

September Season of Creation

Series A: Spirit in Creation

SOURCE: <https://seasonofcreation.com/>

*Themes: Week 1 Forest, Week 2 Land
Week 3 Wilderness, Week 4 Rivers*

Gathering

In the name of the Creator,
the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit,
the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, we come into your presence today
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,
**A planet filled with your presence,
quivering in the forests,
vibrating in the land,
pulsating in the wilderness,
shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and
show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Call to Worship

Based on the theme of the week

Remembering

Based on the theme of the week

Confession & Absolution

Based on the theme of the week

Christ Have Mercy

As we come home to Earth,

Christ, have mercy.

As we seek to love our home,

Christ, have mercy.

As we seek to care for our planet,

Christ, have mercy.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest!

And on Earth peace with all creation!

Prayer for the Day & Bible Readings

Please refer to the Pew-sheet

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith together.

We believe that God

creates all things, renews all things

and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary,

a sacred planet

filled with God's presence,

a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God

became flesh and blood,

became a piece of Earth,

a human being called Jesus Christ,

who lived and breathed

and spoke among us,

suffered and died on a cross

for all human beings

and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus is the

Christ at the core of creation,

reconciling all things to God,

renewing all creation

and filling the cosmos.

We believe the Holy Spirit

renews life in creation,

groans in empathy

with a suffering creation

and waits with us

for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ

we will rise and with Christ

we will celebrate a new creation.

Prayers of the People

Intercessions for particular concerns.

Concluding with the following prayer.

Jesus Christ,

teach us to empathise with Earth.

Make our spirits sensitive

to the cries of creation, cries for justice

from the hills and the trees.

Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit, groans from the deserts, the salt plains, the winds. Jesus Christ, make our souls sensitive to the songs of our kin, songs of celebration from the sea, the land and the air. Christ, teach us to care. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
God's Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Offering

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.
With all creation we praise our Creator.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you and all creation.
And also with you.
Open your hearts.
We open them to our Creator.
Let us give thanks
to the Maker of heaven and earth.
**It is right to join creation
in thanking God.**

Creation Preface leading into:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
ancient voices in the forest,
high voices from the sky,
deep voices from the sea
and the whole company of creation,
we proclaim your presence among us.
**Holy, holy, holy, God of all life,
Earth and sea and sky
are full of your presence
and glorify your name. Amen.**

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

... we worship you, God our Creator,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and
power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

**Lamb of God, who take away all sin
against God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away all sin
against Earth, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away all sin
from the world, receive our prayer.**

After Holy Communion

Let us give thanks for this meal.
**We thank you, Christ, for the meal we
have celebrated with you, and we pray
that through your body and blood we
may be healed and become agents of
healing for Earth. Amen.**

Sending Out: Based on the theme

Blessing

May the Spirit of God, who is above all
and in all and through all, fill you with the
knowledge of God's presence in Earth
and the impulse of Christ within you.
Go in peace,
serving Christ and loving Earth!
**We go in peace,
serving Christ and tending Earth!**