



P: Opening Prayer

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- ² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴ Yet their voice out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
- In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth. Psalm 19:1-6

Through this service let us thank God for the wonderful world He has created and let us understand our responsibility to His creation, Amen.

Opening Hymn

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day. ~ Words by Eleanor Farjeon, tune "Bunessan"

Kauma

P. †Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us. **(To be repeated thrice)**

P. O Lord have mercy on us.

C. O Lord have mercy on us and bless us.

P. O Lord accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

***All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.***

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1 Prov 8:22-31

Lesson 2 Rev 21:1-8

Meditation

L: Warned

The sands of time have rendered fear
Blue skies on high no longer clear
Stars were bright whence they came
Now dimmed, obscured, pollution's haze

Crystal clear our waters gleamed
Fish abundant, rivers streamed
Ocean floors sandy white
Now littered, brown, pollution's plight

Trees towered high above

Trunks baring professed love
Birds chirping from sites unseen
Gone, paper joined pollution's team

One can't blame pollution alone
As they say, you reap what you've sown
So let us plant a better seed
Tear out old roots, cultivate, weed

Protect what has been given for free
Our waters, skies, wildlife and trees
For once they're gone, don't you say
Consider yourself warned of that fatal day © Sylvia Stults

We can avoid any environmental fatality by becoming more responsible to our earth.
Use less plastic. Reuse as much as possible. Appreciate nature and try to contribute to nurturing this great creation. Take only what is necessary and useful. Do not waste.
Walk or use a bicycle whenever possible.
God has given us a beautiful earth, so many mysteries still unknown. We must be stewards and caretakers of this earth for future generations to come.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/warned>

Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru' the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,

thou, God, art present there. ~ Hymn - G. F. Root , Isaac Watts

L: Cloud of hope

He looks up into an umbrella of turquoise calm
Not a cloud of hope disturbs its great expanse
The clay in the field a cracking disturbance
Like a leper's sore gone dry, in want of balm

One long night, when dark worry gave way to sleep
He heard a sound that shook him off the floor
Answer to prayer stood rumbling outside his door
He burst out wishing that happiness would at last peep.

"Lakshmi" he cried out, our prayers have found life
"The rains, oh the rains have come for us"
Running around gleefully catching tiny drops
He called out with joy to his sleeping daughter and wife

Early the next morning with purpose he awoke
But something was wrong, saddening, disturbing
There was no clouds, no rain, a drizzle in passing
The land hadn't enough to quench its deep throat

Disappointed. Tugging at his leg she pulled him away
Happy little Lakshmi hugging, coaxing him home
"How will I feed my girl? " with emptiness sown
The heavens reply was deathly still, no answer that day

Alone, in the quiet of that night, he wept over his fears
A distraught man with nothing, not a drop of hope
The choice was simple, pesticide or a piece of rope.
Next day there finally was rain, the rain of tears.

In 2014, the National Crime Records Bureau of India reported 5,650 farmer suicides.
The deaths for want of hope continues even today. The current statistics are not known.
Next time we turn on the tap let us realize that what flows free for us, is a source of life for others. Do not waste water. Please pray for our farmers.

Cong to stand

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

P: Merciful Father, a world you created so full of life is now filled with so much of death such as the death of peoples, communities, various species, forests and glaciers.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: A world of plenty for so many people and for so many other fellow species is now becoming a world of deprivation. Millions of people across the world are hungry. Every day, many children die from hunger-related causes..

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: Forests are destroyed; lakes are converted into housing plots by greedy land grabbers. Agricultural fields of the villages which used to produce food for millions are now fast converted into industries and lands remain desolate, the birds of the air about which our Lord Jesus Christ marveled now die of hunger or get killed by wires running across their space.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: You have created a wonderful world for us, but we want to create another where only our wants will live. You gave us enormous resources to sustain life of all creation, but in the name of science and technology and advancement we pollute the air, the water and the land. Like how we crucified your Son Jesus Christ, we are crucifying your creation on the cross of our selfishness, thoughtlessness and greed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God. Help us to realise that we have to be a people of action, responsible for your great creation. Amen

http://www.csisynod.com/Admin/resources/29_LITURGY%20ENVIRONMENT%20SUNDAY%202016.pdf

*Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*

Thanksgiving Prayer- Psalm 104

P: Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

C: ² The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.

P: ⁴ He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.
He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.

C: ⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
But at your rebuke the waters fled,
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
they flowed over the mountains,
they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.
You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.

P: ¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.
They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

C: ¹² The birds of the sky nest by the waters;

they sing among the branches.
He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

P: ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:
wine that gladdens human hearts,
oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts.

C: ¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
There the birds make their nests;
the stork has its home in the junipers.
The high mountains belong to the wild goats;
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

P: ¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.
You bring darkness, it becomes night,
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.

C: ²² The sun rises, and they steal away;
they return and lie down in their dens.
Then people go out to their work,
to their labor until evening.

P: ²⁴ How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.
There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

C: ²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.
When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

P: ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—
he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

C: ³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.
But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Praise the Lord.

