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**Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

**The First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

**Chapter 1**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to

give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

<sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **Chapter 2**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them? R  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

### The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11–13

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### The Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Prayers of the People

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(A brief silence.)*

Leader: Holy God, you call us to be your church. Keep calling your people to faithful reform and true discipleship. Give us vision and courage to share your good news with all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Joyful Creator, you have made a wondrous universe and call us to be partners in its care. Inspire our delight in all that you have made and teach us by your Spirit to be faithful stewards. Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful God, you love and bless all people. Open our hearts to follow in the ways of Your Son, loving our neighbors and joyful sharing what you have first given us. Help us to be ministers of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Compassionate Lord, you bring about the fullness of life by the presence of your Holy Spirit, who abides with all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We pray your Spirit's presence now, with all those we lift before you in the earnest prayers of our hearts. (P A U S E) Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy Trinity, you call us together to make new disciples and bless your world in your holy name. Guide and strengthen us to be your faithful servants that you may be glorified in all that we think, say, and do. Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

Leader: Holy God, you bring life out of death in all the world by your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for all the saints who rest now safely with you because of his victory for us. Keep us steadfast in your word till we are once again united with them at the feast of the lamb. Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Cong.: Amen.**