

Anamchara Fellowship



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Following in the tradition of Celtic Christianity, this Litany calls us to recognize our place in creation – part of God’s good creation with the responsibility to live in harmony with the rest of God’s creatures.

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. Even numbered voices pray the responses of the people. Please note that the voices are heard in more than one portion of the Litany.

All participants who are not assigned a number in a given portion of the liturgy are invited to either mute their microphone or silently pray with the even numbered voice (the voice of the people).

If less than 12 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to participants.

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and one minute of silence. The service will end with the ringing of a bell.

Note: The Anamchara Fellowship (AF) is a canonically-recognized Christian Community in the Episcopal Church. The Anamchara Fellowship uses the triquetra, an ancient Celtic symbol, as its logo in honor of the Fellowship’s dedication to the Holy Trinity(see the cover of this litany).

I. voices 1 and 2 (recognizing our place in Creation)

from Genesis 1-30

- 1 In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth
2 *We thank you, most merciful God*
- 1 God made humankind to shepherd and care for all creation
2 *We thank you, most merciful God*
- 1 You gave us food in due season
2 *We thank you, most merciful God*
- 1 You gave us water for refreshment and life
2 *We thank you, most merciful God*
- 1 You gave us each other for joy and service
2 *We thank you, most merciful God*
- 1 For your extravagant generosity
2 *Creator God, we thank you*

II. voices 3 and 4 (asking for increased awareness to care for God's creation)

- 3 Most merciful God, give us the wisdom to see your love in all things
4 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 3 Give us the grace to accept the diversity of all creation
4 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 3 Give us the humility to realize that we are not your only creation
4 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 3 Give us the courage to speak for that which cannot speak
4 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 3 To defend that which speaks only to you
4 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

3 Good Shepherd, give us compassion that we may we tend to all your flock

4 *In your great mercy, hear us, most merciful God*

III. **voices 5 and 6** (in praise of creation)

from Psalms 19 and 104

5 The heavens declare the glory of God

6 The skies proclaim the work of God's hands

5 The sun goes forth from the uttermost edge of heaven

6 And runs about to the end of it again

5 O Holy One, how manifold are your works, in wisdom you have made
them all

6 The earth is full of your creatures

5 You send forth your spirit and they are created

6 And so you renew the face of the earth

5 May the glory of God endure forever

6 May the Holy One rejoice in all creation

IV. **voices 7 and 8** (to act to help save creation)

7 Creator God: increase our desire to work together on behalf of all creation

8 *We entreat thee O God*

7 To actively lobby for climate and ecological justice

8 *We entreat thee O God*

7 To speak out with, and for, communities most impacted by:

8 Burning of fossil fuels

7 Destruction of forests

- 8 Polluting of rivers
- 7 Production of non-recyclable products
- 8 The shipping of waste to third world countries
- 7 The use of too much fertilizer and weed killers to over-produce food
- 8 Production of too much electricity to power buildings
- 7 Thoughtlessly consuming too much of everything because we can
- 8 *We entreat thee O God*

V. voices 9 and 10 (for the effects of climate change on future generations)

- 9 Our Father, we acknowledge we are destroying this beautiful garden you gave us
- 10 Forgive us our trespasses
- 9 Forgive us for causing harm to those who are impacted by our greed
- 10 We are most heartily sorry
- 9 We acknowledge we are leaving our children the results of our thoughtlessness, selfishness and ignorance
- 10 We are most heartily sorry
- 9 We acknowledge we need your help to set right that which we were given to protect
- 10 Holy Spirit, we ask that you give us ears to hear, and eyes to see, and understanding to continue that which was begun through you.

VI. voices 11 and 12 (for recognition of what needs to be done)

- 11 Lord God, you give us Living Water,
- 12 *Give us the wisdom to use water for the benefit of others and the awareness not to waste it*
- 11 Lord God, You are the vine and we are the branches,
- 12 *Give us the wisdom to use food for the benefit of others*

- 11 Lord God, you gathered up the leftovers of loaves and fishes,
 12 *Give us the wisdom to share food with others
 and the awareness not to waste it.*
- 11 Lord God, You are our Good Samaritan,
 12 *Give us the humility and compassion to be aware of all who are in need*
- 11 Lord God, You shared with us the story of the widow's mite:
 12 *Help us resolve to share what you have given us with those who are in need.*

VII. voices 1-12 (intercessions for those who are leading the way in creation care)

Leader We pray for those organizations who are publicizing and supporting
 (host) the efforts to create a sustainable future, respectful of all creation:

- 1 The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 2 The World Health Organization
- 3 The Rainforest Alliance
- 4 The Nature Conservancy
- 5 The Audubon Society
- 6 Friends of the Earth
- 7 Conservation International
- 8 The World Wide Fund for Nature
- 9 The Environmental Defense Fund
- 10 The Evergreen Collaborative
- 11 The Good Food Institute
- 12 Our own families and communities

Leader Creator God: Grant us courage to act, wisdom to act rightly, and the
 (host) strength to do your will. Amen.