

TODAY'S SERVICE

CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD

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Gathering Statement

We gather today to connect with the Divine, with ourselves, with each other, and with the Oneness of all Creation. We gather because inclusive community built around shared stories and rituals inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

Call to Worship: Come Fall On Us (Psalm 50)

(Benoit Pasley Henry, Robin D Pasley)

A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
 A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
 Come fall on us, we fall on you
 A thankful heart will be our rhythm
 Come fall on us, we fall on you
 A thankful heart will be our song

Sarum Prayer

God be in my head
 and in my understanding;
 God be in my eyes
 and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth
 and in my speaking;
 God be in my heart
 and in my thinking;
 God be at my end
 and at my departing

A Reading from Colossians 3:

God has chosen you and made you Their holy people. They love you. So your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. Together with these things, the most important part of your new life is to love each other. Love is what holds everything together in perfect unity. Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. It is for peace that you were chosen to be together in one body. And always be thankful. Let the teaching of Christ live inside you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms,

hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And, in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

Liturgy:

Prayer by St. Theresa

May today there be peace within you.
 May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
 May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in faith.
 May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
 May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.
 Amen.

A Reading from Psalm 36:

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
 your faithfulness to the skies.
 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
 your justice like the great deep.
 You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
 People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 They feast on the abundance of your house;
 you give them drink from your river of delights.
 For with you is the fountain of life;
 in your light we see light.

From the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Leader 1: (from an Ancient Collect, sixth century)

O Lord,
 in the name of Jesus your Son, our God,
 give us that love which can never cease,
 that will kindle our lamps but not extinguish them,
 that they may burn in us and enlighten others.

Leader 1: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Creator, saying, "Creator, have mercy."

Leader 1: On your earth, the garden of life,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On soil, that it may be fruitful in all seasons,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On rocks and minerals that form the foundations for life,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On volcanoes and lava flows that reveal the power of earth's core,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On hills and great mountains; on cliffs, caves, and valleys,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On deserts and their hardy creatures,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On your waters, which sustain a diverse community of life,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On coral reefs, and on the animals, plants, and fish that inhabit them,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On ocean deeps, teeming with life; on the open seas and all that travel upon them,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On rivers, bringing water to thirsty places,
People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On lakes and streams, home to a diversity of life,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On ponds and marshes, cradles of life,
People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On wetlands and estuaries; on rocky coasts and beaches,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On rains that water the earth, causing plants to sprout and grow,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On the atmosphere of your planet earth, that it may sustain all that breathes,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On winds that carry seeds and spores; on breezes that warm and cool the earth,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On lightnings and fires that cleanse and destroy, and on all that lies in their path,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On all the ecosystems of your earth and their intricate communities,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On forests of many kinds; on trees and shrubs and vines,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On grasslands, tundras, and plains, and on their varied plants,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On ferns and fungi; on spore-bearing and seed-bearing plants,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On micro-organisms of endless variety, the complex and the simple,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On reptiles and amphibians,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On many-legged creatures and insects;

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On mammals of the land and mammals of the sea,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On fish and mollusks and algae and coral reefs,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On farm animals and on creatures we befriend as pets and family,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On animals preserved in sanctuaries and those housed in zoos,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On the human family across the globe, in kinship with all creation,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On all who live and work and play in this city and this neighborhood,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On those who work around us, whose labor builds up our communities and our world,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On the businesses and industries of our cities, that they may benefit the whole community,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On the parks and green spaces of our cities; on those who maintain them and those who enjoy them,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On schools and all places of learning; on all who care for—and teach—children and adults,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On visitors and immigrants; on all who offer welcome, shelter, and hospitality,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 2: On all places of reverence and peace and prayer;

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: On our ancestors, and on those who will come after us,

People: Creator, have mercy.

Leader 1: Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: open our hearts so that we may love the Creation as You love it. Where we neglect, awaken our

minds and wills to insight and care. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen

Meditation:

Moment of silence to listen to nature for people in person; invite Zoomies to type things they appreciate about the Creation.

Gratitude Candle:

We thank You for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see,

for the marvels that the ear can hear,

for all the amazing mysteries that fill

the universe with wonder.

Help us to grow in knowledge and

appreciation of Your Creation,

To be good stewards of what You have given us,

And to always remember that every good gift

comes from You.

For these, and all blessings,

we give You thanks, eternal, loving God,

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

- C.S. Lewis Institute

Prayer for Loved Ones: Irina, Tzipora, Dark Angel, The Zaghmout family, Pat, Lauren, Rosa, Erika and Sarah, Paul, Gloria, Karen, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Steven, Diane, Christina, Sue, John, Marcia, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Mindy, Mike and Janine, Calob, Janie, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, Ypsilanti Youth Choir

Communion Call and Response:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kin_dom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kin_dom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now
 and forever. Amen.

Communion

Set a Fire (Will Reagan)

No place I would rather be
 No place I would rather be
 No place I would rather be
 Than here in your love,
 Here in your love

So set a fire down in my soul
 That I can't contain and I can't control
 I want more of you, God
 I want more of you, God

I want more, I want more
 I want more, I want more
 I want more, I want more
 Won't you pour it out

This is Amazing Grace

(Jeremy Riddle / Josh Farro / Phil Wickham)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
 And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
 This is unfailing love
 That You would take my place
 That You would bear my cross

You lay down Your life
 That I would be set free
 Oh, Jesus, I sing for
 All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Benediction / Gaelic Blessing:

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
 Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

Go in peace.

Rest with joy.

Love your neighbor.

You are not alone.

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