

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Liturgy Formation Day – 22 October 2016

Morning Prayer

**Cantor:** Good morning. As we begin our day with Morning Prayer, let us take a few moments in silence to recall God's presence among us.

*Instrumental music begins.*

*Cantor invites all to stand as the procession enters.*

*Procession is led by acolyte with cross followed by presider.*

GREETING

**Presider:** God, + come to my assistance.

Assembly: Lord, make haste to help me.

**Presider:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

*All Creatures of our God and King*

Text: Attr. Francis of Assisi, tr. by William H. Draper

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias

Hymnal: Gather Third Edition #611

PSALMODY

Psalm 63

*As Morning Breaks*

Text: Psalm 63: 2-3, 4-6, 7-9

Music: Michael Joncas

Hymnal: Gather Third Edition #4

*The cantor leads the psalm from the ambo.*

PSALM PRAYER

*Presider invites assembly to stand.*

**Presider:** Let us pray.

O God, creator of unfailing light,  
give that same light to those who call to you.  
May our lips praise you;  
our lives proclaim your goodness;  
our work give you honor,  
and our voices celebrate you for ever.  
Through Christ, our Lord.

*All are seated.*

READING

Colossians 1: 15-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

**Brothers and sisters:**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,  
the visible and the invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;  
all things were created through him and for him.

He 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,  
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile all things for him,  
making peace by the blood of his cross  
[through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven.

The Word of the Lord

SILENCE

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Zechariah

*Now Bless the God of Israel*

Text: *Benedictus*, Luke 1:68-79, tr. Ruth Duck

Tune: FOREST GREEN, CMD

Hymnal: Gather Third Edition #103

*Presider invites assembly to stand.*

*Music begins.*

*Acolyte brings thurible to presider to incense the altar.*

*The altar and assembly are censed during the canticle.*

INTERCESSIONS

*All remain standing.*

**Presider: Christ is the sun that never sets, the firstborn of all creation.  
Let us call out to him in praise:**

**Sung Response**

Trilingual Intercessions

Response Music and Text: Michael Hay

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**Cantor: You give life to all things and make them holy:  
pour out your blessing on the whole of creation, we pray...**

**You have arranged the changing of times and seasons:  
may we praise you for your mighty works, we pray...**

**In you we live and move and have our being:  
preserve unharmed the earth and rescue the abandoned, we  
pray...**

**You set humanity over the world in all its wonder:  
direct our hearts to sow mercy and beauty, we pray...**

**We taste salvation in the bread of life and cup of blessing:  
make us thirst after justice for the poor and lowly, we pray...**

**Presider:** Let us pray for the full coming of God's reign as Jesus taught us...

*Our Father...*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

(“A Prayer for the Earth” *Laudato Si'* #246)

**Presider:** Let us pray.

All powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest creatures.  
You embrace all that exists with tenderness.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace that we may live,  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of the earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not destruction.

Teach us to discover the worth of seeing all things,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every  
creature as we journey toward your infinite light.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace,  
through Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

As we continue our day,  
let us offer one another a sign of peace.