



Feast of the Creator

Liturgical Resources

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1. Introduction

The Orthodox Church has, for over a millennium, held a Feast on September 1 marking God's original acts of creation. The celebration of the Season of Creation began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to Oct 4th the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. In 2019 The Anglican Church of Canada adopted the Season of Creation, beginning September 1st and continuing through to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, "as an annual season of prayer, education and action to protect the gift of God's creation." An ecumenical effort is now underway to establish a worldwide Feast of the Creator on September 1, a liturgical feast intended to reinforce and further develop the Season of Creation, not replace it.

As part of this ecumenical movement the General Synod of 2025 passed Resolution #A122, resolving that the Feast of the Creator be adopted as a Major Feast within the liturgical calendar of The Anglican Church of Canada, to be celebrated on September 1, transferrable to a Sunday within the Season of Creation; and that the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee be directed, in collaboration with the Consultation on Common Texts and the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee, to monitor and oversee the development of Proper Readings, Prayers, Prefaces, Intercessions, Eucharistic Prayers, and other resources to support participation in the Feast of the Creator and in the Season of Creation across the church.

A Task Group on The Feast of the Creator, representing a diversity of bioregions, skills, cultures, vocations, theologies, liturgical traditions, and roles was created to work alongside staff to take on the tasks in Resolution A122 with a responsibility to Connect, Convene, and Communicate as they did so. The Task Group has collected, created, and curated these resources for worship to be considered for authorisation for trial use, evaluation, and feedback.

On Lectionary Offerings, Years A, B, C

The Task Group began our work with the Consultation on Common Texts' recommended lections on the Feast, but took to heart the principle that the lectionary contains variants and alternatives, and that individual churches will make adaptations. We did not find that the texts originally proposed by the CCT in the Fall of 2025 sufficiently reflected the richness of biblical texts about creation, some of which have been relatively neglected in our tradition. For this reason we developed a different set of readings, with the rationale that the readings for a particular feast day do not necessarily follow the same pattern as regular Sunday readings. Shortly before the completion of our work, we were informed that the CCT had abandoned their original set of readings for one with considerably more overlap with our suggestions. We are nonetheless persevering with our proposal. Recommending texts on the theme of God as Creator and God's creative activities, we deviated from the pattern of semi-continuous readings after Pentecost, prioritizing honouring the integrity of both Hebrew

and Christian Scriptures' multi-faceted portrait of the Creator, including feminine images of the divine. In addition, the texts also reflect an Anglican emphasis on the incarnational, where God is known in the material world. Our concerns were primarily theological, with the intention of offering a coherent mosaic portrait each year with less priority given to whether texts already appear in the lectionary and the traditional ordering of Hebrew Scriptures.

2. Readings

See Appendix for full presentation of Readings

Year A

Holy Trinity, Creator's many faces

Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 33:1-9
Colossians 1:15-20
John 1:1-5

Year B

Creator and Creation, Genesis to Revelation

Genesis 1:1-5 or up to full chapter
or Genesis 2:4b-14
Psalm 148
Rev 22:1-5
Mark 1:9-13

Year C

Creator's economy of abundance and web of relationships

Job 38:4-11, 39-41
or Isaiah 40:12-17, 21-26
Psalm 104: 1-4, (10-13), 14-24
Romans 8:18-27
Luke 12:22-34

3. Proper Prayers

a) Sentences

Worshipping communities who use a Sentence of the Day are encouraged to study the scripture readings assigned for the particular Year and to identify an appropriate scriptural Sentence for their use. The following are suggestions.

Year A

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts. (Psalm 33: 6)

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. (John 1:3)

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Colossians 1:15)

Year B

A wind from God swept over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2b)

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praises, all you shining stars. (Psalm 148:3)

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. (Revelation 21:2)

Year C

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. (Psalm 104: 24a)

The creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (Romans 8:21a)

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. (Luke 12: 24)

b) Collects of the Day

Year A

Creator,
you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth
and us in your own image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your breath in all creatures
that we may be of service in the healing of the earth,
through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
through whom you breathe all creation into being. **Amen.**

