

Friday Morning Prayer - Season of Creation 2020

Opening sentences

Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. **Open our mouths this morning to praise the wonders of your creation. Open our hearts too see your image in all things.**

-adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence

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

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

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

Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the

Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad.

Glory to God. Amen.

Canticle - Song of Creation

Opening verses

1. Let the whole creation ' bless the Lord: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
2. Bless the ' Lord you heavens: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
3. Bless the Lord you angels ' of the Lord: bless the Lord all you hea'venly hosts;

Select verses

4. bless the Lord you waters a'bove the heavens: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
5. Bless the Lord ' sun and moon: bless the Lord you ' stars of heaven;
6. bless the Lord all ' rain and dew: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
7. Bless the Lord all ' winds that blow: bless the Lord you ' fire and heat;
8. bless the Lord scorching wind and ' bitter cold: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
9. Bless the Lord dews and ' falling snow: bless the Lord you ' nights and days;
10. bless the Lord ' light and darkness: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
11. Bless the Lord ' frost and cold: bless the Lord you ' ice and snow;
12. bless the Lord light'nings and clouds: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
13. O let the earth ' bless the Lord: bless the Lord you moun'tains and hills;
14. bless the Lord all that grows ' in the soil: praise and exalt our ' God for ever.

15. Bless the Lord you ' springs of water:
bless the Lord you ' seas and rivers;
16. bless the Lord you whales and all that swim
' in the waters:
praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
17. Bless the Lord all birds ' of the air:
bless the Lord you ' beasts and cattle;

18. bless the Lord all you dwell'ers on earth:
praise and exalt our ' God for ever.
19. Bless the Lord you peo'ple of God:
bless the Lord you priests ' of the Lord;
20. bless the Lord you servants ' of the Lord:
praise and exalt our ' God for ' ever.
21. Bless the Lord all you that are up'right in
spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and hum'ble in
heart.

Concluding verse

22. Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal
World, and ' Holy Spirit,
praise and exalt our ' God for ever.

Readings

*Psalm (read or sung). At the conclusion: **Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Gospel acclamation (refrain from "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel reading

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Silence

Shared reflections

Affirmation of Faith (A New Creed)

Let us affirm our faith as we say,
**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating, who works in others and us through the Spirit. We trust in the Creator.
We are called to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist injustice,
to seek out models for hope and peace.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.**

Prayers

Spoken prayers of thanksgiving or intercession.

Collect

Collect of the day, or as follows:
Creator of all, whose Son came to reconcile all creation to you: inspire in us a reverence for your creatures in this world and accept the prayers that we now offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying together...

Final Prayer and Sending

May the God who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Go in peace and be witnesses to hope.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.