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- 1 We'll use as our prayer today a psalm from the Bible in which we give thanks for all of creation, knowing that what we see can inspire us to grow in a sense of wonder:
- 2 Lord our God, how great you are, and I give thanks to you.
- 3 You stretch out the heavens like a tent, with the sun to mark our days of work and the moon for our nights of rest.
- 4 Your fingers created the earth and wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak.
 There the ships sail, and beneath them glide the great sea creatures that you made to play with.
- 5 You pour down rain
 which the ground takes up.
 You set springs
 gushing forth in the valleys,
 and streams that flow
 between the mountains,
 giving water to all that lives.
- 6 You make grass grow for the cattle and crops in abundance for our needs. You bring goodness to the trees, and in their branches the birds build their nests.

 Swarms of all living creatures are so many that they could never be counted. What variety you have created, Lord, arranging everything so wisely!
- 7 You send your Spirit, and all things have life.
 Fill us with your Spirit, Lord, and give us new life, and renew the earth that you love.
 Amen.

(Psalm 104)

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