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October 17th 2021

COMING TOGETHER

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome & Notices

SONG: A million stars (Rownhams Praise 4)

A million stars are in the sky –
How great is God, how small am I.
This vast expanse at his command,
And yet my future is in his hands.

*He is so great, he is so mighty,
And yet he cares for someone like me.
He is so great, he is so mighty,
Eternal God and Father is he!*

Great King of kings, he reigns on high,
Ruler of earth, and sea and sky.
A tiny bird falls from a tree,
God sees it all, and he knows me.

He sent his own son to save me,
He died so I could be free.

Eternal God and Father is he!

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Children's Talk

Saying Sorry to God

A Lament for our failure as stewards of God's Creation

**O God, the heavens are not glad,
the Earth does not rejoice.**

**Warming gases fill the atmosphere,
pollution turns clean air foul,
climate breakdown wreaks havoc.**

**The sea roars with the grief of all the plastic that fills it,
of the destruction of coral reef.**

**The fields exclaim despair for delayed rains
and prolonged drought,
for species extinction on a daily basis.**

**No song of joy rings out from the trees of the forest
decimated by forest fires.**

**How long O God, how long until your justice comes
for all your creatures and the Earth?**

Christian Aid 2021

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

The Lord enrich us with his grace,
and nourish us with his blessing;
the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil;
the Lord accept our prayers,
and absolve us from our offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Genesis 1:26-31a (New Living Translation)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading – Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV 1984)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

SONG: Who can know the mind of our Creator (RP 140)

Who can know the mind of our Creator,
Who can speak of wonders yet unseen;
Who can reach the height of understanding,
To play the notes of wisdom's melody?

Who has weighed the dust of ev'ry mountain,
Who has walked the myst'ries of the deep;
Who has laid the earth on its foundation,
And who conducts the waves upon the sea?

*I stand in awe of you
I stand in awe of you
So glorious and true:
I stand in awe, I stand in awe*

You have seen the end from the beginning,
You have been before the world began;
You have reached to me within my darkness,
And in the light of mercy now I see.

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A Short Interview with Jean Morgan from A Rocha, UK

Sermon

SONG: The Judge of all the earth (RP 106)

The judge of all the earth will do what's right.
Your justice and your mercy side by side.
And all will be amazed
When your wisdom is displayed
And you set right every wrong – Amazing God!

*Amazing God! Our judge and our defence
Amazing God! Your grace is so immense
Amazing God! We're yours beyond all time.
First and Last; You will reign! Amazing God!*

With confidence we'll stand before your throne;
We come to you through Jesus' blood alone;
We know you'll wipe away
Every tear upon that day
And we'll fall down at your feet – Amazing God!

We set our hearts on heaven where you stand;
Our future is secure within your hand.
No eye has ever seen
And no mind could even dream
Of the glory you've prepared – Amazing God!

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Climate Emergency Declaration

We affirm our faith

**We believe in God the Creator,
who created and is creating everything:
the universe, the world,
the plants and animals,
and us;
each of us, unique, individual
and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Christ,
who saved and is saving everything:
the universe, the world,
the plants and animals, and us:
each of us; unique, individual
and beloved of the Christ.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who guided and is guiding everything:
the universe, the world,
the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual
and beloved of the Spirit.**

**We believe that this one God in three persons,
is present among us,
working directly in our lives
and the lives of all who are born into this world,
striving to bring us back into harmony
with all creation and with God:
forgiving, healing, touching everyone,
never rejecting any who willingly receive
this freely offered gift of love
and grace and eternal life.**

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PRAYERS

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

The Collect

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.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

SONG: How Great Thou Art (Source 396)

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

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how great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Karl Boberg trans. Stuart K. Hine

Creator God,
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received
and generous in supplying the needs of others
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in strong and growing faith.
Trust in the tenderness of Christ
to heal a bruised and broken world.

Thanks be to God.

Go in eager and refreshing hope.
Work with Christ risen from the dead,
to fulfil the promise of a new creation.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Let us go in peace, to treasure and to tend the world
God made and loves.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Giving

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