

Closing Prayer

"Great God of the mountains and the sea, Creator of all that is through Jesus Christ our Lord, we give joyful thanks for the gifts of Your creation. Give us the courage to assume individual and congregational commitments to renewing Your creation through our study, prayer and action. Thank you for blessing us together in prayer this evening; we will continue to 'keep watch and pray'. In the name of Jesus Your Son. Amen."

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God be with you all during this Lent and always!

LENTEN LAMENT FOR CREATION

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Opening Prayer

Leader: God of all, we thank You for gathering us together on this Lenten evening to focus on our roles in caring for Your creation. We confess our complicity in failing to be good stewards of Your creation. We ask Your forgiveness as we seek to live in the light, walking gently on Your earth, looking for ways to replenish what we have taken away, to heal what we have damaged. Please give us the grace to do Your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

(adapted from Washington State Interfaith Power & Light)

Call To Worship

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: "The heavens are telling the glory of the Lord; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork." *(Psalm 19)*

ALL: All around us are signs and wonders, fingerprints of the Creator. Praise be to God!

Leader: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and all who live in it." *(Psalm 24)*

ALL: All around us we find life; all the created world is related to us. Praise be to God!

Leader: Come, let us dwell in God's work of art! Here in this wondrous world we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth.

Comments & Insights

At this time people are invited to share insights or prayers inspired by Stations Of The Cross

Lord's Prayer: ALL

Closing Song: Keep Watch and Pray

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<p>1. Before the dark, before the pain, Before the beauty of the world had been unmade Your voice, it rang, Your words, they stood You breathed Your life into the world and called it good You will come again, we will weep no more, I wanna be ready, ready And will we walk with You, like we did before? I wanna be ready, ready; I wanna be ready, ready.</p>	<p>2. These fields are dry, Your garden burns And all the rocks and trees and fields cry out in turn Your promise rings, Your words are true All creation once again will be made new You will come again, we will weep no more, I wanna be ready, ready Will we walk with You, like we did be- fore? I wanna be ready, ready; I wanna be ready, ready.</p>
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Bridge

Keep watch and pray, keep watch and pray
Keep watch and pray, keep watch and pray

Keep watch and pray, keep watch and pray
Keep watch and pray, keep watch and pray

I wanna be ready, ready; I wanna be ready, ready.