Monday Morning Prayer

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 for ever.

Blessed are you, God of love and justice, to you be praise and glory for ever. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

- O Divine Voice, You sing, and the universe comes into being;
- O Divine Breath, You breathe, and all things spring to life;
- O Divine Word, You call, and creation is sustained;
- O Divine Flesh, You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;
- O Divine Spirit, You contain all that has been formed;
- O Divine Life, You are the pulse of all that is.

In amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery:

In you, all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

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 unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all. Amen

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century & Food Grain Bank resources)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

Siblings in Christ, not out of dread and fear but believing that God is bountiful in mercy, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence

Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched but trample you in creation,

when we have not met but missed you in one another,

when we have not received but rejected you in those who are different than ourselves, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

God is always the Creator and the re-Creator. Hear now the words of Jesus for all who seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven, live in peace!

Praise you O God for your love which is seen in all the earth,

Reaching out to us all, offering the world new birth. Amen.

Psalm (and any additional readings)
...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.

Acclamation: Alleluia (Mass of Restoration) Alleluia, Alleluia, A-lle-lu-ia

The Gospel

Silence

Reflections on how the Spirit is speaking into our lives today

Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us peace, send us grace. (Ken Medema)

Our Prayers

Gathering the prayers spoken and those we carry in the depths of our hearts **Our Father (Mother, Source...)**

Sending

Nourished by God's presence, let our lives proclaim in love and action that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38)

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Sources: https://godspacelight.com/2021/04/21/celebrating-creation-worship-for-earth-day/, The Iona Community)