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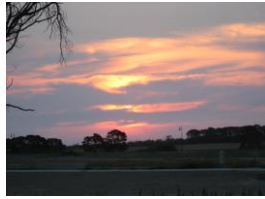
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The Psalmist declares - The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

Today I would like you to join me on a journey through the skies and contemplate the glory of God.

In our time together I will offer you both a image of and some comments on the elements of the sky and invite you to contemplate what you have seen and heard for a moment or two.

Skies



So, God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. (Gen 1:7-8)

Consider the vast expanse of the sky.

Consider the overwhelming and awesome presence of God.

Give thanks.

Sunrise



And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. (Gen 14-15)

Without exception, each day the sun comes up signifying a new day full of potential, full of new possibilities.

Consider the opportunity that today offers you.

Give thanks.

Sunshine



In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, (Psalm 19:4)

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As the sun streams through your window, feel its warmth around you.

Give thanks.

Sunset



The sun's rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. (Psalm 19:6)

Each evening the sun sets, calming us and calling us to rest.

Rest in God for a moment.

Give thanks.

Moon



God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. (Gen 1:17-18)

Moonlight softly shimmers on the waters, bathing them in a gentle light.

Lighting our darkness, controlling the ebb and flow of the tides.

We try to colonise it, yet it continues to provide for us.

Give thanks.

Stars



God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. (Genesis 1:16)

Twinkling, sparkling, lighting up the night sky.

Their multitude symbolising God's promise to Abraham.

Their brightness guiding the Magi on their journey.

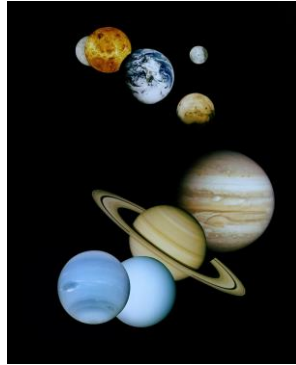
Guidance for many an explorer, reorientating the lost.

Give thanks.

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Planets



Saturn with her rings, Jupiter with her moons.
Mars and Mercury, Neptune, Uranus and Venus
Orbiting our star, the Sun, taking their own course.

Give thanks

Wind



Gentle breeze, warm zephyr
'Ruach' - Spirit in Hebrew
Blowing where it will, from whence it comes and where it goes no one knows
Feel the gentle wind of the Spirit blowing you along the journey of life.

Give thanks

Clouds



Children gaze up and make pictures in their imaginations
Sign of your presence with the people of Israel on their travels.
Full of potential, brooding, promising rain

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Rain



Falling gently on the just and unjust alike (Matthew 5:45)
Water of life, refreshing, replenishing, cleansing and sustaining.
Quenching parched land

Give thanks

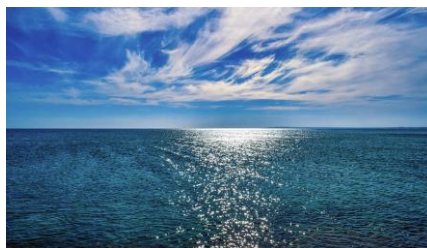
Rainbow



Reflecting sunlight, telling us the rain has come
Sign of hope for Noah and all the world
Its vivid colours celebrating diversity

Give thanks

Horizon



Where earth meets sky
As far as one can see, pointing to an unfolding future
To where is God calling you?

Give thanks for the future awaiting you

The heavens are telling the glory of God; give thanks. (Psalm 19:1)