffrages

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Come to our aid, O Creator and Healer;

Restore us and forgive our trespasses against Creation.

Look upon your whole Creation;

Give to your creatures the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among all tribes;

And your wonders among all species.

Do not let the endangered be lost;

Never forget the lives of your creatures.

Continue your loving-kindness to all creatures;
And your favor to those who work for justice.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collect

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O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Intercessions - Intercessory Prayers for Creation

Reader #5

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near your altar. You are attentive to all you have made.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live.

Help us be attentive to all you have made.

God, in whom all creation subsists,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split.

You are known by the whole of Creation that listens to you.

God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do.

Help us to learn from the way in which we see Creation recognize your glorious beauty.

God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, you are present in your Creation and seek to heal her wounds.

You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener.

God, who is present with your Creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds.

Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you.

God, who is present with your creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth:

Teach us to listen.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it.

Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do. Amen.

Concluding Sentence – John 1:3-4

Officiant

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.**