



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Morning has Broken

Opening Dialogue

O Lord, open my lips,

That my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen. Alleluia!

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Psalmody

Psalm 95:1-7a

Come, let us sing to the Lord:

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For you, Lord, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;

the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it;

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture

and the sheep of God's hand.

Come, let us sing to the Lord:

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you,

And also with you,

Let us pray, Almighty God who has blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth what is needful for the life of all creation, you have commanded us to tend the earth that you have placed into our care. Bless the labors of all who tend the soil in farms, flower beds, and community and backyard gardens and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth, and ever rejoice in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

Reading

Deuteronomy 11:10-15

¹⁰ For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. ¹¹ But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, ¹² a land that the LORD your God looks after. The eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

¹³ If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the LORD your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul—¹⁴ then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; ¹⁵ and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 147

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-29

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the

head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Litany

O most high God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.

For our brother the sun, who is our day and who brings us the light; who is lovely and shines with great splendor, for he heralds you;
Praised be to you, O God.

For our sister moon and stars, whom you formed in the heavens, lightsome and precious and fair;
Praised be to you, O God.

For our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, which sustains your creatures;
Praised be to you, O God.

For our sister water, who is useful, humble and precious, who is essential for life;
Praised be to you, O God.

For our brother fire, by whom you light up the night, and who is fair and merry and very mighty and strong;
Praised be to you, O God.

For our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains us and keep us, and bringing forth all kinds of fruits, and flowers of many colors, herbs and grass;
Praised be to you, O God.

For all those who forgive one another for your love's sake, and who bear sickness and trial;
Praised be to you, O God.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, walking by your holy will; for by you, O God, they will be crowned.

Praise be to you, O God.

For our gentle sister death, from whom none of us can escape and who, because of Christ, can do us no harm;

Praised be to you, O God.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:

creating a wondrous universe,
proclaiming freedom from captivity,
becoming the song of your people.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

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Your Word is made flesh among us:

with Mary in the garden, you call us by name.

With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe.

With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice.

Your Word names our death and our life:

seed that falls into the earth and dies,

rain and snow that come down from heaven to water the earth,

vine in which we abide.

Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

We bless you, O God, for your Word.

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By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things.

Breathe into us your Holy Spirit.

Open our minds to understand the scriptures.

Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life.

Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.

With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, we join in the hymn of all creation, as we thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.

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Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour an abundance blessing upon all things created,
and upon you God's children,
that you may use them to God's glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of
righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

This liturgy is a modified blend of the Order of Matins and Service of the Word. The prayer of the day is adopted from the ELW prayer for Agriculture. The Litany is adopted from the Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi and the ELW prayer for the Stewardship of natural resources, The Thanksgiving for the word is from the ELCA Supplemental resources for The Service of the Word