

The Season of Creation

Service of Commitment

As followers of Angela we share her Franciscan roots and her love of all creation. Angela, who found beauty and strength in the world around her, calls us to be lovers and stewards of the world God has entrusted to us.

Opening Song: [Canticle of the Sun](#)

Reading: The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves." *Laudato Si* #233.

Response of Gratitude

For the galaxies, the stars, the solar system which ignited into the wonder, the beauty, and ecstasy of the Universe.

We Thank You.

For all creatures, may they open our ears and move our hearts and teach us to contemplate and listen to the voice of each as they declare your glory.

We Thank You.

For the cries and pleas of indigenous people, women and the whole bioverse; let us listen and hear their voices and laments; let us be grateful for their continuing care of the earth. ***We Thank You.***

For the Voice that is telling us what to do; the time spent in reflection on the vastness of creation; and the gratitude for our ability to continue to stand on this holy ground.

We Thank You.

For the determination to imitate the Creator's love and care for creation as a "brother", a "sister", a "neighbor" as we live out our growing convictions.

We Thank You.

For the resolve to promise direction and hope, commitment and love for the Earth and Humankind.

We Thank You.

Reflection: [I Will Be a Hummingbird](#)



Commitment

Have hope and firm faith in God, for God will help you in everything.

Angela

As a follower of Angela and member of the Ursuline family, I promise:

- ~ to advocate for those who lack the power to advocate for themselves*
- ~ to recognize all of God's creation as gift and worthy of care*
- ~ to live simply and not adopt a consumerist mentality*
- ~ to learn more about the true costs and advantages of the "green economy"*
- ~ to engage with others in specific action to improve our local environment*
- ~ to investigate more about the impact of my actions on climate change*
- ~ to spend time in nature celebrating the wonder of creation.*



Closing Prayer

God of all life, guide and strengthen us that we may truly be co-creators and co-sustainers with you. Grant us the insights and energy to fulfill your call to us to respect, repair and renew your precious of creation. We pray in the name of our brother Jesus and through the intercession of Saint Angela. Amen.

