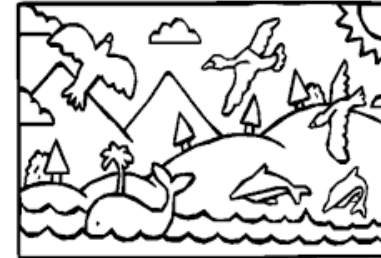


Celebrating God's Creation



[2020]

Order of service for

Morning Prayer

for use in church and at home

Call to Worship

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

All **Let all the peoples praise you.**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase.

All **And God, our own God, will bless us.**

[Psalm 67: 5-6]

Opening Prayer

God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
you make known your wisdom
in the variety and unity of your creation:

All **Help us to pray to you in faith,
to proclaim your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

Confession

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



[Romans 8: 22-23]

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources
for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
bringing dishonour to your holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy**

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon us his children,
that we may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

In church, there may be notices, etc

FINAL HYMN

Dismissal

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap . . . and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
(Matthew 6:26)

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Thanksgiving

We bless you, Lord,

All **for the beauty of the trees,
the softness of the air,
the fragrance of the grass.**

We bless you, Lord,

All **for the soaring of the skies,
the rhythms of the earth,
the stillness of the night.**

We bless you, Lord,

All **for the twinkling of the stars,
the freshness of the morning,
the dewdrops on the flower.**

We bless you, Lord,

All **for the taste of good food,
the trail of the sun,
and the life that never goes away.**

Heavenly Father,
as we enjoy the blessings of your creation,
may we take up our responsibilities
to care for all you have given us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the week

1st Bible Reading

At the end: This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**



Gospel Reading

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end - This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Apostles' Creed *We say together:*

**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.**



Prayer of Intercession

This, or another, response may be used:
Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

At the end: Merciful Father,

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



Thanksgiving for Gifts that are Offered

God of life, saviour of the poor,
receive with our gifts
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride,
and dedication to your service,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering into one all our prayers and praises,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**