

Tuesday & Thursday **Evening** Worship

Bishop's Leadership Conference

Diocese of Olympia

Gathering Song: *Come, Holy Spirit*

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Move (breathe, work) among us
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Come, O come.
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Opening Sentences

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of God's holiness; let the whole earth tremble before our God. *Psalm 96:9*

Let us pray.

O God of the high mountains
O Christ of the fertile valleys
O Spirit of the earth
from whose dark soils burst forth fresh life
and from which our own bodies and souls are born
be to us this night
the bestower of grace.
Be to our bodies this night
the generous giver of love. **Amen.**

From J. Philip Newell's "Celtic Benediction" - Tuesday Night Prayer

Refrain: *All Creatures Worship God Most High (Vrs 1)*

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures,
worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun,
in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon
and stars of night:

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

“The Canticle of the Sun” by St. Francis of Assisi

Blessed are you, ever-creating God, in your image our lives are made, in your glory we offer all the work of our hearts and hands and minds.

Blessed are you, O God, now and forever!

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

You are praised, O Lord by our Brother, Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. May light be shed on your Church, That your faithful people may bear your likeness.

O God, hear us.

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night; Be blessed with your peace.

O God, hear us.

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather; May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and it's leaders and people.

O God, hear us.

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water; Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind.

O God, hear us.

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire, through whom you brighten the night; We pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest. For them, as you, may there be no night.

O God, hear us.

You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and Mother, Earth,
who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs;
Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.

O God, hear us.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by
you, Most High, they will be crowned.

O God, hear us.

**O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks, and with all of
creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility. Amen.**

Refrain: *All Creatures Worship God Most High (Vrs 4)*

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures,
bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!**

From *A Letter to the Entire Order*, St. Francis of Assisi, 1225-1226

Let everyone be struck with fear,
let the whole world tremble,
and let the heavens exult
when Christ, the Son of the living God,
is present on the altar in the hands of a priest!
O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity!
O sublime humility!
O humble sublimity!
The Lord of the universe,
God and the Son of God,
so humbles Himself
that for our salvation

He hides Himself
under an ordinary piece of bread!
Brothers, look at the humility of God,
and pour out your hearts before Him!
Humble yourselves
that you may be exalted by Him!
Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,
that He who gives Himself totally to you
may receive you totally!

Silence & Stillness

slide:

*Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,
that He who gives Himself totally to you
may receive you totally!*

The Prayers

Deep Peace

Words: Gaelic Blessing. Music: Sara Thomsen.

Deep peace of the rolling waves to you
Deep peace of the silent stars
Deep peace of the blowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth
Let peace, let peace, let peace fill your soul
May peace, may peace, may peace keep you whole

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Expanded Prayer of St. Francis

Expanded text by April Caballero, Church of the Apostles, Seattle, WA.

I invite you to pray with me the Prayer of St. Francis.

brief pause

O Holy One - do not let us counter hate with anger, ignorance with ridicule, nor violence with harm.

Lord, make me an instrument of peace

O Holy One - remind us of your commandment to love; our neighbors, and even our enemies, as ourselves.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

O Holy One - Break open our hearts toward one another that we may be a people of forgiveness.

Where there is injury, pardon

O Holy One - Enable us to see all of humanity as your own; each one of us equal partners in the care of this world.

Where there is division, unity

O Holy One - Unveil the guises of prejudice and discrimination present in our communities, in our workplaces, and the systems which govern our lives.

Where there is darkness, light; where there is untruth, truth

O Holy One - When all seems lost, may we hold onto those moments in which we are reminded that you are near.

Where there is doubt, true faith

O Holy One - Shepherd us beyond the hopelessness we are prone to. Let us not wander far from your love.

Where there is despair, hope

O Holy One - May we allow ourselves space for grief, while remaining open to goodness and beauty.

Where there is sadness, new joy

In your great love, O Holy One, hear our prayers for transformation. Be near to us as we near the day's end. May we journey always in the light of your love and grace. **Amen.**

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Benediction

Let us bless one another with a Franciscan Benediction.

May God bless us with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships

So that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations

So that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and

To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness

To believe that we can make a difference in the world,

So that we can do what others claim cannot be done:

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbors who are poor.

Amen.

Dismissal (Leader)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.