

Contemplative Service

On the theme of creativity

We want to have an open approach to how we learn, live and encounter God in the plurality of our city and the world. We wish to be creative in our worship, in prayer, and with the Christian tradition; in our lives, in learning, in our theology and with the arts.

Invocation

**In the name of God, the Creator of all.
Amen.**

**+ We meet in the name of the Creator,
and of the Redeemer,
and of the Companion.
Amen.**

Welcome and Introduction

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
**In the beginning, God created.
In the beginning, God.**

In the beginning,
God made us from the clay of the new earth.
**In the beginning, God created.
In the beginning, God.**

In the beginning,
God looked at creation and saw that it was good.
**In the beginning, God created.
In the beginning, God.**

In our beginnings and endings,
may we know the presence of the creative God.
**In the beginning, God created.
In the beginning, God.
Amen.**

Five Minutes of Silence

Confession

We remember the past week, our relationships,
and all that we have felt, thought and done.
We offer it to the Creator God,
trusting that he makes all things new.

One Minute of Silence

Lord God,
from the great swirl
of atoms and planets
you made the earth we stand on.
You brought light from darkness.
You made us from
the very dust of the ground.

**We thank you for creation.
We praise you for life.**

May we who are
made in Your image
also be creative in our lives,
our worship,
and in our community.
May we look at them and know
that they are good.

**We thank you for creation.
We praise you for life.
Amen.**

Meditation/Contemplative Prayer

Scripture Reading

Story telling/Reflection followed by a responsive activity

Prayer and Intercession

At this time we pray for each other,
for our community, our city and for the world we live in.
Pray as you will, aloud or silently.
After each prayer the refrain is *Lord in your mercy,*
and the response is *hear our prayer.*

Allow time for community prayer

Creator God, hear these the prayers of your people.
We remember those who are sick, those who are tired,
and those who have lost the thrill of life lived to the full.
Create in us a passion to serve others.
May we blend ancient wisdom with the new realities of
life, and be inspired by your creativity.
**Creator God in your mercy,
hear these the prayers of your people.
Amen.**



End liturgy

In our beginnings and endings, be with us Lord.
In the art of work and worship, inspire us Lord.
May we dream dreams, and have visions.
May we be a resourceful, innovative community,
a light shining in the city, bringing others to you.

In our beginnings and endings
be with us Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and dismissal

May the prayers of the Saints surround us,
and may God bless us with the divine creative love
that passes understanding.

In the name of the Creator, the source of all creativity,
the Redeeming Word who was also in the beginning,
and the Companion who walks with us in life,
go into the city to live and worship the One who created
the whole earth,
and when it was done saw that it was good.
May our lives and worship show love for your creation.
In the name of Christ.

Amen.

+ In the name of the Creator,
and of the Redeemer,
and of the Companion.

Amen.

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