

Creation Prayer

Gathering

One: We gather in the image of the Creator,
Many: who is a community of love.
One: We gather in the name of the Redeemer,
Many: who reconciles all of creation.
One: We gather in the presence of the Life Giver,
Many: who inspires new life and renews it.

*Praise be to the Holy Trinity!
God is sound and life, Creator of the universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing;
wondrous light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind,
and life that lives in all.*

(Hildegard of Bingen)

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Song

Canticle of the Sun
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Refrain:



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre-
a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come,
play in the field, and sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.
Lord. Sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord!
Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the crea-tures you
made to let your life show; the flow-ers and trees that
help us to know the heart of love.

Confession

- One:* God of mercy and justice,
- Many:** We confess our overuse of transportation,
One: the need for speed overriding the healing of the earth's fever.
- Many:** We confess our hyper-consumption of food and energy,
One: producing meat and electrons on demand, but too often exhausting and poisoning the backyards of the poorest.
- Many:** We confess our soaps, our cosmetics,
our synthetic clothes,
One: ignoring that their unseen, plastic microbeads run into our streams and oceans, now residing in fish, and probably in some of us.
- Many:** We confess our junk, the piles of what we throw away,
One: the sewage smelling of our lack of concern.
- Many:** We confess our mindset,
One: too often concentrating on our ability to buy rather than asking what we really need, what our world needs.
- Many:** We confess our unfaithfulness, not loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind,
One: not loving our human and non-human neighbors as ourselves,
- Many:** not caring for the creation you have given us as a gift.
One: Turn us from our cursed practices
- Many:** to life that is really living, giving ourselves away, following Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 104

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We praise you, O God, for all your works are wonderful.

We praise you, O God, for ev - er is your love.

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Reading: Job 12:7-10

Prayer

- All:** Creator God,
We thank you for the abundance of creation,
For the air we breathe,
The water we drink,
And the food we eat.
We pray, that we, your children,
Will steward this gift
So that all your children may share in its abundance
Here and around the world. Amen.

All are welcome to continue outside for the Meditative Walk.