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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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