

Tuesday Morning Prayer In the Season of Creation

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In God’s hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.” (Job 12:7-10)

Opening Words:

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

God who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

**God is great in strength,
mighty in power, and not one is missing.**

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

**‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.** (Isaiah 40:26-28)

Poem: ‘Beginners’ by Denise Levertov

But we have only begun to love the earth.

We have only begun to imagine the fullness of life.

How could we tire of hope? – so much is in bud.

How can desire fail? – we have only begun to imagine justice and mercy.

Only begun to envision how it might be

To live as siblings with beast and flower not as oppressors.

Surely our river cannot already be hastening into the sea of non-being?

Surely it cannot drag, in the silt, all that is innocent?

Not yet. Not yet – there is too much broken that must be mended,

too much hurt we have done to each other that cannot yet be forgiven.

We have only begun to know the power that is in us if we would join

our solitudes in the communion of struggle.
So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture,
So much is in bud.

Silence for reflection

Gospel Acclamation

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and let us sing. O praise God! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Pale silver moon that softly gleams
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of...
This is the Gospel of Christ! **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia!

Silence for reflection

Bell

We share how the Spirit is speaking to our community

Our Prayers *Hearing the groaning of Creation, we offer our prayers (silent or aloud) to the God who listens, even as Spirit intercedes on our behalf with wordless groaning...*

The Lord's Prayer

Sending

May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, transform our lives and the life of this faith community. May God open our eyes and ears and hearts to the voice of all creatures as they reflect God's glory in creation. **Let it be so! Thanks be to God!**