Year B

Creator of all,
in love you have called us into being
and surrounded us with the sight, sound, and scent of beauty.
We thank you for the grandeur of sunsets,
the comforting presence of trees,
the joyful song of birds,
and the nourishing renewal of waters.
May all these your creatures
remind us of your love for us and every living thing,
through Jesus your Son with the Holy Spirit,
in whom creation is held in loving embrace. **Amen.**

Year C

God of Raven and Lily,
who waters the trees of the field,
provides grass for cattle, and prey for the lions,
grant us humility to learn from all our creature kin
our place in your web of creation,
that we may join in the economy of abundance and gift
which is your Kingdom,
through Jesus and the Spirit of life, **Amen.**

Alternate A, B, or C

Creator,
our of your abundant love
all things live and move and have their being.

May we, who have harmed your creation,
turn to you in the power of your grace,
that seasons of healing and restoration
may come to our island home.

Through Jesus, with you and the Spirit,
one God now and forever. **Amen.**

c) Prayers over the Gifts

Year A or any

Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom,
all creation yearns in hope to be set free.
Receive all we offer you this day
and through this Eucharist
lead us to be servants of your justice and truth
in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Year B or any

Giver of our daily bread,
all creation bears the mark of your hand.
Bless these gifts of sun and water,
seed and shoot, labour and land,
that we who break and take and make them part of our bodies
remember that we too are your creatures.
In the name of Jesus, whose body also was broken. **Amen.**

Year C or any

Creator God, our beginning and our hope
your wisdom in creation
fills us with awe and wonder.
May we who celebrate this eucharist today
be strengthened in kinship with lilies and ravens,
orca and redwood that you have created, ^[1]
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your creating Word. **Amen.**

^[1] *these references can be changed to reflect plants, animals, landforms, and waterways in different regions.*

d) Eucharistic Prefaces

Preface 1

God of power and might you spoke the Word
and all that is in heaven and on the earth came to be.
Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,
including this fragile earth and our selves, our souls, and bodies.
As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you.
As we have turned from your way,
so we turn again to the warmth of your love.
Through you all things are brought to new life.
And so with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy...

Preface 2

It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God.
You are the source of all life.
Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us
in the environments you crafted in creation.
You rule the universe with balance and generosity,
for which all creation never ceases to praise you.
Joining with the company of heaven
and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas,
we joyfully praise your holy name, singing (saying),

Holy, holy, holy...

Preface 3

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy...

Preface 4

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy...

Also recommended, from The Book of Alternative Services: Preface for Trinity Sunday or Reign of Christ

e) Prayers after Communion

Year A

Creator of all,
in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.
May this bread and wine open our eyes
to your love and justice woven through all of creation.
We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. **Amen.**

Year B

Creator of all lands and creatures,
who provides in this meal a foretaste of your coming new creation.
May we join with all your creatures in praise and adoration,
until, with Jesus, we are at home in the wilderness,
where you dwell with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Year C

Creator of abundance,
you clothe the flower of the field
and set free the lamenting earth.
Grant that we, discerning your care for all your creatures,
may rest in trust and hope,
yearning for the day when you, with Jesus and the Spirit of life,
return to make all things new. **Amen.**

Alternate A, B, or C

Gracious Creator
your Spirit has given us new life
and nourished in us your concern for creation.
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize the One
who shelters the wounded sparrow and the bruised reed.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

4. Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Salal + Cedar

This Eucharistic Prayer was created for the Salal + Cedar Watershed Discipleship Community and is authorized for use in the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster on Coast Salish Territory. It includes references to the First Nations, species, waterways and human activities of our region -these can be adapted for different locations. We ask if you use and adapt this prayer to make a financial contribution to the Indigenous people on whose territory you gather, or if this is not possible to local Indigenous land defenders.

May God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right at all times and in all places
to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here *on this Coast Salish land*
where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea,
where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.

