

Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage | 2019



Morning Prayer 1

Prayers for Pilgrims | Liturgy by Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

Gathering Song: Take O Take

Take o take me as I am, summon out what I shall be Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me

Opening Prayer

- Leader God of the morning
- All Wake us up.

LeaderWake us up to wonder.AllWake us up to beauty.

We are blessed by the light around us. We are blessed by the light within us.

We belong to the earth and to all living things. We seek our place. John Bell

We keep track of one another. We remember to love.

We move with grace through this wild world. We go with care. Amen.

Reading

Closing Song: I Am Walking a Path of Peace

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home. I am walking a path of love, grace, joy…

Janet Bauman Tissandier

Morning Prayer 2

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Opening

Leader	Worship God in the beauty of holiness;
All	let the whole earth stand in awe.

Friends in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us

together. Let us celebrate God's glory, and treasure the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

All this we do, because we believe that God is with us.

Reading

Leader Let us kneel our hearts and, in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness and compassion.

Silence

Leader Loving Creator, forgive us for not always seeing the beauty that surrounds us. Forgive us when we look at screens rather than

sunsets; forgive us when we read about a crisis and do not respond.

All Please turn us around. Please open our eyes to see the beauty of creation. Give us new eyes to see hope in the rain and the clouds and eyes to see life in every blade of grass. Please give us new eyes to see the wonder in water and air, in earth and stone. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel

Affirmation

God's love is forever:

God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: your faithfulness, O God, is great.

You are all that we have: and therefore we will wait for you.

You, O God, are good to those who wait for you:

to all those who seek you.

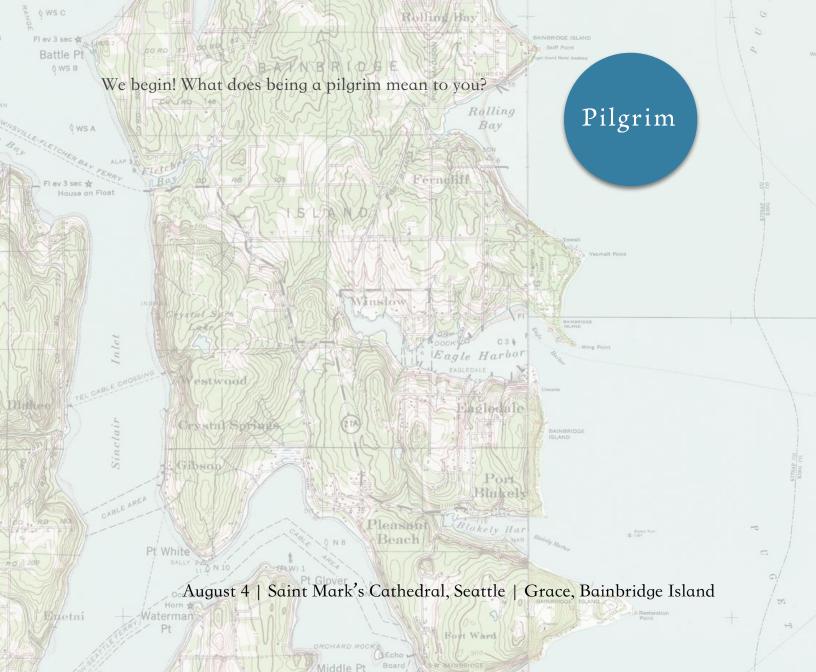
It is good to wait in patience: for the salvation of God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.

Closing and Sending

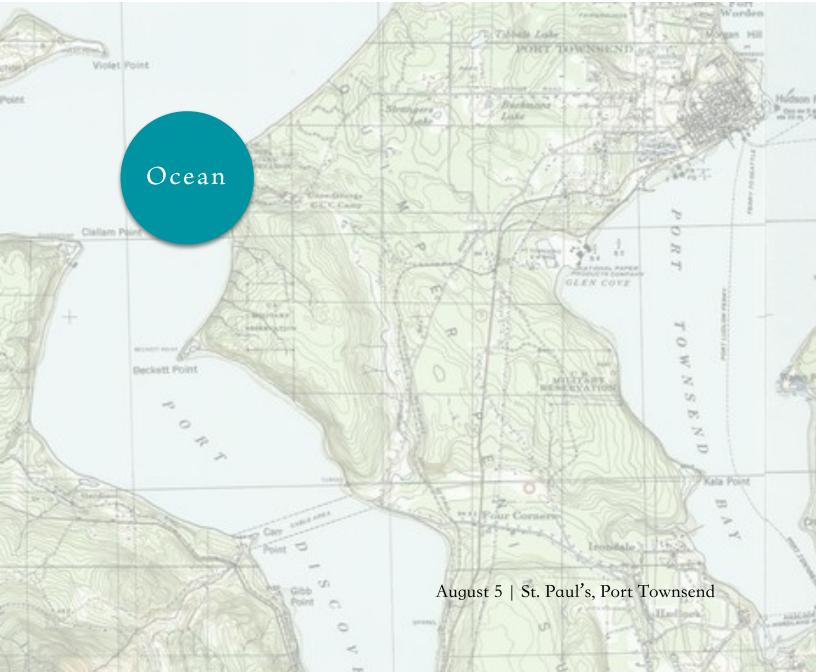
Creator God, by your power we are created and by your love we are made holy; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.



