

## COLLECT FOR CREATIONTIDE

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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has 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.  
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.**

*A hymn may be sung*

## CONCLUSION

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.**

\* The weekly Homilies Project sheet can be downloaded from:  
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## A Service of the Word

for use during Creationtide, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

*Please join in with the words in bold.*

♦ *Invites a pause between lines.*

## PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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**

In Christ all things  
in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible ...  
all things have been created  
through him and for him. *Colossians 1.16*

*A hymn may be sung*

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

*A short period of silence for reflection*

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.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet\*  
and at least one of the other readings referenced  
there is read. At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Verses from Psalm 104 are said between readings:

**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. ♦  
The sun knows the time for its setting.  
You make darkness that it may be night.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. ♦  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works; ♦  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my  
being.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!**

**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**

**HOMILY** (see the *Homilies Project sheet*\*)

We affirm our faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**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

*The intercessions below may be used with or  
without appropriate insertions:*

Let us ask the Lord of creation to send a blessing  
upon God's world.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.  
Let the earth be fruitful  
and its resources be hallowed...  
Lord of creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.  
Prosper the work of our hands;  
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;  
free the exploited and oppressed...  
Lord of creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O  
Lord.  
Guide us into a sustainable future,  
and give us the will to share the fruits of the  
world...  
Lord of creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O  
Lord.  
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,  
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers...  
Lord of creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Upon agencies and governments send a blessing,  
O Lord.  
Where the earth is parched and the well has run  
dry;  
where war brings want, and children go hungry;  
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,  
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be  
generous...  
Lord of creation, **Hear our prayer.**

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**