

PRELUDE

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OPENING DIALOGUE 1

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us bless God, who created heaven and earth.

Our Creator's name be praised.

God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply

and fill the earth and subdue it

and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28)

GATHERING HYMN ELW #879 "For The Beauty of the Earth"

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
 for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies:

***Refrain:* Christ, our God, to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.**

- 2 For the wonder of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 sun and moon and stars of light: ***To Refrain***

- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
 for the heart and mind's delight,
 for the mystic harmony
 linking sense to sound and sight: ***To Refrain***

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: **Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, **you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.**

(Prayer from Creation, the Earth, *All Creation Sings*, p. 47)

DIALOGUE 2 (Job 12:7-10)

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 his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

HYMN ELW #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

PRAYER *(leader only)*

Let us pray. God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Prayer from Creation, the Earth, *All Creation Sings*, p. 47)

DIALOGUE 3 (Psalm 65:9-13)

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
**with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

HYMN ELW #857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (*sing twice*)

Lord, I lift your name on high,
 Lord, I love to sing your praises.
 I’m so glad you’re in my life,
 I’m so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
 from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I left your name on high. **(Repeat)**

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, **we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures and living things that attest to your creative power, we ask your blessing. We pray for victims of animal cruelty. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Prayer from Creation, the Earth, *All Creation Sings*, p. 48)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

We pray, holy God, for the church in all its expressions around the world, we pray for congregations transitioning from one leader to a new one, and for ministries beginning this fall. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray, God of promise, for the well-being of creation, for the will and wisdom to care for the earth. Guide scientists and researchers in their work so that we may respond for the good of all that you created. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world, for efforts toward international cooperation, so that natural resources are preserved and protected for the good of all. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray, compassionate God, for the poor and disenfranchised, for those who mourn or are lonely, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit - we pray especially for those named today...Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray, faithful God, for Trinity Lutheran Church, for deeper faith and stronger commitment, for the beginning of partnership between Pastor Donald and the people of Trinity. We give thanks for the blessings we share... Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND HYMN ELW #678- v. 1, 2 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, **all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You have blessed us with the gifts of our selves, our time, and our possessions. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. May we be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE 4 (Revelation 22:1-2)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
**bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and
of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**

On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

HYMN ELW #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

- 2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. ***To Refrain***
- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. ***To Refrain***
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. ***To Refrain***

PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord, **make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

(Prayer attributed to St. Francis, ELW, p. 87)

DIALOGUE 5

Most high, most powerful, good Lord,
Praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours. . . .

Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures,
Especially to my reverent Brother Sun . . .

Beautiful is he and radiant with splendor great;
singing of your significance.

Praised be my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars . . .
Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind . . .

Praised be my Lord for Sister Water . . .
Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire . . .

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Mother Earth,
**Praised be my Lord for those who forgive others
 for your sake . . .**

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death . . .
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks.

(Excerpt from "Canticle of the Sun" by Francis of Assisi. Used under creative commons license version2.0)

HYMN ELW #835 - vs. 1, 2, 3, 6 "All Creatures Worship God Most High"

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!
 Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
 sing, sister moon and stars of night:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
 you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Dear sister water, useful, clear,
 make music for your Lord to hear:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
 drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
 praise God in colors bright and rare:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER *(leader only)*

Let us pray. Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation. The earth groans in travail. Forests fall, oceans rise, crops fail. The air is thick with so much burning. free us from the powerful who destroy the air, water, and land. Frustrate their violence, expose their lies, overthrow their schemes. Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water to nourish the life of the world. Preserve the health of your beloved creation. Strengthen those who serve and protect the garden of this earth. Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy. Gather us at your river, under the tree of life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; in the name of the one who from a wounded tree birthed a new creation, Jesus our redeemer. **Amen.**

(Prayer from Creation, the Earth, *All Creation Sings*, p. 47)

SENDING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May we go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.