We praise you at a time
when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
They depended on the land,
were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities,
on mountains and by wells,
in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who *spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.*

Together with angels and ancestors,
orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar
we join our voices with all creation
in this ancient honour song:

**Holy, holy, holy One,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Our God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized into the Jordan,
tested in the wilderness,
he travelled in fishing boats
and told parables of farmers and seeds,
labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper
he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone
who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with
(name patron saint of your community or saints you celebrate today)
and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

May God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Creator

Let us thank the Giver of Life

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places
to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here in this place,
*where the river meets the sea,
in the midst of hills and lakes,
where ravines and streams wind under city streets,
where village and farm meet,
wilderness and town are side by side,
where the rising sea meets the rocky shore,
where snow meets sea ice,
where snow grants rest to all creatures.*

We praise you in this time of sorrow,
when the body of the earth is broken and bruised.

We give you thanks for our place on this land,
and in the story of salvation.

Our ancestors journeyed with you in desert and in wilderness,
displaced and displacing,
frightened and welcoming,
all the while searching for home.

They knew you on mountains and by wells,
in tents and in cities,
in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who saw you in a burning bush,
followed you in cloud and fire,
and were fed by ravens on the mountains.

Together with angels and ancestors,
*orca and salmon,
bear and raven,
Salal and cedar,*

OR

*lake and river
deer and coyote,
birch tree and cedar,*

OR

*rock and mountain,
bear and elk,
spruce and cedar*

OR

*rocks and sea,
bear and moose,
labrador tea and balsam fir*

we join our voices with all of creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest**

We give thanks to you for Jesus,
born among the animals.
He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
nourished and tested in the wilderness,
travelled on the lakes,
and knew the mysteries of seeds and growth.

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth.
He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying,
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land and work of human hands,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying,

This is my blood, which is shed for you.
Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
and awaiting his coming to renew all things,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts,
that we who eat and drink at this table
may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice,
and be joined with all of creation, our kin.

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth,
that it may become your new creation,
and that we, along with your people,
of every language, race and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised
with *patronal saint of your community or saint celebrated today*,
and all the saints
who rest in the wisdom of sparrow and lily,
raven and mustard seed,
now and on the new earth.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Saviour, and Spirit,
now and in the world to come. **Amen.**

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God,
for you are the source of all life.

Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us
through the environment you established in creation.

You rule the universe with balance and generosity,
for which all creation never ceases to praise you.

Joining with the company of heaven
and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas,
we joyfully praise your holy name, singing (saying),

Holy, holy, holy...

O God, our creator, you placed us in this world,
but did not leave us to live alone.

You surround us with your wondrous creation
That we might live in harmony with it,
taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life.

Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people,
yet we strayed from your path.

We judged ourselves powerful and mighty,
planting destruction between us and nature,
and creating a world of inequity, imbalance, and injustice.

Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance and new life,
yet we choose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error.

In the fulness of time and in your infinite mercy,
you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life.

He taught us to live in unity with you,
opening the doors to a new creation:
one reconciled to you and sustained by your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread.

Having given thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine,
and having given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying,
"Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant
which is shed for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the wondrous mystery:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom,
we offer you these gifts of bread and wine:
fruits of the earth and of your own creation.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ
we may fill the world with your love,
renewing it with the gift of your Gospel.

Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us
and restoring the balance of nature.
Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden,
worthy of our respect and care.
Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle
to preserve the environment and the diversity of life within it.

And, at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom,
where in the company of (*N and...*) all your saints,
we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ.
By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, God our Creator.

Your infinite love created a universe of wonder.

At the dawn of time

your Word summoned light

and bade it blaze forth in the darkness..

From your breath sprang

the dance of the stars in the night sky.

You laid the foundations of the earth,

spread out the seas,

and stretched out the heavens like a tent above our heads.

You brought forth life in marvellous variety: mosses, grasses and trees

insects and animals that move with grace and beauty,

birds that ride the winds,

and the shimmering creatures of the waters.

All creation bears witness to you:

your glory shines forth in the night sky;

your wisdom is seen in the cunning miracle of a living cell;

your care is found in the generous bounty of the earth;

your joy flashes forth in a hawk on the wing;

your beauty meets us in the birth of each new day.

All things praise you in their own way,

and we join in that chorus as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy . . .

For such praise you created us,

youngest of all your creatures:

alongside all of creation you formed us of the earth,

along with all life we are quickened by your breath,

but of all creation you made us to bear your image

in loving care for all creation.

You call us to lift the voices of all creatures

to praise you through language, music, and art.