There is a road that runs straight through your heart. Walk on it. To be a pilgrim means To be on the move, slowly To be comfortable with your heart's questions To be moving towards the holy ground of home with empty hands and bare feet. And yet you cannot reach that home until you've loved the pilgrim in you. Do you want to go home? There is a road that runs straight through your heart. Walk on it.

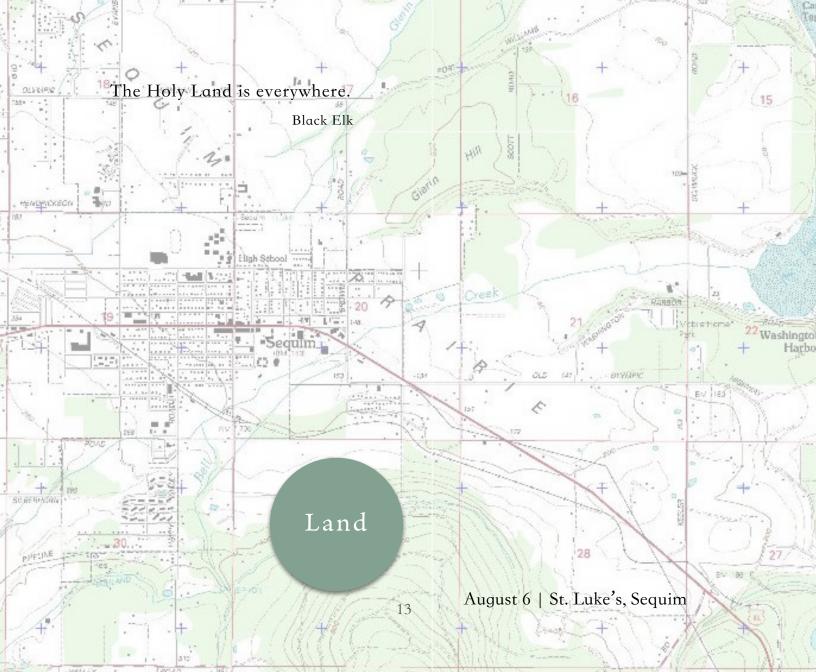
Macrina Wiederkehr



What is your most vivid memory of spending time near an ocean, lake or river?

Psalm 65

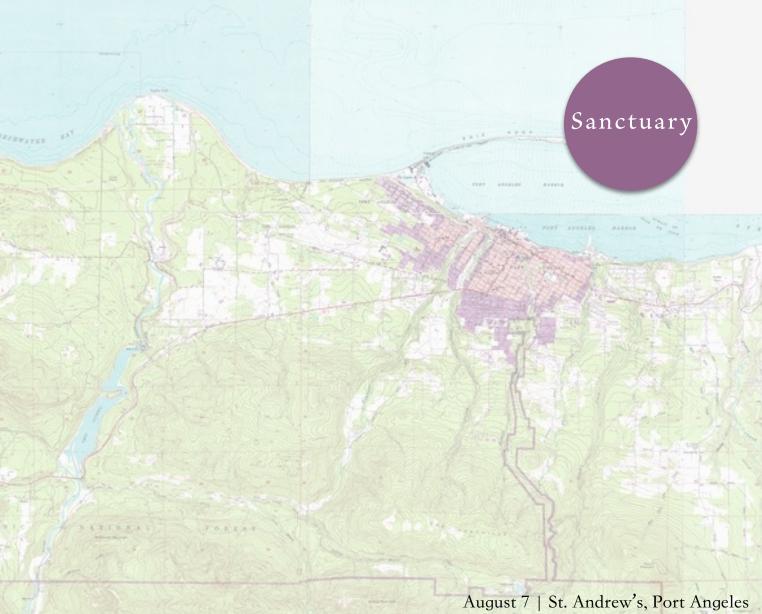
You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, The hills gird themselves with joy, The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, The valleys deck themselves with grain, They shout and sing together for joy.



