

Creation Stations of the Cross at the 2026 Diocesan Convention

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We walked the Genesis oration in reverse, beginning with God's seventh day of rest and ending with the first day - Let there be Light. The idea was to walk, practice quiet acts of loving kindness in every direction for animals, birds, plants and people we encounter. Remembering to care for all God's creatures and creations by letting them be who they are and are meant to be. In each station we shared scripture, reflections of this day and age and something for us to ponder- to consider change in our own locations to help keep his creation alive.

God saw all that he had made and it was GOOD.

Station 1 - Rest

God blessed the 7th day and made it holy. Creation culminated in rest. In resting we remember who we are in You. You remind us not to worry about our life. Look at the birds of the air and lilies of the field. They rest in your care to trust the freedom of faith.

Station 2 - Creatures of the Land

God made the creatures then humankind in his image and saw all that he had made and it was GOOD. God instructs the land to populate with animals. God commissions humans to continue God's work in creation to steward and create healthy ecosystems to sustain all life. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. What can man do to take better care of God's creation?

Station 3 - The Creatures of the Sea, Air

...and Land are our partners in life and their care and protection are our responsibility. Each creature has its role and needs a place to share the resources of earth with all inhabitants.

Station 4 - Lights in the Sky

God made great lights, the Sun to govern the Day and the Moon to govern the night. He also made stars. God shapes the light giving it its purpose to sustain life. All the universe moves in harmony, in unity. The lights guide four seasons to

connect us to the rhythm of nature, to birth, death, rebirth, resurrection, and the pattern of life to be carried into divine mysteries. We must watch out for air pollution and artificial light so we can even see the Stars. Help us embrace the Light, navigate the darkness and find peace in God's creation. May we know his presence in the stillness of the night.

Station 5 - The Land and the Plants

Let the land produce vegetation, seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit. Walk slowly, listen deeply, life rises from the soil at God's command. Ordinary seed, leaf, and roots are charged with holy purpose. Growth is formed in hiddenness and patience. Stewardship begins with attention. We receive the land, tend it and answer for it. Healthy ground is a partnership with grace. The spirit – the ruach of God breathes across the fields, calling what is yet to grow. Breathe, what is God growing in you? May we always give God our thanks.

Station 6 - The Waters

Let the water in the sky be gathered in one place and let dry ground appear. We were created to ebb and flow with nature. In our diocese of the central Gulf Coast, we meet water as a gathered gift of tides, marshes, rivers and rain. Water makes room for life. Water is around us and in us. We live between waters through birth and death with earth satisfied by the fruit of your works. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water. Be silent and listen. Hear what the waves are saying, listen too to the planes flying overhead travelling this great earth, and children playing on the beach. All is GOOD. Thank you, God for water and all you have given us.

Station VII - Light

Let there be Light. God saw that the light was GOOD. For animals it's a visual cue, for plants and essential source of energy. Lord light my way to eternal blessed life.

We sang 'This Little Light of Mine' like we were back in our teen years looking forward to all ahead of us on this great earth.

*In God's Grace ask yourself whose Imagination are you living in?
Am I enough? You are enough. Let your light shine in you.*