

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER for SEASON OF CREATION

All the trees of the forest sing for joy (Psalm 96:12)

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. **Amen.**

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.
A planet filled with your presence, quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land, pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in all creation.
Hold! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Bible Reading - Acts 17:22-28

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship - and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

Psalm

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

Silence; followed by a time for sharing any reflections you may have.

We'll say together the Hear O Israel.

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Let us pray:

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Loving God, Creator of the Universe, you know every creature and it's needs. With great trust we offer our petitions in the name of all creation.

(Pray tell - Worship, wit and Wisdom)

I invite any prayers of thanksgiving, intercession or lament.

We will now say together the Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of ourselves.

We thank you for setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Vienna Cobb Anderson)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *in a translation or paraphrase of your choice*

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Christ calls us to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion and to serve Earth by caring for creation. May we hold again the fragrant symbol in our hands as we go forth to serve. **Amen.**

(Season of Creation - Australian Version)