How are you grateful for the earth?

A Prayer for Grounding

May my feet rest firmly on the ground May my head touch the sky May I see clearly May I have the capacity to listen May I be free to touch May my works be true May my heart and mind be open May my hands be empty to fill the need May my arms be open to others May my gifts be revealed to me So I may return that which has been given with a grateful heart



Nature is not a place to visit. It is home. Gary Snyder

Where do you find sanctuary?

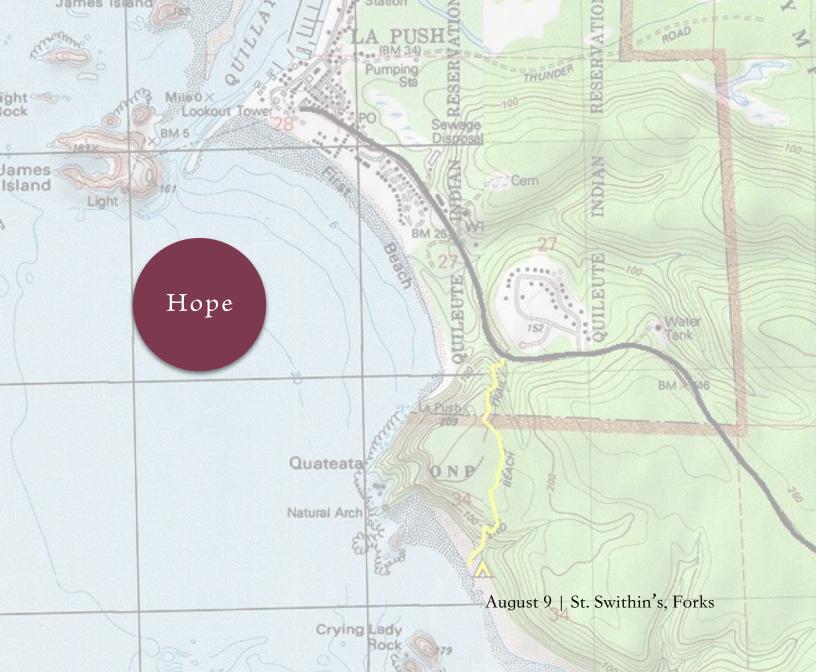
Healing

August 8 | Elwha River & Salt Creek

What is one thing you could do right now to help heal the earth?

Power, as human beings exercise power, to me means the ability to change: the ability to change oneself, the ability to change one's community. And the positive use of power is transformation of self and community toward a higher ideal, toward a healed world.

Katharine Jefferts Schori



What or who gives you hope?

In wilderness lies the hope of the world. John Muir













Evening Prayer 1

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Gathering Song: All Shall Be Well



Words: St. Julian of Norwich. Music: David Keller

Prayer

Leader Grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. The work of the day is done.

All	Let it be.
Leader	Let light and warmth gather us.
All	Let the darkness of night surround us.
Leader	Moon and stars rise above us; wind stirs around us.
All	May our hearts be glad and our minds calm for this day is
done	

All Love beside us, within us and around us, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reading

Leader Guide us waking, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in God's peace. Amen.



Evening Prayer 2

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book Creation Liturgy

Opening

Let the light fall warm and red on the rock, let the birds sing their evening song and let the people of God say Amen. Amen.

Let the tools be stored away, let the work be over and done and let God's people say Amen. Amen.

Let the flowers close and the stars appear, let hearts be glad and minds be calm and let God's people say Amen. Amen.

Reading

Prayer

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches,

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,

Open our eyes to see.

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation,

That we repent and care more deeply.

So move us to grieve the loss of life.

That we learn to cherish and protect your world.

Closing

This we know, the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. This we know, all things are connected, like the blood that unites one family. This we know, we did not weave the web of life, we are merely one strand in God's web.

This we know, whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,

Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ. Amen.

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> Today, may there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of love and faith. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. Amen.

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I believe that there is a mysterious and graceful and miraculous coherence stitched through this world.

I believe that this life is an extraordinary gift, a blink of bright light between vast darknesses.

I believe that the fingerprints of the Maker are everywhere: children, hawks, water.

I believe that even sadness and tragedy and evil are part of that Mind we cannot comprehend but only thank, a Mind especially to be thanked, oddly, when it is most inscrutable.

I believe that everything is prayer.

I believe additionally that friends are family.

I believe that love is our greatest and hardest work.

Brian Doyle from Leaping: Revelations and Epiphanies

