

*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**

Let us go to love and serve,  
knowing that,  
***we are created  
from love,  
of love,  
for love.***

*Optional:*

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

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## **ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY**

### **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

*or*

All things came into being  
through him,  
***and without him not one thing  
came into being.*** (John 1.3)

*or*

In him all things in heaven  
and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or powers—  
***all things have been created  
through him and for him.*** (Col. 1.16)

## **Celebrating the presence of God**

Triune God:  
community of creative  
and outpoured love,  
gatherer and shaper of dust,  
scatterer and weaver  
of beauty and meaning:  
***we celebrate your gathering  
and scattering***

Blessing God - maker of all:  
of diversity in unity,  
of individuality and connectedness,  
of form, pattern,  
light and darkness,  
of land and sky,  
of streams of living water  
and fruitful earth,  
of sun and moon and every star,  
of fish and bird and every creature,  
of female and male to image & bless  
journeying together,  
as well as alone:  
***we celebrate your gathering  
and scattering***

Redeeming God:  
mysterious, invisible One,  
revealed & imaged in beloved Son;  
Fount of all Wisdom  
and full of your Spirit;  
hearing the cry of wistful creation,  
freeing and drawing  
all things together,  
working all things together for good  
***we celebrate your gathering  
and scattering***

*A pause to name any specific thanks  
or praise*

## Acknowledging our humanity

Giver of life and all that is good,  
all that is very good,  
when we have covered our eyes  
and stopped our ears  
to creation's beauty and cry:

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Where we have stayed our hand  
from creation's care and flourishing:

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

*Silence*

Give us grace  
to work and live,  
play and dance  
on earth today  
as grateful and joyful  
daughters and sons of God,  
walking with  
and watching over one another  
and all things :

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

## Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

## Canticle - Optional

### *Reconciliation Song*

The Father has rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and transferred us into the kingdom  
of his beloved Son,  
**in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,  
**the firstborn of all creation;**  
for in him all things  
in heaven and on earth  
were created,  
**things visible and invisible,**  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or powers—  
**all things have been created  
through him and for him.**

He himself is before all things,  
**and in him  
all things hold together.**

He is the head of the body,  
the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
**so that he might come to have  
first place in everything.**  
For in him all the fullness of God  
**was pleased to dwell,**  
and through him God was pleased  
to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
**by making peace  
through the blood of his cross.**

(from *Colossians 1.12-20* NRSV)

## *Song of God's Grace*

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places,**  
just as he chose us in Christ  
before the foundation of the world  
**to be holy and blameless  
before him in love.**  
He destined us for adoption  
**as his children through Jesus Christ,**  
according to the good pleasure  
of his will,  
**to the praise of his glorious grace  
that he freely bestowed on us  
in the Beloved.**

In him we have redemption  
through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
**according to the riches  
of his grace  
that he lavished on us.**

With all wisdom and insight  
he has made known to us  
the mystery of his will,  
**according to his good pleasure  
that he set forth in Christ,**  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
**to gather up all things in him,**  
things in heaven  
**and things on earth.**

(*Ephesians 1.3-10* NRSV)

## Reflecting on our roots

**Living God,  
enable us this day by your Spirit  
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

God who is gathering  
all things together in Christ,  
**hear us  
as we bring before you  
those involved in:**

Everyday caring for creation and  
decisions about the environment \*

Being creative  
through everyday life and work\*

Creative expression through the arts  
including music, writing,  
and other ways \*

*\*a pause for mention of individuals  
and groups*