

The Celebration of Morning Prayer

Rite II

in the Season after Pentecost - Season of Creation Edition

Proper 18 - Sept 6th

Opening Acclamation

SCEP 66

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. *Psalm 19:1*

Confession of Sin

BOS 296

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invitatory

BCP 80

Jubilate

BCP 82-83

Psalm Appointed+ followed by “Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

The Lesson from the Hebrew Bible+

Canticle - A Greeting for Creation

SCEP 108

Greetings in the name of our God who is good: whose love endures forever.
Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, hills and valleys, rivers and ponds, sea and rain: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, oak and pine, hemlock and birch, tamarack and maple: give to our God your thanks and praise.

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Greetings to you, hawks and sparrows, cardinals and robins, bats and blue jays, ravens and crows: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, bears and deer, chipmunks and squirrels, and beaver and bobcats: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, people of all genders, elders and children, indigenous and colonists, diverse cultures of this rainbow land:

Nurses and teachers, scientists and artists, cleaners and clerks, students and job-seekers,

All who care, who love, and who pray,

Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play: give to our God your thanks and praise. Amen.

The Lesson from the New Testament+

Canticle D - A Song of the Wilderness

EOW 32

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, *

and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, *

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, *

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *

Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *

and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *

and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool *

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *

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with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Gospel Reading+

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

The Prayers BCP 97

Suffrage (A) BCP 97-98

The Creation Collect of the Day SCEP 27

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Sundays BCP 98

Collect for Guidance BCP 100

The General Intercession (Almighty and everlasting God...) BCP 100

Prayers of the People Celebrating God in Creation Form 1 BOS 287

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures:
We pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
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The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

The Closing & Concluding Scripture

SCEP 75

In Christ all things hold together. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen. *Colossians 1:17b, 19*

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Opening Acclamation

SCEP 66

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8*

Confession of Sin

BOS 296-297

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Invitatory

BCP 80

Venite

BCP 82

Psalm Appointed+ followed by “Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

The Lesson from the Hebrew Bible+

Canticle 12 - A Song of Creation (Invocation, III, Doxology)

BCP 88-90

The Lesson from the New Testament+

Canticle O - A Song of the Heavenly City

EOW 38

I saw no temple in the city, *

for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *

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for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *
into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.
All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,
and all servants give worship there; *
there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

The Gospel Reading+

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

The Prayers

BCP 97

Suffrage with Creation (A)

SCEP 72-73

V. Show your creatures mercy, O Creator;
R. And grant all Creation your restoration.
V. Clothe your beloved ones with all goodness;
R. Let your creatures sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Creator, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in harmony.
V. Keep every tribe and community under your wing;
R. And guide us in the way of universal communion.
V. Let your way of love be known upon earth;
R. Your uniting wholeness among all divisions.
V. Let not those in need, O God, be lost;
R. Nor the hope of the endangered be taken away.
V. Put in us new soft hearts of flesh, O God;
R. And inspire us with your Holy Breath who sustains us.

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The Creation Collect of the Day

SCEP 27

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Collect for Guidance

BCP 100

The General Intercession (Almighty and everlasting God...) BCP 100

POP: Celebrating God in Creation Form 2

BOS 289-293

During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor and People

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Intercessor

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

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God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

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God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflicts suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially _____].

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

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Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____].

Silence

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Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with the following collect
Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

The Closing & Concluding Scripture

SCEP 74

With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. Amen. *Ephesians 1:8-10*

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Opening Acclamation

SCEP 66

The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy. *Psalm 65:12-13*

Confession of Sin

BOS 297

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Invitatory

BCP 80

Jubilate

BCP 82-83

Psalm Appointed+ followed by "Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen."

The Lesson from the Hebrew Bible+

Canticle J - A Song of Judith *Judith 16:13-16*

EOW 35-36

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *

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you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

The Lesson from the New Testament+

Canticle 19 - The Song of the Redeemed

BCP 94

The Gospel Reading+

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

The Prayers

BCP 97

Suffrage (EOW)

SCEP 73-74

V. Come to our aid, O Creator and Healer;
R. Restore us and forgive our trespasses against Creation.
V. Look upon your whole Creation;
R. Give to your creatures the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among all tribes;
R. And your wonders among all species.
V. Do not let the endangered be lost;
R. Never forget the lives of your creatures.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to all creatures;
R. And your favor to those who work for justice.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Creation Collect of the Day*

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest;
and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast
to your promise and commit again to active hope; through Jesus Christ the
Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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The General Intercession (Almighty and everlasting God...) BCP 100

POP: Celebrating God in Creation Form 3

EOW 294-295

The silence after each bidding may be followed by an appropriate response, such as “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

Silence

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I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

Silence

Collect

Blessed God, fountain of life: Grant that we may see all water as holy, and so protect and preserve the waters of the earth and the life they sustain.

In the name of Christ, the living water, we pray. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

The Closing & Concluding Scripture

SCEP 75

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Amen. *Colossians 1:15-16*

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Opening Acclamation

SCEP 66

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. *Psalm 96:11-12*

Confession of Sin

BOS 296-297

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Invitatory

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The Lesson from the Hebrew Bible+

Canticle P - A Song of the Spirit *Revelation 22:12-17*

EOW 38-39

“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,
“and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.”
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *

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and may enter the city through the gates.
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

The Lesson from the New Testament+

A Canticle for God’s Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins SCEP 109

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man’s smudge and shares man’s smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah!
bright wings.

The Gospel Reading+

The Apostles’ Creed

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Suffrage with Creation (B)

SCEP 73

V. Heal your Creation, O God, and bless your offspring;
R. Guide and sustain your creatures, now and always.
V. Day by day your Creation blesses you;
R. We join our voices to praise your Name for ever.
V. O God, unite us with all Creation in harmony;
R. Have compassion on our failings, O God.
V. O God, show us your love and sustaining power;
R. For your creatures live and move only in you.
V. In you, O God, is our hope;
R. And your Creation shall never hope in vain.

The Creation Collect of the Day

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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The General Thanksgiving

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The Closing & Concluding Scripture

SCEP 74

All things came into being through the Word, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Amen. *John 1:3-4*

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<https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/SeasonOfCreation-ACelebrationGuideForEpiscopalParishes2025.pdf>

Prayers of the People Celebrating God in Creation -

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