But we have failed you, failed your creation,
and failed our own nature.

We have forgotten our connection with the earth and all life.

We imagine ourselves masters of our own destiny.

We have betrayed our duty to care for creation,
and exploit it ruthlessly in our shortsighted greed.

To recall us to our true nature, you sent your Son Jesus.

In him divinity entered into creation, sharing our human flesh,
showing us our true calling as servants and priests of creation.

When Jesus was led by our selfishness, fear, and lust for power
to cruel suffering and death, he did not abandon us.

Gathering his disciples on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:

“This is my body, given for you.

Take and eat” – that I may dwell in you,

that you may become my body,

bringing nourishment and life to all.

After supper he took the cup of wine,
blessed it and shared it with them, saying:

“This is my blood, shed for you.

Drink this” – that you might have a part in my death,

dying to selfishness, violence, and sin,

and raised to the redeemed life of the kingdom.

Remembering his sharing of our flesh,
his embrace of life and acceptance of death,
his glorious resurrection as the first born of your new Creation,
we offer ourselves,
our lives and labour and aspirations to you, O God.

May we be transformed into the Body of Christ,
that we might fulfil our purpose of caring for Creation,
and giving praise to you our Creator.

Pour out on us anew your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
who nourishes and sustains all things living,

who sighs for redemption in all Creation and in the depths of our hearts.
Sanctify to us this meal of the Kingdom.
Renew our hearts, renew our lives, renew the face of the earth.
Gather all nations and all creatures together into your peaceable kingdom,
where together, in infinite diversity, we may sing with joy your praise,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore. **Amen.**

5. Alternative Sursum Corda and Sanctus

These alternative texts are recommended for use with any of the Eucharistic Prayers offered in this resource.

Sursum Corda 1

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Sursum Corda 2

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God, who creates, loves, and sustains the universe.

We rejoice in God our Creator.

Sursum Corda 3

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God.

Let us praise and magnify the God of all Creation

We sing to the Creator with songs of creation.

Alternative Sanctus Hymns

Sanctus 1, based on Revelation 4: 8b and 11

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.
Blessed...**

Sanctus 2

**Holy, holy holy, Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
To you be all glory and honour and power:
by your will you created all things.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed...**

Sanctus 3

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all Creation,
who was and is and is to come.
You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power:
you created all things.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed...**

6. Forms for Confession

A Confession and Absolution

Creator, out of your abundant love
all things live and move and have their being.
We confess that we have turned away from you
and from your image in our neighbours.
We have neglected the creatures that surround us,
the water that renews us,
and the earth that nourishes us.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us
that we might hear the song of your creation once again
and see your love in all living things.

A Litany of Confession

*This litany was originally crafted for settler parishes marking the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
It is crafted in settler voice and its use should be carefully discerned as appropriate to local contexts.*

Creator ,
you made us from the earth
to live at peace with each other
and with all of creation.
But we have failed to listen
to the voice of creation,
and disregarded the suffering
of the land and the creatures

pause for reflection

Creator we cry out to you,
how shall we find forgiveness and healing?

Creator ,
you established all peoples
in lands where they could flourish.
But we have taken the land of others,
refused to hear their cries for justice,
and ignored the suffering
that our systems create.

pause for reflection

Creator we cry out to you,
where is the path of forgiveness and healing?

Creator,
you called us into one new community,
where all tongues and nations
would share in your abundance.
But we have shared
with only a comfortable few
and disregarded those who are
made destitute by our wealth.

pause for reflection

Maker of all, we cry to you,
**open our ears to hear
the suffering of creation
and the cries of those communities
we have displaced
whose resources we have taken.**

Suffering Saviour, we cry to you,
**open our eyes to the path
of restoration and healing.**

Spirit of Transformation, we cry to you,
**give us the courage
to right the wrongs of injustice,
and live into a story
of abundance and plenty for all,
the story of your forgiveness and healing.
Amen.**

7. Invitations to the Peace

Invitation 1, based on Isaiah 11

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation:
the wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and a little child shall lead them.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Sharing of the Peace

<i>Presider</i>	We want the warhorse
<i>All</i>	Jesus rides a donkey.
<i>Presider</i>	We want the eagle.
<i>All</i>	The Holy Spirit descends as a dove.
<i>Presider</i>	We want to take up swords.
<i>All</i>	Jesus takes up a cross.
<i>Presider</i>	We want the roaring lion.
<i>All</i>	God comes as a slaughtered lamb.
<i>Presider</i>	We keep trying to arm God.
<i>All</i>	God keeps trying to disarm us.
<i>Presider</i>	May the peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>All</i>	And also with you.

