

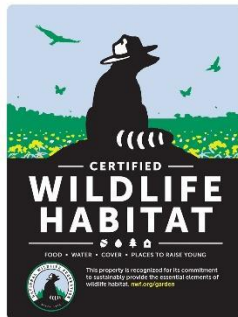
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COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

CREATION CARE:

GOOD NEWS GARDEN CELEBRATION

EVENING PRAYER



Officiant:

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

Officiant

God forgives us and heals us

All:

We need your healing, merciful God: Give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Officiant:

God forgives you; forgive others; forgive yourself

Officiant:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

All:

God is with us, here we find new life.

Sr. Eleanor Francis:

Genesis: 1:29-31

Then God said, "I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth and every kind of fruit-bearing tree and given them to you for food. To all animals and birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food." And there it was.

God looked at everything he had made, and it was good, so good, so very good!

Psalms 148:

1 Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven,
Praise from the mountaintops

2 Praise him all you angels,
Praise him all you warriors

3 Praise him sun and moon,
Praise him you morning stars,

4 Praise him high heaven,
Praise him, heavenly rain clouds

5 Praise, oh let them praise the name of God –
He spoke the word, and there they were.

The Rev. Lorna Erixson:

The Gospel of St. Matthew - Ch. 13:3-9

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

The Word of the Lord

Officiant: Let us pray

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Personal intercessions are invited

**O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens
adore:**

**Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations
obey you,
all tongues confess and bless you, and men and
women
everywhere love you and serve you in peace;**

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Sr. Monica Clare:

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth
fruitful,
so that it might produce what is needed for life:
Bless those who work in the fields;
Give us seasonable weather; and grant that
we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in
your goodness. *Amen.*

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Sr. Victoria Michelle

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all
that we
possess: Grant us grace that we may
honor you with our
substance and remembering the account which we

must one
day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty.

Amen

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Sr. Linda Clare:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the
shadows
lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy
world is
hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is
done.

Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a
holy rest,
and peace at the last. *Amen.*

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Julie Crawford:

Give thanks to our Lord who is good:

Whose love endures for ever.

O sun and moon and stars of the gernorthern sky:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

O sunrise and sunset, O night and day:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, grasslands and oceans,
sun and shade, rain and snow:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

All trees and bushes, flowers and vegetables,
mosses and ferns:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

All rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs, sparrows
and hawks:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

Men and women, those from every tribe and
nation, all who inhabit our land:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

All saints and martyrs, all volunteers and
benefactors, all associates and oblates:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

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Brad Kalos:

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the
presence of God.

It is night after a long day. What has been done has
been done; what has not been done has not been
done; let it be

The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of
the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace
enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Look expectantly to a
new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen

Officiant:

O God of love and mercy, grant us, with all your
people, rest and peace this night.

All:

**The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God,
the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth
of God, be among us and between us, now and
always.**

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**Please join the Sisters for refreshments
following Evening Prayer**

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