

Monday Morning Prayer

Season of Creation 2020

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GATHERING

God our loving creator, touch our hearts and minds that we may enter the silence where you wait for us ...

Silence

Let your breath enter and calm us, your mystery surround us, your truth fill us and the wings of your love enfold us.

Oh God open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING POEM

CONFESSION, adapted from Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*, pg. 55

“Teach us, Our Father, the precious clue to honesty!
Grant that where we are, in what we do
Life need take no offense in us!
Search us, knead us, remove from us
The spots, the blemishes, even the shadows
That sent us forth in our own light,
Shielded from your radiance and your fullness.”

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence

Through God’s grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad. Glory to God.
Amen.

THE WORD

Psalm of the Day chanted or spoken. We pause for a breath at the *

At the conclusion: ***Glory to You Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.***

The Gospel (Acclamation sung before and after the reading)

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Let all things their Creator bless*

*And worship God in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia - Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Silence

Shared reflections

OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

O merciful Creator, your loving hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, give us grace to honor you with all you have entrusted to us; that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us...

BLESSING, adapted from Howard Thurman in *Meditations of the Heart*, p. 52-53

Take heart, sisters and brothers:

“There is a quiet courage that comes from an inward spring of confidence in the meaning and significance of life. Such courage is an underground river, flowing far beneath the shifting events of one's experience, keeping alive a thousand little springs of action. It has neither trumpet to announce it nor crowds to applaud; it is best seen in the lives of people who do their work from day to day without hurry and without fever.”

May you tend your 1,000 little springs of action today
in the confidence and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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