

Thursday Morning Prayer

Season of Creation 2021

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GATHERING

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

In the silence of your heart
God will speak these words to you
So listen, listen, for the word of life:

*Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God,
blooming deep within you.*

(Text: adapted by Dan Miller, inspired by Psalm 46:10)

Silence

OPENING POEM

PENITENCE

“For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?” Mark 8:36-37

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world...

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God’s creation. God our Father/Parent, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: **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:

All: **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:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. God, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

(“Let All Things Their Creator Bless”: Liturgy for Use During the Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, pp.14-15.)

ABSOLUTION / ASSURANCE

God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. **Amen.**

THE WORD

Psalm of the Day chanted or spoken. We pause for a breath at the *
At the conclusion: ***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.***

The Gospel (an acclamation may be sung before after)

Silence

Shared reflections - Following the silence, a time of sharing around how we are called by God's Spirit through the ancient words of scripture, poetry or prayer...

OUR PRAYERS | *Aloud or in silence, let us share our prayers of gratitude & concern*

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us...*

BLESSING

May we take these words from 2 Corinthians to heart today:

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written: **‘God scatters seed abroad,**

God gives to the poor, God's righteousness endures forever.’

God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.”

(2 Corinthians 6-11a)

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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