Intercessory Prayers

L: We thank God for his marvelous creation and we pray that we appreciate and recognize the awesomeness of God's creation. We pray for the peace and wellbeing of the entire creation. We pray for presidents, prime ministers and heads of governments that a new ecofriendly political culture should emerge all over the world. That every decision and action of the government should be aimed at checking global warming and ensuring the wellbeing of the planet. We pray for all endangered species of the world, for those who are working hard to avoid extinction of several species. We ask our loving creator to guide us to be responsible for the continued beauty of the earth. Amen

C: To be sung
For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Chorus
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

L: God of all creation, as we look at the environment, your divine power and immense love are ever present. We thank you for the beautiful creation and abundant resources you have provided your children. We ask for your help in revealing how we can be better stewards of your creation. Help us to use only the resources we need, never being selfish by taking more than necessary. Please give us the opportunity to appropriately share our wealth with those who are less fortunate. Help us to remember that the environment is home to all life and that we must take up the responsibility to ensure all life is respected. We thank you for this day and ask for your blessing on this journey of wonder. Amen

C: For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

P: We pray for people who are living below the poverty line and all those who are forced to be estranged from nature and be deprived of food. We pray for the wellbeing of oppressed communities and displaced communities who are struggling to live with dignity.
We pray for people who are facing religious persecution, who are living under oppressive regimes, who are living in areas of unrest, war and conflict.
Loving lord help us to reach out to one another, understanding the joy that comes from true love.
Amen

C: For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, in *Lyra Eucharistica*, by Orby Shipley, second edition, 1864.
Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher, 1838

Gospel Reading

P: †Peace be with you all.

C: May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by Luke 8:22-25

C: Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm.

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, †'Peace be with you all')

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles. We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

STUDENT DEDICATION

Students to come forward and kneel

Hymn- Take my life and let it be

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,

Lyrics: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) bio
Music: Henri Abraham Cesar Malan (1787-1864)

L: Prayer of Thanksgiving

*"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom" (Prov. 9:10). Let's all thank God for all the mercies and blessings He has showered upon us. After each prayer, the response shall be **"We thank you, O Lord."***

For the earth and all created beings who continue to educate us – **We thank you, O Lord.**

For our parents who were our first teachers – **We thank you, O Lord.**

For all educational institutions and facilities which you have provided us; to excel and grow
– **We thank you, O Lord.**

For our teachers and for guiding them to teach us well – **We thank you, O Lord.**

For the faculties you have endowed us with, that we may grow intellectually
– **We thank you, O Lord.**

For the strength you have provided us, to be involved in sports and other physical activities
– **We thank you O Lord.**

L: Prayer of Intercession

After each prayer, the response shall be "Merciful God, Hear our Prayers"

We pray God, for all our educational institutions that they continue to mould all our children to be responsible citizens – **Merciful God, Hear our Prayers.**

We pray for all the teachers that God may guide them to educate the future generations well –
Merciful God, Hear our Prayers.

We pray for all the NGOs and personnel that work among the less privileged children so that they also can be educated – **Merciful God, Hear our Prayers.**

We pray for all the organisations that work among children like CEF and SCM, so that they can make Christ influential in their lives – **Merciful God, Hear our Prayers.**

For all the personnel that frame the curriculum, we pray that you impart in them the divine wisdom to help set curriculum– **Merciful God, Hear our Prayers.**

Prayer

P: Dear Lord, the source of our knowledge, we thank you for helping us come together for yet another year again, to praise you and thank you for guiding us in the past academic year. As we prepare to enter the New Year, we submit all our faculties in your hands and pray that you use them for your glory. We pray that you may instill in us your divine wisdom so that we will grow in wisdom and stature both in favour of God and humans. Strengthen us, we pray, that we learn from our past failures and gain insights from them. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

While the students are being blessed the hymn "All to Jesus I surrender" will be sung

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let the Holy Spirit witness,
I am thine and Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

Lyrics: Judson W. Van de Venter (1855-1939)
Music: Winfield Scott Weeden (1847-1908)

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of ev'ning find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That giveth man both warmth and light.
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Paraphraser: William H. Draper; Author: St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

Thanksgiving & Dedication of Kaisthana Samithi members 2017-18 & 2018-19

Offertory hymn

Lavish love, abundant beauty,
Gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses?
All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father,
Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless power gave full expression
To Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that You should love me,
Meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully
In a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me,
Fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit,
Planted Your own image there.

I am Yours, Eternal Father,
All my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory,
Form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness
Flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being
Rise to You, their source and goal.

Words by Ken Bible, Music by Rowland H. Prichard

Message

Closing Prayer

P: As we breathe the very air which sustains us,
we remember your love, Oh God, which gives us life.

C: Fill us with your compassion for Creation.
Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear,
of all pessimism and hesitation.

Breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer
because of environmental irresponsibility.
Move us into action to save our earth
and to build your sustainable Kingdom.
Amen.

Benediction

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters. Psalm 24

May you be filled with the wonder of all creation
May you be environmental stewards of our world.
May you go in peace in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Doxology and Kiss of Peace

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them ev'ry one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Author: Cecil Frances Alexander (1848) Tune: ROYAL OAK