

Beyond the Moon and Stars Dan Schutte

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night,
So great our hunger, Lord, to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home beneath your wings,
So may we come to rest where angels sing.

Our eyes have longed to see your loving face,
To live within your courts for all our days.

Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone.
You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

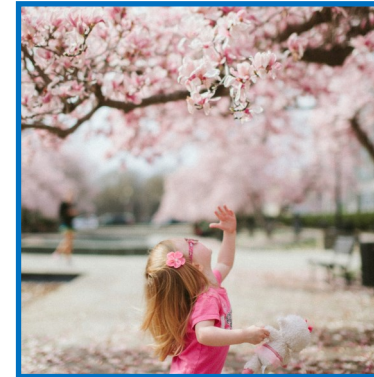
When life's great journey ends, and day is done,
Then may our eyes behold your Holy One.



Prayer Leader:
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Awe and Amazement



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~
Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: Brian McLaren,
We Make the Road by Walking

The first pages of the Bible and the best thinking of today's scientists are in full agreement: it all began in the beginning, when space and time, energy and matter, gravity and light, burst or bloomed or banged into being. In light of the Genesis story, we would say that the possibility of this universe overflowed into actuality as God, the Creative Spirit, uttered the original joyful invitation: "*Let it be!*"

And in response, what happened? Light. Time. Space. Matter. Motion. Sea. Stone. Fish. You. Me. Enjoying the unspeakable gift and privilege of being here, being alive....

Don't we all feel like poets when we try to speak of the beauty and wonder of this creation? Don't we share a common amazement about our cosmic neighborhood when we wake up to the fact that we're actually here, actually alive, right now?...

The universe is God's self-expression, God's speech act. That means that everything everywhere is always essentially holy, spiritual, valuable, meaningful. All matter matters...

Reading: Helen Jean Novy, HM ,
Magnificat Daily Prayer

Receive a blessing for your day:

May God bless and keep you today.

May you feel God smiling upon you.

May you be confident

that God is near you every moment.

May you know how unique and precious you are to God.

May you experience a deep sense of faith,

an encouraging sense of hope,

and an inspiring sense of love.

May you recognize that God is touching others through you.

May your heart be filled with awe and amazement, peace and joy throughout your day and gratitude at its close. Amen.

Sharing. . .
a word...
a phrase...
a reflection...

Reminders:

Come on time or **better yet, COME EARLY**

Honor the silence

Share briefly from personal experience

Listen to each other

Discussion (crosstalk) is for after the hour of prayer