



For the Healing of Creation
Prayer on behalf of the whole creation
based on Psalms 104 and 145

GATHERING

We gather around the cross to pray for the world,
the world God creates, sustains, and loves.

We come to pray for the healing of creation.

We come to hear God’s promise to make all things new in Christ Jesus.

There will be a time during our prayer when you may come forward to the cross.

You may stand or kneel to pray, light a candle, and remain as long as you desire.

Silence

HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God’s will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - ’ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God’s will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth’s safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God’s will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe.

You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love.

Your compassion fills your whole creation.

With all your creatures, we sing your praise and look to you for live,
through Jesus Christ, in whom you make all things new, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

The hymn "Kyrie eleison" is sung and then used as a refrain during the readings.

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

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God brings a charge against the people who live in the land.
A reading from Hosea.

There is no faithfulness or loyalty,
and no knowledge of God in the land.

Swearing, living, and murder,
and stealing and adultery break out;
bloodshed follows bloodshed.

Therefore the land mourns,
and all who live in it languish;
together with the wild animals
and the birds of the air,
even the fish of the sea are perishing.

Hosea 4:1b-3

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The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah concerning a drought.
A reading from Jeremiah.

Judah mourns,
and her gates languish;
they lie in gloom on the ground,
and the cry of Jerusalem goes up.

Her nobles send their servants for water;
they come to the cisterns,
they find no water,
they return with their vessels empty.
They are ashamed and dismayed
and cover their heads,
because the ground is cracked.

Because there has been no rain on the land,
the farmers are dismayed;
They cover their heads.

Even the doe in the field forsakes her newborn fawn
because there is not grass.

Jeremiah 14:1-5

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A reading from Romans.

We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labor pains until now;
and not only creation
but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:22-23

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Let us pray.
 Look upon us with mercy, O God,
 forgive our unfaithfulness,
 our failure to respond to need and suffering,
 our wasteful consumption and pollution of your creation,
 and our negligence in tending and keeping what you have made.
 Send forth your Spirit,
 renew the face of the earth,
 and restore in us the image of your love,
 Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

LITNANY FOR CREATION

Let us name before God the wonders of creation,
 pleading for their protection, healing, and renewal
 through the life-giving power of the Spirit.

HYMN For the Healing of Creation



For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.
 or For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.



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Silence

INVITATION TO THE CROSS

When the singing begins,
 come as you are drawn to stand or kneel to pray.
 Light a candle and place it in the sand.
 Stay to pray as long as you desire.
 You who remain seated, lift your prayers in silence and song.

HYMNS DURING PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS *Each hymn will be sung three times.*

O Lord, Hear My Prayer



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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When the prayers around the cross and music have concluded, silence is kept.

CLOSING PRAYER

Gathering our many prayers into one, let us pray.

**You open wide your hand, O God,
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You draw near to those who call upon you,
crying out from their hearts.
Hear our cries, receive our prayers,
and fill us with your blessing,
until needy no longer,
your whole creation sings your praise,
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whom you make all things new.
Amen.**

SENDING

God all mighty, God most merciful
bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.

Amen.

You may go quietly in peace or remain to pray.

The room stays quiet and dark until all have finished praying.

*Thank you for worshipping with us this evening!
We hope you join us for our last Wednesday gathering next week!*

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