

Creation Songs of Praise

Welcome and Introduction

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Hymn

Opening Prayers

We praise you, living God:

you give strength to the earth that sustains us,

you open your hand to feed all living things.

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ:

you teach us with stories of seeds and weeds and harvest time,

you call us to accept your word and bear much fruit.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, fire of love:

you are the breath of life in every creature,

you refresh our thirsty souls with grace.

Blessed be God, Source of Wisdom, living Word, abiding Spirit,

Blessed be God for ever.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

Hymn

Liturgy of the Word

Come, let us sing to the Lord our God;
raise the roof to the Rock of rescue.
Come into the presence of the Lord with thanks;
raise the rafters with songs of praise.
The Lord is the great God, over all;
greater than every other power.
He holds the depths of the earth in his hands,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The ocean is the Lord's: it was made by God;
the land was formed by his own hands.
Come, let us bow before the Lord our maker;
with humble hearts we worship God.
The Lord is God and we are his;
we are the Shepherd's very own flock.

cf Psalm 95.1-7

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

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *Collect*

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:

have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.

Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.

Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present
controversies and vision for the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions *Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, so we pray

Leader : Our father who art in heaven

People : You are also at home in the air, soil forests and Oceans

Leader : Hallowed be your name

People : By the care we take of your creation

Leader : Your kingdom come

People : All that you see is good

Leader : Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

People : Your will to till and care

Leader : Give us this day our daily bread

People : That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness.

Leader : Forgive us our trespasses

**People : Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern
for other species and for future generations**

Leader : As we forgive those who trespass against us

People : By reconciliation with justice and peace

Leader : Lead us not into temptation

People : The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

Leader : And deliver us from evil

People : The evil of destroying your gift of creation

Leader : For yours is the kingdom

People : Yours, Lord, not ours

Leader : The power and the glory

People : In the cross and resurrection

Leader : For ever and ever

People : You are the beginning and you are the end.

Amen.

Notices and Banns

Hymn

Prayer over collection Blessing and Dismissal

May God who established the dance of creation; who transforms chaos to order, lead you and empower you to transform your lives, the witness of the Church and the governments of nations so that all might preserve and reflect the glory of God revealed in creation;
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.

Sources:

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