

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach and Christlike in Action!
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Welcome:

Gathering Prayer

Leader: In the name of God, who rides on the wings of the wind,
the name of the risen Christ, living in our atmosphere,
and the name of the Spirit, the life-giving breath of God. Amen

People: Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

L Christ, we acknowledge your presence as we worship in
this sanctuary called Earth,

P Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with your presence.

Prelude: O God We Call (mp4)

Call to Worship

L We invite the atmosphere to worship with us:

P every layer of moisture and air,
from ground level to the ozone heights.

L We invite winds to join us in wonder:

P wild winds that stir the seas, soft breezes that carry it home.

L We join with clouds in praising God:

P Nimbus, cumulus and stratus clouds
that bring us rain and snow and shade.

L We call the gases around us to celebrate:
P Nitrogen, argon and CO₂,
the oxygen we breathe to sing and rejoice.

L We celebrate the song of the atmosphere
as we breathe the breath of God.
P Sing! Atmosphere! Sing!

Remembering

L We remember the atmosphere, the breath of God that gives us life, the oxygen emerging from forest leaves and deep ocean plankton, the wind that bring the weather and the breezes that stir our senses. We remember and we rejoice.
P Thank you, God, for the atmosphere that envelops us in so many way, the breath of God that brings life to us and all domain of this planet.

Confession

L As we hold these fragrant leaves, we remember and confess that we have filled our atmosphere with pollutants, toxins, fumes and carbon dioxide, creating a greenhouse in the air above us with a global warming that changes the weather and upsets the current balance of nature.
P We have been thoughtless and greedy, ready to pollute rather than preserve, to abuse the atmosphere rather than believe the air is indeed the breath of God for us.
L We have choked the air with ugly gases, polluted the very breath of God.
P We are sorry. We are sorry. Christ, teach us to celebrate the atmosphere, revere it as more than wind or air, affirming the presence of God's breath in every breath we take. Shalom! Shalom! The atmosphere of Earth is our home!

Prayer for the Day

God, our Creator, as we view the atmosphere, we have a sense of wonder. May we be more aware to sense your presence in every wind, breeze and breath we take.
May we recognize that to care for the atmosphere is to celebrate the very life we, and all of this planet require.

May the spirit – breath of life – be in each word of kindness and each act of compassion as we strive to be love in the world. Amen.

Message: Eric Schultz- Worship Through Our Senses

Hymn: God of the Stratosphere

Words: J. Marshall; Music: W.M.Runyan FAITHFULNESS

Creation Prayer

Loving God, attune us to the deep mysteries of creation. Make our spirits sensitive to the forces of nature at work in the atmosphere around and above us. Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the wind as God's messenger, God's breath and God's life-giving presence. Help us sing songs of celebration with the wind, the weather and the oxygen in the air. Spirit, teach us to care. Amen

Prayer over the gifts

L God, our source of life, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offering as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

P With all creation we bless our Creator.

L The Creator be with you and all creation.

P And also with you.

L Open your hearts

P We open them to our Creator

L Let us give thanks to our Creator.

P It is right to join creation in thanking God.

L It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator.
Your Spirit is the impulse for all things to be,
for space and stars and stardust to appear,
for Earth to emerge from the deep,
for life to be born of Earth and
for humans to be born of Earth and your breath.

L Your presence is the living impulse in all things,
the Christ deep among us,
filling Earth - land, sea and air;

filling every element and place;
filling the grain and the grape
we share with you this day.

L Therefore with angels and archangels,
ancient voices in the forest,
high voices from the sky,
deep voices from the sea and
the whole company of creation
we proclaim your presence among us.

P **Holy, holy holy, God of all life;
earth and sea and sky
and all things that exist
are filled with your Spirit.**

Prayer attributed to Jesus

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**O creative Breath,
ebbing and flowing through all forms
Free us from all constrictions,
so that the current of your life
may move in us without hinderance.
Empower us with your creativity,
and clothe us with royal dignity,
So that, fully at one with the vortex of your desire,
sacred actions pour forth from us
with each breath we release.
Renew in us this day
our life breath, vigour, and passion,
And untie the tangled threads of destiny which bind us,
as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
Do not let us lose ourselves in distraction,
but by the way of the breath, lead us into mindfulness.
For from thy depths pour forth
the Way, the Life, and the Splendour,
from age to age, it is so. Amen.**

Invitation

- L** Come, for all things are now ready
Come to the table with all your kin
and share with all in need:
the gift of healing for those in pain,
the gift of forgiveness for those in sin,
the gift of assurance for those in fear
and the gift of hope for those out of breath.
- P** **May we who share these gifts
share Christ with one another
and all our kin.**

Blessing

L Now may the power of this meal shared reach deep into your heart, your mind and your body to heal your wounds, to calm your fears and through you to bring healing to Earth. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Thanksgiving

L Let us give thanks for this meal.

P **We thank you Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you and we pray that through these elements of creation we may be healed and become agents of healing of the atmosphere of Earth. Amen**

Sending Out

L Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve all with love and compassion to serve Earth by caring for creation especially the atmosphere that gives life to all life on Earth.

P **We will remember the atmosphere!
We will groan with the winds.
We will wonder with the weather.**

L Will you care for creation?

P **We will care for creation!
We will nurture our planet!
We will celebrate with the forces of the wind!**

Blessing

L May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence pulsing in the atmosphere of earth and breathing through Christ into you.

Dismissal

L Go in peace serving Christ and loving Earth.

P **We go in peace, serving Christ and tending Earth.**

Postlude

All Present O Visible, Source of all life

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