

Creationtide

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Gathering & Welcome

Call to worship

Holy One:
Source of all Life
Guide of Eternal Life
Weaver of Abundant Living
God three in one, we offer you our worship and praise.

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone,

Stuart Townsend

Prayer with action

In deepest space (*arms up*)
In the core of the earth (*arms down*)
In my heart (*hands at heart*)
The God of Love is alive

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord's prayer...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of all,
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of
Justice and Love
sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed
us.

*And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and
staff

Are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Time for all ages: Tree of Life

Prayer of thanks from Josh in BSL

Short Song: It's a world of sunshine CH4 245

It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;
It's a world of laughter, and world of pain;
*It's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
For the world belongs to God.*
*This is God's world after all,
This is God's world after all,
This is God's world after all,
Yes, it's God's good world.*

Reading: Micah 7:1-6 read by Steven Smillie

Woe is me! For I have become like one who,
 after the summer fruit has been gathered,
 after the vintage has been gleaned,
finds no cluster to eat;
 there is no first-ripe fig for which I hunger.
2 The faithful have disappeared from the land,
 and there is no one left who is upright;
they all lie in wait for blood,
 and they hunt each other with nets.
3 Their hands are skilled to do evil;
 the official and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the powerful dictate what they desire;
 thus they pervert justice.
4 The best of them is like a brier,
 the most upright of them a thorn hedge.
The day of their[b] sentinels, of their[c] punishment, has come;
 now their confusion is at hand.
5 Put no trust in a friend,
 have no confidence in a loved one;
guard the doors of your mouth
 from her who lies in your embrace;
6 for the son treats the father with contempt,
 the daughter rises up against her mother,
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
 your enemies are members of your own household

Matthew 12:46-68

46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' 48 But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers and sisters?' 49 And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers and sisters!'

Sermon by John Miller

Music for Reflection

Prayers of the People by Lewis Reay

Offering & Dedication

Hymn: God in such love CH4 420

God in such love for us lent us this planet,
Gave it a purpose in time and in space;
Small as a spark from the fire of creation,
Cradle of life and the home of our race.

Long have our human wars ruined its
harvest;
Long has earth bowed to the terror of
force;
F P Green

Long have we wasted what others have
need of,
Poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's; it is ours to enjoy it,
Ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
Good Lord deliver us, world without end!

Notices

Blessing & Sung Amen