

Wednesday Morning Prayer for Season of Creation

Prayers are adapted from Church of England Environment Programme; Wescott House Community Eucharist; Common Praise; and Emmaus Community.

Bell x3

Gathering

In the name of the God, Source of all Being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God be with you.

And also with you

The earth is yours and everything in it.

You created it and gave it form.

You called life out of chaos.

Made humankind in your image, co-creators with you.

You looked at all you had made and saw that it was good.

Blessed be God forever.

Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans, eagerly longing for wholeness and healing. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's forgiveness:

Christ came in humility to share our lives: Forgive our pride

Lord, have mercy

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Christ came with good news for all people: Forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy,

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Christ came in love to a world of suffering: Forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy,

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May the God of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore in us the divine image, to take our place in the great web of Creation once again, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Song

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord, I will rejoice,
Look to God, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is hear. (x3)*

The Word

Psalm of the Day

The Gospel
(Acclamation sung before and after the reading)

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia - Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Gospel

Silence for reflection

Our Prayers

(Together) Merciful God,
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, Our brother, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Knowing that God has blessed us with the abundant riches of his grace, let us *commit ourselves to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation*, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Will you order your life to protect and preserve the gifts of Creation, living simply so that others may simply live?

We will.

Will you pray for all who sow in the hope of an abundant harvest, for those who will grow and be fed by it?

We will.

Will you preach the good news of God's new creation that others may learn to tend and nurture it; and welcome others to feast at God's table?

We will.

Merciful God, you have blessed us richly, yet we offer to you our fears that what we sow may not grow to fruition. Sustain and nurture us as we make known your work in creation and give us compassion as we look with wonder at even the smallest of seeds. We pray that the good news rooted within us will feed the world around us and, knowing that you planted us in the garden of your delight, we pray that we may be counted in the harvest of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, the first fruits, our Lord, our brother, our companion.

Amen.

Blessing

As we prepare to leave and embrace the challenges of our lives and our world, let us ask for God's blessing.

May God bless us with strength to seek justice.

Amen.

May God bless us with wisdom to care for our earth.

Amen.

May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Bell x3