8. Recommended Hymnody and Canticles

Common Praise, The Anglican Church of Canada, 1998

Wash O God our Sons and Daughters CP 35
Crashing waters at creation CP 42
Now the Green Blade Rises CP 237
All Creatures of our God and King CP 355
Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works CP 407
Wind upon the water CP 408
O Lord of every shining constellation CP 411
O God, Beyond All Face and Form CP 412
God of the Sparrow CP 414
God who touches Earth with Beauty CP422
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee CP 425
The Spacious Firmament on High CP 426
God Who Gives Life Its Goodness CP 428
For the Beauty of the Earth CP 429
She comes Sailing on the Wind CP656

Sing a New Creation, The Anglican Church of Canada, 2022

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory SNC 19
Deep the Snows on God's High Mountains SNC 26
Nyanykanlah/Hallelujah! Sing Praise SNC 73
In Sacred Manner May We Walk. SNC 92
Lord, Your Hands Have Formed This World SNC 93
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I am the one whose praise echoes on high.

I adorn all the earth.

I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.

I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.

I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.

I am the rain coming from the dew that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.

I call forth tears. I am the yearning for good.

Or

We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice.

If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper,
we will respond to its endangerment with passion.

Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings.

Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things.

All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God's brilliance,
emerging from God like the rays of the sun.

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Appendix: Full texts of Biblical Readings

Year A

Holy Trinity, Creator's many faces

Proverbs 8:22-31

²² "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
³¹ playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Psalms 33:1-9

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
² Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.
³ Sing for God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
⁴ For the word of the Lord is right,
and all the works of God are sure.
⁵ God loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
⁶ By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

⁷ God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.

⁹ For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

*Genesis 1:1-5 or up to full chapter
or Genesis 2:4b-14*

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans^l in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^l and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ 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.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.)

OR Genesis 2:4b-14

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² Praise the Lord all you angels;
sing praises, all you heavenly host.

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praises, all you shining stars.
⁴ Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.
⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord;
who gave the command and they were created,
⁶ who made them stand fast for ever and ever,
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² young men and young women,
old and young together.
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ The Lord has raised up strength for this people
and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel,
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

Revelation 22:1-5

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 ² 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. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Mark 1:9-13

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into

the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Year C Creator's economy of abundance and web of relationship

Job 38:4-11, 39-41

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

OR:

Isaiah 40:12-17, 21-26

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?

Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket,

or weighed the mountains on the scales

and the hills in a balance?

¹³Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD,

or instruct the LORD as his counselor?

¹⁴Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him,

and who taught him the right way?

Who was it that taught him knowledge,

or showed him the path of understanding?

¹⁵Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;

they are regarded as dust on the scales;

he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

¹⁶Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,

nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

¹⁷Before him all the nations are as nothing;

they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing.

²¹ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ "To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Psalm 104:1-4, (10-13), 14-24

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You are clothed with majesty and splendour.

² You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

³ You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

⁴ You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants

(¹⁰ You send the springs into the valleys;
they flow between the mountains.

¹¹ All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² Beside them the birds of the air make their nests

and sing among the branches.

¹³ You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.)

¹⁴ You make grass grow for flocks and herds
and plants to serve human beings that they may bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵ wine to gladden our hearts, oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are full of sap,
the cedars of Lebanon which you planted,

¹⁷ in which the birds build their nests,
and in whose tops the stork makes its dwelling.

¹⁸ The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats,
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

¹⁹ You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

²⁰ You make darkness that it may be night,
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

²¹ The lions roar after their prey
and seek their food from God.

²² The sun rises, and they slip away
and lay themselves down in their dens.

²³ Mortals go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Luke 12:22-34

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.