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Shorter Daily Office: Creating God

Saturday Morning & Creation

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle and/or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The earth is the Lord's

And everything in it.

Celebrating the presence of God

Invisible God,
all things have been created
through the Son
who makes you known

**All things have been created
through him and for him.**

He is before all things and
in him all things hold together.

**All things have been created
through him and for him.**

In him you are fully present.

**All things have been created
through him and for him.**

Through him you are
bringing together everything
on earth and in heaven
by making peace
through his cross

**All things have been created
through him and for him.**

A pause to name any specific thanks or praise

Acknowledging our humanity

God of majestic creativity
When I look
at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars
that you have established;

**Who are we
that you are mindful of us?
Children of dust,
crowned with glory.**

A pause for quiet confession

Spirit who testifies
that we are God's children
**Lead us and all creation
into the freedom and glory
which is ours in Christ. Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*
(*Gospel and optionally other readings for the day*)

*Moments to silently reflect
on the Scriptures.*

Canticle- Optional

God has spoken to us by his Son
whom he appointed heir of all things,
**and through whom
he made the universe.**

The Son is the radiance
of God's glory
and the exact representation
of his being,
**sustaining all things
by his powerful word.**

Reflecting on our roots

Living God,
enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.

Bringing our concerns

Lord, you are the sustainer
and heart of all creation
By your life-giving Spirit
**You are renewing
the face of the earth**
Hear us as we bring before you
those involved in the care and flourishing of creation.

Free prayer

All-seeing Lord -
taking pleasure in God's care
for birds of the air
and flowers fair
Help us to see and care too.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Going to love and serve

God whose open hands
are the source of flourishing
for every living thing
Use our hands too. Amen.

Optional:

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and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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