

# **EARTH DAY**

## **Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

### **Opening Sentence**

*Officiant:* The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

### **The Invitatory**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant:* Alleluia. The earth is the Lord's for the Lord made it:

*People:* **Come let us worship. Alleluia.**

### **Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7*

*Officiant & People pray together*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant:* Alleluia. The earth is the Lord's for the Lord made it:

*People:* **Come let us worship. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 104** *(read together in unison)*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; \* O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 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.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \* so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \* the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; \* at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \* to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \* they shall not again cover the earth.
- 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 mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, \* and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \* and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, \* and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \* and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \* and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, \* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey \* and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away \* and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work \* and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \* and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \* may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \* he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \* I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

**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.**

### **First Reading: Romans 8:18-25**

Layreader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Layreader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 12: A Song of Creation** *Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65* (read together in unison)

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,**  
**and all that grows upon the earth, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \***  
**O whales and all that move in the waters.**

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \***  
**and all you flocks and herds.**

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## **Second Reading: Matthew 6:25-34**

Layreader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Layreader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*      *Revelation 15:3-4* (read together in unison)

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant & People pray together*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Suffrage-Form B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect Prayers

*The Officiant then prays the following Collects.*

*For stewardship of creation*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*For Knowledge of God's Creation*

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgiving may be offered, either silently or aloud.*

## **General Thanksgivings**

*Officiant and people pray together*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

## **The Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Officiant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***