

Creationtide Friday Morning Prayer 2021

Recognition of a commemoration, memorial or holy day.

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Gathering and Gratitude

God in Christ has revealed God's glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give God praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

We take a moment to share things for which we are grateful...

Song or Poem

A Song or Poem may be offered

Opening Prayer

We praise you, living God:

you give strength to the earth that sustains us,

you open your hand to feed all living things.

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ:

you teach us with stories of seeds and weeds and harvest time,

you call us to accept your word and bear much fruit.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, fire of love:

you are the breath of life in every creature,

you refresh our thirsty souls with grace.

Blessed be God, Source of Wisdom, living Word, abiding Spirit,

Blessed be God for ever.

Climate Change Prayer (Collect)

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation,

and every living thing belongs to you:

have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.

Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,

to reduce the energy we use,

to share the resources you provide,

and to bear the cost of change.

Forgive our past mistakes

and send us your Spirit,

with wisdom in present controversies

and vision for the future to which you call us

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Penitence

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

Merciful God, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

God, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

God, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

God, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

God, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

Bell / silence is kept for silent or spoken confession / Bell.

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Absolution

The Lord enrich us with grace, and nourish us with blessing;
the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil;
the Lord accept our prayers, and absolve us from our offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

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Canticle (responsorial)

Come, let us sing to the Lord our God;

raise the roof to the Rock of rescue.

Come into the presence of the Lord with thanks;

raise the rafters with songs of praise.

The Lord is the great God, over all;

greater than every other power.

He holds the depths of the earth in his hands,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The ocean is the Lord's: it was made by God;

the land was formed by his own hands.

Come, let us bow before the Lord our maker;

with humble hearts we worship God.

The Lord is God and we are God's;

we are the Shepherd's very own flock. cf Psalm 95.1-

Liturgy of the Word

The Psalm of the Day is chanted or said ending with:

... 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

Gospel Acclamation: *I praise You, O God, with all of my heart / With all the earth I will sing Your praises (x2)*

The image shows a musical score for a unison song. It is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of 104. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "I praise you, O God, with all of my heart. With all the earth I will". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "sing your prais- es. I prais- es." Above the second system, there are markings for "Repeats" and "Last time". The score includes various chords: Dm, G/D, Dm7, G/D, Bb, C, Bb, C, Dm. Below the score, there is a note: "A shorter song of praise suitable as an acclamation or a psalm refrain." At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: "Words and music: David Robertson, after Psalm 138:1. Words and music copyright © 2005 by David Robertson, High River United Church, Box 5520, High River, AB Canada T1V 1M4. Used by permission."

The Gospel of the day is read ending with:

...The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Bell / We take a moment in silence / Bell.

We share about how God is calling us through these texts.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in One God:

**The Source of All Being,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Holy Creator.

Three-in-one and one-in-Three.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Either free-form prayer or the following litany may be used.

God in creation

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others,
following the pattern which Jesus gave
when he taught us to pray to God our Father.

Through our love of our city,
through our care for the welfare of its people ,
through our care for its buildings, open spaces and roads which link us,
through our respect for the melting pot of cultures, ethnicities and languages
that make your city sing:

hallowed be your name.

In our work places and in our homes,
in our centres of commerce and learning,
of industry and services, law courts, sports grounds and art centres,
and where policy is planned:

your kingdom come.

By our seeking your guidance,
by our keeping your commandments,
by reducing our consumption of energy and resources,
by our living true to our consciences:

your will be done.

For the millions who live in poverty and hunger,
for our own needs, and the requirements of our neighbours,
by cooperation, sympathy and generosity: **give us today our daily bread.**

Because we have broken your commandments,
doing what we ought not to do and neglecting
what we ought to do: **forgive us our sins.**

If any have injured us by injustice, double dealing or exploitation:
we forgive those who sin against us.

When prosperity lulls us to false security,
or hard times prompt us to despair,
When success makes us boastful,
or failure makes us bitter: **lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

In the assurance of faith, in the confidence of hope,
in the will to serve, in the seeking of safe and sustainable cities,
help us to love Christ as Lord, and our neighbour as ourselves.

**for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Conclusions and Endings

Creator God,
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received
and generous in supplying the needs of others
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in strong and growing faith.
Trust in the tenderness of Christ
to heal a bruised and broken world.
Thanks be to God.

Go in eager and refreshing hope.
Work with Christ risen from the dead,
to fulfil the promise of a new creation.
Thanks be to God.

Let us go in peace,
to treasure and to tend the world God made and loves.
In the name of Christ.

[chanted] Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

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Sources: New Patterns for Worship 1995,1998, New Patterns for Worship 2002 : Church House Publishing
Climate Change prayer; Dismissal, stewardship of creation; Anglican Communion Environmental Network