MORNING PRAYER

Rejoice always, pray constantly and in everything look for compassion and kindness
For in this you will see the mercy of God.

Open our hearts and our eyes, O Creating God that we may see your glory and proclaim your praise to one another. Amen.

A READING FROM PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;
The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
Night after night they display knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2 NIV

God's glory is on tour in the skies.
God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.
Madame Day holds classes every morning,
Professor Night lectures each evening. Psalm 19:1-2 (Message)

SILENCE

"Why I Wake Early" Mary Oliver

Hello, sun in my face.
Hello you who make the morning
And spread it over the fields
And into the faces of the tulips
And the nodding morning glories,
And into the window of, even, the
Miserable and the crotchety—-

Best preacher that ever was,
Dear star, that use happens

To be where you are in the universe
To keep us from ever-darkness,
To ease us with warm touching,
To hold us in the great hands of light—
Good morning, good morning, good morning.

Watch, now, how I start the day in
Happiness, in kindness.

Reflections on the Poem and Scripture

Prayer for the Day

Holy and everliving God, by your imagination we are created and your love we are present this day. Guide and strengthen us by your energizing Spirit That we may give ourselves to your server and live this day in love with one another and with You all for Love's sake. Amen.

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