



10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer –
Oct 29, 2023
A Liturgy for Creation
St. Martin’s Episcopal Church
Lebanon, Oregon
Officiant - Sara Jameson

The Opening Hymn #707 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

A Penitential Order for Creation

Presider Because we view our lives in Christ through the forgiveness we receive from God, I invite us to begin with a Penitential Order.

Presider Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and all Creation.

Silence

Presider We have forgotten who we are.

People ***We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos.
We have become estranged from the movements of the earth.
We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.***

Presider We have forgotten who we are.

People ***We have sought only our own security.
We have exploited simply for our own ends.
We have distorted our knowledge.
We have abused our power.***

Presider We have forgotten who we are.

People ***Now the land is barren.
And the waters are poisoned.
And the air is polluted.***

Presider We have forgotten who we are.

People ***Now the forests are dying.
And the creatures are disappearing.
And humans are despairing.***

All ***We have forgotten who we are.
We ask forgiveness.
We ask for the gift of remembering.
We ask for the strength to change.
Help us to remember who we are.***

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People ***The Holy One’s love is new every morning.***

Presider This is the day the Creator has made.

People ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Song of Praise : *(please pray together)* **The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.** – Psalm 19:1-4

Presider The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Creation Collect for the Day *(please pray together)*

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 hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.

The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Domine, refugium

(Say together)

**¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**

**² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

**³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**

**⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

**⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

- ⁶ *In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.*
- ¹³ *Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.*
- ¹⁴ *Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*
- ¹⁵ *Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.*
- ¹⁶ *Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.*
- ¹⁷ *May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of ou*

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Christians in Thessalonica 2:1-8:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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Gospel Hymn #812 WLP (vs 1 & 2) *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46:

People *Glory to you, Lord God.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A Message

Sara Jameson

Original Creed : Jesus Christ is Lord

The Prayers of the People: Litany for Peace in the Holy Land *(in Pews)*

Presider As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace *All stand as you are able*

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet each other with love and compassion, respecting the dignity of every living being

Blessing

Presider May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To listen to the voice of all creatures That reflect God's glory in creation. May the Triune Creator Bless now and always.

People **Amen.**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling Mercies
Announcements**

Closing Hymn # 528 *(alternate tune)* *(vs 1 & 5)*

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Dismissal

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. Alleluia, Alleluia

Thanks be to God our Creator, Alleluia, Alleluia