

Morning Prayer in Creationtide

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Spirit of God hovered over the water
And brought life to all creation

Come Holy Spirit
And renew the face of the earth

Morning has risen; sleep is still in our eyes,
but at once on our lips shall be your praise.

We glorify, praise and adore you.
We, that is, the earth, the water, and the sky;
that is, the people here on earth.

Everything that you have created enjoys your sun and your grace.
Dawn glistens on the grasses. Mist is still hanging on the trees.
And a soft wind promises a fine day.

Should we not enjoy everything that you have created?
We are meant to.

That is why we are so joyful this dawn.
O, Lord, Grant that the hours and minutes do not slip away in our hands,
but that we may live in your time. Amen.

Hymn

Prayers of penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, Which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sins in penitence and faith

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May the God of Love bring us back to himself, Forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of God

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
You are clothed with majesty and honour, wrapped in light as in a garment.

You spread out the heavens like a curtain and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

You covered it with the deep like a garment; the waters stood high above the hills.

At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath, to the place which you had appointed for them.

You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, nor turn again to cover the earth.

You send the springs into the brooks, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field, and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches.

You water the hills from your dwelling on high; the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

You make grass to grow for the cattle and plants to meet our needs,

Bringing forth food from the earth and wine to gladden our hearts,

Oil to give us a cheerful countenance and bread to strengthen our hearts.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

In which the birds build their nests, while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.

The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats and the stony cliffs for the conies.

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever, Amen.**

Bible readings from the Old and New Testaments

After each

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Sermon

Hymn

Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Collect for Creationtide

Creator God,

you made the goodness of the land,

the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;

We thank you for the riches of your creation

may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices and Banns

Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal

Prayer over collection

God the Father, who created the world,
Give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
Inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
Help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen
and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace, to treasure and to tend the world God made and loves.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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