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Creation

### For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer

### Stations of Creation Time with God's Creation

Given to the Glory of God

in memory of

Dolph von Arx

by

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### About Stations

Many are aware of the Stations of the Cross, a devotional exercise of visiting or praying in front of fourteen stations portraying the events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. In 2023 a gift was given to honor Dolph von Arx and six mosaics were commissioned and installed by Apperlo Art. Each mosaic depicts a day of creation as told in Genesis. All are invited to visit and pray in front of these stations, meditating on their life, the beauty of creation, and the love of God in their lives.



Light

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:1-4

Allow God to move upon the face of your prayers. God's spirit is washing over you. Chaos is being put in its places. The distractions are being pushed away. God's spirit fills your heart, mind, and soul. Allow his strength to be yours and move you into deeper prayer.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Firmament

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. Genesis 1:6-8

Allow yourself to be in this moment. There is order growing. That place where God is and ever has been. Let God be God and you be God's creation. There is that place above where tears are washed away, there is our place below where waves crash around our lives and gentle breezes bless our moments. Burdens. Blessings. Below. Above.

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



Land & Sea

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:9-10

Let your feet be firmly grounded. Allow this moment to be yours, in this place. There are paths in life. The ground we've covered, the ground yet to come. Allow your imagination to hold past moments in life. Relationships. Loves. Sins. Temptations. Allow your imagination to see down life's path, even to that time when it will be said of you, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.



Sun & Moon

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God saw that it was good. " Genesis 1:14-15, 18b

You have been given this time, this moment. There are many moons past and sunrises to come. Each moment is a blessing with each sunset spectacular and each sunrise an opportunity. How are you spending your time in life? You've ordered this time for prayer, what can you do to order your days and nights?

And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.



Fish & Fowl

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:20-21

Consider the birds of the air and all the moving creatures. They neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. What daily bread do you need from God in this moment? Chaos is far away, you are God's creation, God is God, your feet on this ground and in this moment, God sees you and knows all your needs.

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



Every thing

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God saw that it was good. " Genesis 1:24, 25b

In the midst of all of the people and all of the creatures of the earth, God created you. God formed you. God has called you by name and you are God's. Your prayers, hopes and dreams continue to be formed. What's next for you? What inspiration is on your heart, mind or soul?

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



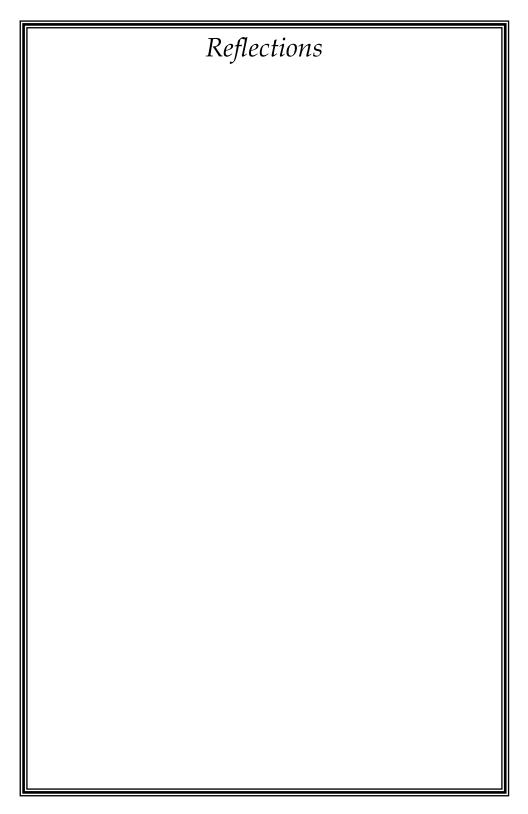
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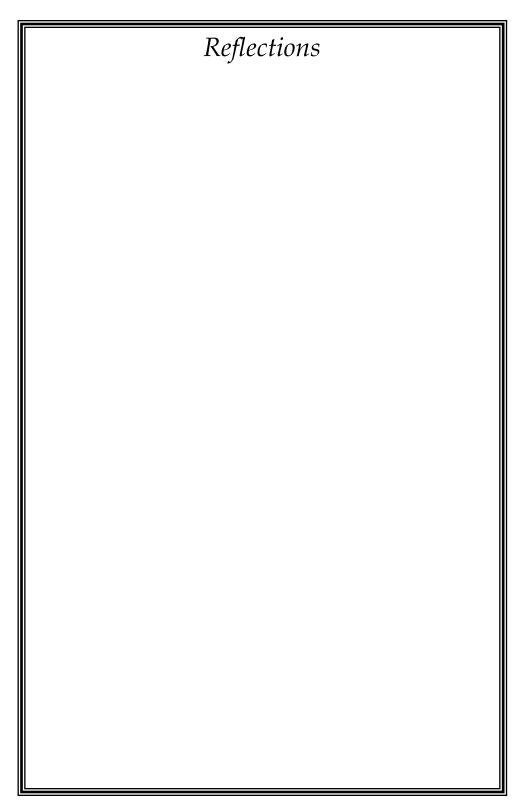
Old English *sabat*, from Latin *sabbatum*, via Greek from Hebrew *šabbāt*, from *šābat* 'to rest'

a day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jewish people from Friday evening to Saturday evening, and by most Christians on Sunday. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. Genesis 2:1-3

You have entered into time, set distractions aside, allowed yourself to be yourself, knowing that God is God, that this moment has been yours, that all your needs are known, your daily bread offered, and that there is a way for you to be in the world. Now, rest. Allow the joy of creation to wash over you. Rejoice in the blessings of this day.

And there was evening and there was morning, a new day tomorrow.







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