



## The West Coast Liturgy of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets

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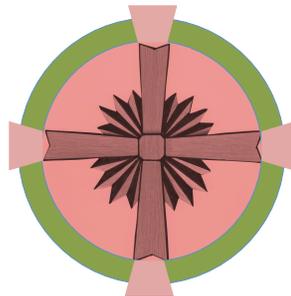
### **A Morning Prayer Service**

*(with Resources from West Coast Liturgy, Jubilee for the Earth:  
2020 Celebration Guide and Anglican Liturgy Online)*

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

### Welcome

### Acclamation:

In this time and place We gather on the ancestral territories of Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchahnulth and Coast Salish peoples. From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

**In this time and place We gather in the name of the living God. We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

In this time and place We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages. In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

**In this time and place We are not alone, but one in Christ. Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God. In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Centering Stillness

Presider: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(silence)*

### Opening Prayer

We gather in the name of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures! Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all. **Amen.**

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13<sup>th</sup> Century).

*Opening Hymn: TBA*

The Collect ~ The Prayer of the Day:

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm/Canticle and/ or *Reflective Song*

A Reading from the Letters of Early Christian Scripture

*Gospel Hymn: TBA*

Gospel Reader: God be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Good News of Jesus according to \_\_\_\_\_

People: **Glory to you, Jesus the Anointed One.** *The Reading of the Gospel*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Jesus the Anointed One.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*The response may include song, a talk or dialogue, instrumental music, other art forms, silence.*

Homily/Dialogue/Silence

Confession (based on Leviticus 25: 1-25)

We praise you God, for the Earth that sustains life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give all creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom you gave a Sabbath for the land to rest. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demand for growth, and an endless cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. Humans and animals are forced to flee in search of security.

We have not allowed the land to observe a Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to renew. And so we confess. God of mercy and justice,

You tell us the land must rest, free from the burden of production.

**We confess our demand that the Earth produce beyond its limits, and our bondage to desire more.**

You call us to pause from sowing, pruning, and reaping in ways that destroy the soil.

**We confess our vicious consumption of food and energy.**

You assure us that we can be filled from the yield of the land.

**We confess our lack of trust that we can thrive within the Earth's limits.**

You affirm that our security is found in enough.

**We confess our lack of courage to resist the myth of endless growth.**

You tell us that the land must not be sold permanently, because the land is Yours, and everything in it.

**We confess to thinking of creation as a given, instead of a gift.**

You call us to leave enough fruit on the vine and in the fields to feed our neighbours, animals, and replenish the Earth.

**We confess our failure to share what we receive from the Earth.**

You call us to fairness and justice.

**We confess our lack of faith, not loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind, or our human and non-human neighbours as ourselves.**

Turn us from fear and mistrust,

**and free us to imagine a life reconciled to the Earth and all creatures, through the Good News of Christ, in whose name we pray.**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

(Romans 8:26-27)

### Affirmation of faith

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living, in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, living and we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living, the breath of God always moves us.**

**In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.** (Per Harling)

### Prayers of the People: (using these prayers or others as prepared by the people)

We pray in thanksgiving for Sister Earth, our Mother, in whom all life is rooted; for Brother Sun, whose energy radiates life; for Sister Water, who nurtures and revives us; and for co-creatures with whom we live and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brother, sisters and friends, harming no one, Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten on this Earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

In the wake of Covid-19 global pandemic, hear our cries of compassion and heal our world and all creatures. Inspire our hearts with a holy imagination, to rise, freed from the demands to produce and consume to imagine a just, sustainable way of living, where all have enough, and all may be restored. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

During this Season of Creation, grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit too renew the face of the ground. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Creative Spirit,  
**Enlighten our hearts and remain with your world. Amen.**

(adapted from *A Prayer for the Earth*, Pope Francis, [Laudato Si](#))

### The Peace

The peace of God be always with you. **And also with you.**

**The Simplicity Prayer:**

**The Prayer Jesus Gave Us, in the tradition and simplicity of Clare and Francis of Assisi**

*~ A Franciscan Lord's Prayer ~*

**Our Beloved,**

**Your energy is compassionate and unique.**

**We want everyone to be aware of this.**

**We want everything to share in this.**

**Restore all things,**

**to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.**

**Give us what we really need now,**

**for today, and for each day.**

**Free us from the harm we have done,**

**and help us, in our journey of recovery,**

**to release those who have harmed us.**

**Keep us safe during our times of distress,**

**and release us from oppression.**

**For your purpose, your strength, and your glory,**

**is to bring together everyone and everything.**

**We are depending on this. We are committed to this.**

*The Process, version 1.1, Andrew Twiddy, August 2020.*

*Silence is kept*

**Doxology**

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: TBA**

Blessing:

May God who established the dance of creation,  
who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order,  
lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
to reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen**

Dismissal/Sending:

One: Go, respecting and serving all that God has created.

People: **For God created all and saw that it was good!**

One: Carry out into the world the love of God in Christ.

People: **Loved, forgiven and redeemed, we go forth!**



# SEASON OF CREATION

Resources:

<https://bc.anglican.ca/resources/worship-resources>

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/>

<https://bc.anglican.ca/events/season-of-creation/2020-09-01>

<https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide/>