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### **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation/ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2019**

*Theme: Celebrating the Web of Life*

#### **Call to Celebrate**

- **Gong is sounded three (3) times**
- **Web of Life** - Video Music: Web of Life by Arnel dC Aquino, SJ

*(It would be great if choreographed/danced by a group of young people)*

**Commentator: Peace and love flowing from the heart of God, our Loving Creator. We are all here this morning to praise and thank God for creating the beautiful Web of Life in which we all are part of and to joyfully celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We gather in this sacred space and time to delight in our beauty and sacredness and in the beauty and sacredness of all that is. We come together, in the name of all that is to generously commit ourselves to care for Earth, our Common Home.**

**With joyful and grateful hearts, let us join the choir in singing our gathering song and welcome the presence of God in one another and in the name of all that is.**



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## Gathering Song and Processional

- Gathering Song: In the Name of All That Is

### 1. In the Name of All That Is

by Jan Novotk



In the name of all that is we come to- geth - er.  
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In the name of the stars and gal - ax - ies;  
In the name of the o - cean and the sea;  
In the name of the buff - a - lo and bear;  
In the name of the cac - tus and the fern;  
In the name of the el - e - ments of life;  
In the name of the child - ren of earth;



in the name of the plan - ets, moons and the  
in the name of the moun - tain, des - ert and  
in the name of the tur - tle, ea - gle and  
in the name of the flow - er, tree and the  
in the name of the so - il, wat - er and  
in the name of the Spir - it breathing in all



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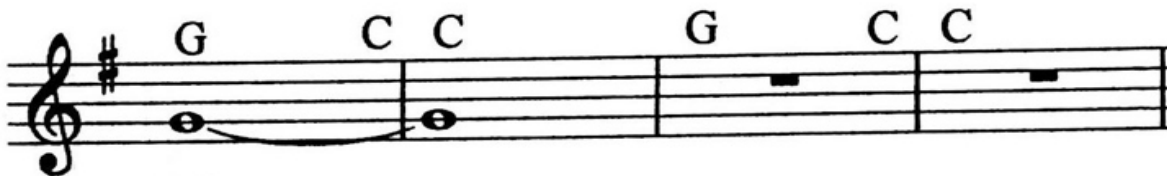
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sun; In the name of all that is we  
plain; in the name of all that is we  
whale; in the name of all that is we

herb; in the name of all that is we  
air; in the name of all that is we  
things; in the name of all that is we



come.  
come.  
come.  
come.  
come.  
come.

## Greetings

**Presider:** Good morning sisters and brothers. Let us now begin our celebration in the name of God whose love is “the fundamental moving force in all created things” (*Laudato Si* 77) - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen



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### **Introduction and Penitential Rites**

**Presider:** We are gathered this morning to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and to praise the Trinity whose subsistent relationship is reflected in the Web of Life. As Pope Francis stated in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, “The divine Persons are subsistent relations, and the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships.” (*LS 240*)

The overarching theme of this Sunday’s readings is humility in receiving God’s gifts and generosity in giving, particularly in the invitation to share a meal that celebrates community. In Jesus’ time and society, he upsets many people by sharing meals with those considered inappropriate companions. The gospel reading encourages us to share meals especially with the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind (*Luke 14:13*); those whom society ignores and rejects. It tells us that everyone is important and that we must include everyone in our circle of relationships.

The wedding feast in the Scripture is also used as a traditional image of the Kingdom of God. Ecologically speaking, the Kingdom of God is the Web of Life to which we all belong, together with all forms of life. And in this Web of Life all is important. As the Pope reiterates in *Laudato Si*, “Each creature possesses its own particular goodness and perfection... Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God’s infinite wisdom and goodness.” (*LS 69*) “Every creature is the object of the Father’s tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. (*LS 77*)



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**Presider: Our loving Creator is now calling us to become humble receivers of God’s affection and generous givers of this same affection to our fellow beings in the Web of Life. Let us approach our loving and merciful God and open our hearts to this call.**

**Creator God, you are “the ultimate source of everything, the loving and self-communicating foundation of all that exists.” (LS 238) *Lord, have mercy.***

**Lord Jesus, Son of God, “through whom all things were created, and has been united to this earth when you were formed in the womb of Mary.” (LS 238) *Christ, have mercy.***

**Holy Spirit, “infinite bond of love, intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing all to new pathways.” (LS 238) *Lord, have mercy.***

### **Opening Prayer**

**Presider: Loving and merciful God, let your Creative Spirit flow in us and through us. Teach us to marvel at the manifold connections existing among us and all creatures. Lead us to “ecological conversion which entails gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is your loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate your generosity in self-sacrifice and good works.” (LS 220). Make of us humble receivers and generous givers of your loving affection to one another and to all our fellow beings in the Web of Life. All these we ask through Jesus Christ your Son who is united with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.**

**All: Amen**



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### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading – Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

**Gospel Acclamation (sung)**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

**Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**Homily**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Presider: Let us pray to the Lord, our Loving God “who has joined us so closely to the world around us” (LS 89) and has bonded all that is “in a splendid universal communion” (LS 220). For every prayer, let us say:**

**GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**That the Church in its leaders and members  
may grow in love of Mother Nature  
and the God of Life who has created Her;  
be more awed at the work of God’s hands,  
and give God thanks, praise and admiration  
by caring for and protecting Mother Nature  
thus, allowing Her to nurture us with bountiful life.**

**We pray... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**



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**That governments make great efforts not to allow  
the destruction and plunder of Earth's beauty and bounty  
for paying national debts and for private gain;  
and lead their people to work together  
in sustaining the life of Earth, our Common Home.  
We pray.... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**That economists and industrialists learn again  
to let concern for the dignity of the human person  
prevail over the interest of production and profit  
and make priority the Earth's integrity and sustainability.  
We pray... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**That scientists and technologists may find ways  
to make wastelands bloom again,  
to refresh the air, to restore the life of our oceans and rivers  
and to make the world a better place to live in  
for all peoples and creatures.  
We pray... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**That young people around the world  
may become more aware of the current eco-social crisis  
and their great role in bringing about change;  
take concrete and radical actions  
to care for Earth, our Common Home  
and boldly stand for Her future.  
We pray... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**



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**That all of us may not allow senseless advertising  
to lead us to materialism and consumerism  
but learn to live in simplicity and moderation  
hoping in God's Affectionate Providence;  
and that as we have received from God,  
we may also generously give our affection and care  
to Mother Earth and to the least of our brothers and sisters.  
We pray... GOD OF ALL LIFE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**Presider: God of all Life, you entrusted to us the care of the Web of Life and  
the protection of Earth, our Common Home. Let your Spirit inspire us to be  
and to act as you will. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**All: Amen**

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Song: Blest Are You, Lord, God of All Creation**

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

**Presider: Creator God, let the gifts of your Spirit overflow in these gifts of bread  
and wine so that we may be found worthy of your life-giving and all-embracing  
Love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Love made flesh for the life of all  
that exist from the beginning and till the end of time.**

**All: Amen**





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### **Preface and Eucharistic Prayer III (Sacramentary)**

#### **Communion Rites**

#### **Invitation to the Lord's Prayer**

**Presider: Longing for God's Kingdom where justice and peace prevail and where life overflows for all creatures, we now pray:**

**All: Our Father....**

#### **Deliver us Lord**

**Presider: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. When in moments of weakness we have turned away from you and fail to listen to your voice in the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor let the memories of your mercy strengthen our trust in your goodness as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

#### **Rite of Peace**

**Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to make all things new and to unite all of creation with God's merciful love. Help us to hear God's voice in the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor so that at the end of our journey here on Earth, we may find ourselves face to face with your glorious splendor and with the infinite beauty of God, our Loving Creator. All these we pray with Your Holy Spirit dwelling in us now and forever.**

**All: Amen**

**Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**All: And with your spirit.**



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### **Sign of Peace**

**We are all part of the Web of Life and we all share in God's bountiful and generous love. Let us now share with one another God's blessing of peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Presider: We have now come to the invitation to receive the Eucharist. Let us spend a moment listening to the wonderful teaching on the Eucharist in *Laudato Si*. In no. 236, Pope Francis says, "It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within, he comes that we might find him in this world of ours. In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world". The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself." (LS 236)**



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**Behold Jesus, the Cosmic Christ who unites all in the Circle of God's Love and who especially invites the poor and forgotten of this world to his table of plenty. Blessed are we who are here in this sacred space and time to share this holy wedding feast, this sublime communion with all of God's creation.**

**All: Lord, I am not worthy....**

**Holy Communion (Songs - c/o Choir)**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Presider: God, our Loving Creator, you made all that is through your Son Jesus. You have nourished us your people with the fruits of the Earth. You have transformed our humble gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of your Beloved Son to become food and drink for both our body and spirit. Let the power of these gifts remain in us so that the Love of your Spirit may aflame in us and through us. May these gifts we have shared in this celebration make of us worthy channels of your affection and care for Mother Earth and for the entire Web of Life through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen**



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### **Concluding Rites**

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Presider: Bow your heads now as we pray for God's blessing:**

**God of all Life, you were pleased to give us Earth to be our Common Home and to unite all beings into a beautiful Web of Life. Awaken our consciousness and open our hearts to the truth of our being. That is, that we are just a mere strand in the Web of Life. Renew our relationships with one another and with all beings. Make us ever aware that every being in the Web of Life is important; and that we are all interconnected, interrelated and interdependent. Strengthen us with your power and guide us with your wisdom so that we may truly become channels of your generous and inclusive love. Remain with us as we continue to journey towards the new heaven and the new earth while celebrating the beauty and sacredness of all beings.**

**May the peace of the flowing streams and rivers, the peace of the gentle breeze, the peace of the heavenly skies, the peace of the green fields, the peace springing from the heart of our dear Mother Earth be upon us.**

**Above all, may the peace overflowing from Your heart, our Loving God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever.**

**All: Amen**



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**Presider: Let us go now in peace and harmony, inspired by these words of Pope Francis in nos. 224 and 225 in *Laudato Si*: “We come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us... God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope. Praise be to him! “**  
*(LS 244-245)*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Song: Laudato Si, O Mi Signore (with choreography, if possible)**