



In Morning Prayer, canticle 12 “A Song of Creation” (pg 88) we read about creation offering praise to God. I encourage you to take out your Book of Common Prayer and read it (or click here: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/canticle/12.html> ). Truly, says this canticle, all creation offers praise to the Lord.

Consider the various elements of creation offering praise: Angels, heavens, waters, sun, moon, stars, rain, dew, winds, fire, heat, Winter, Summer, flurries of snow, frost, cold, ice, sleet, shining light, enfolding dark, storm clouds and thunderbolts, mountains and hills, all that grows on the earth, springs of water, seas, and streams, whales and all that move in the waters, birds, beasts, flocks, and herds...men and women everywhere! Isn’t that a wild thought...snow and ice praising God?

I wanted to offer this thought because sometimes we get caught up in the circumstances and situations of life, whether they be financial, medical, relational, or even just the weather. And those circumstances and situations cause us to refocus our lives, our thoughts, our attention on things other than what we were created for. Those elements of creation listed above praise God when they are simply doing what they were created to do whether that is being a mountain, moving in the waters, or being snow falling from the heavens.

You and I are created with a single purpose. To love God, and because of that love, to love others. Circumstances and situations make us change our focus away from God and others to ourselves. We lose our way in circumstances and situations that are presented in our lives.

How can we best offer our praise to God? By loving God, and being loved by God, and sharing that love with others. In the words of an artist when speaking to God: “I was made to love you: I was made to find you, I was made just for you, made to adore you, I was made to love, and be loved by you!”

So, this week, take a moment to walk in the cathedral of creation, at the altars of the sea and sky and land, and take in the praise that is being offered to God by all of God’s creation...and then may we each join in!

Peace and Grace,

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