



## SEASON OF CREATION

# Worship @ Home

### Gathering to worship God

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Opening words

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.  
**It is He who made us, not we ourselves:  
we are his people,  
the sheep of his pasture.**

Let us come into his court with gratitude.  
**Let us enter his presence with praise.**

### Words of praise, confession and forgiveness

Every creature, every plant,  
every rock and grain of sand  
proclaims the glory of its Creator,  
worships through colour, shape,  
scent and form.  
A multi-sensory song of praise.  
Creator God, may we join  
with the whole of your creation,  
in praising you, our Creator,  
through the fragrance  
and melody of our lives.

*(a silence)*

Because the world is beautiful,  
and beauty is a tender thing,  
and we are stewards of creation,  
We need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because human knowledge seems endless,  
the world is our oyster,  
and we do not know what we do not know.  
We need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because we can live without you,  
and are free to go against you,  
and could worship our wisdom alone,  
We need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because you came among us,  
and sat beside us,  
and heard us speak and saw us ignore you,  
and healed our pain and let us wound you,  
and loved us to the end,  
and triumphed over all our hatred,  
We need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

Because you, not we, are God,  
We need you, God.

**We need you, God.**

*(a silence)*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister says words of forgiveness*

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Bible Readings and Reflection**

#### **Affirming our faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

#### **Prayers for others and ourselves**

*You may like to use these or your own prayers:*

Gracious God, your amazing love extends through time and space,  
*to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good.*

Your covenant with the human family is remembered in every rainbow in the sky,  
symbolizing your promise of love and blessing to every living creature,  
and to all successive generations.

In Jesus, you invite us to enter into a new covenant,  
in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you and to do justice.  
As people of faith, we are called into covenant.

Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation.  
Today we pray for the healing of our planet  
that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation,  
and continue to glorify and praise you.

God, we pray for you to raise up a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility for our changing climate, and the part we have played in it. We intercede for our politicians and leaders – cause them to act in the best interests of all nations today, and all peoples' in the future, in order to avoid catastrophic changes. We ask for a generation of leaders who will be willing to act justly so that those who have contributed so little to the problems we are facing, and have fewer resources with which to face it, are not left to shoulder our burden.

Spirit of God, You established the dance of Creation;  
bring life out of death  
bring order out of chaos.  
Call us to radical action:  
to care for the web of Creation  
to share our resources justly  
and to work for the renewal of our Mother, Earth.

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Going out to serve God**

To the living, creating God

**We bring our questions  
and our sense of awe at creation.**

To Christ, present in, through  
and within creation

**We bring our sense of anger and injustice that  
this earth is not all it could be.**

To the Spirit of wisdom,  
who breathes life through creation

**We bring our hopes  
for humanity living at peace with one another  
and the earth.**

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of  
His hand. And so may the blessing of God Almighty...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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