



## **Prayer for Earth Day**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

**Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.**

O Divine Voice, You sing, and the universe comes into being;

**O Divine Breath, You breathe, and all things spring to life;**

O Divine Word, You call, and creation is sustained;

**O Divine Flesh, You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;**

O Divine Spirit, You contain all that has been formed;

**O Divine Life, You are the pulse of all that is.**

In amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery:

In you, all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

**Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all. Amen**

*(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century & Food Grain Bank resources for Earth Day)*

**Opening Song: Now is the Cool of the Day**

<https://youtu.be/sxyiHm1Wv4g>

## **CONFESSION**

**Creator God, we confess that we have not honoured you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. Forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Absolution**

God is always the creator and the re-creator.

Let us celebrate the recreation which is offered to us at this moment through

God's endless mercy, love and forgiveness.

**Praise you, God of all for your love is seen in all the earth,  
Reaching out to us all, offering the world new birth. Amen.**

### **Haiku for Earth Day – Written by Zion Crosby- Shearer**

#### **Trees**

Majestic green top  
trunk descending down to earth  
roots drink streams beneath

#### **Water**

Water glitters bright  
shining in the dead of night  
effervescent light

#### **Readings**

Deuteronomy 8: 2-16; Psalm 104; Matthew 6: 25-34.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Beside each other, within the earth, part of the earth and of the earth,  
**We are one with each other, and one with God.**

Silence

Let us sit still among the pain of the world, offering to God our prayer for the earth and its inhabitants....

Let us offer our joy and thanksgiving for the gifts of God's good creation...

Let us offer those prayers we hold close to our hearts...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us go forth and join with God in the recreating of the world.

**We go in faith to be the people of the new creation.**

May the sun warm your soul and the moon be gentle above you.

**May the Creator hold your hand and the Christ walk in your footsteps.**

May the Spirit dance in your playing and grace be found in your way.

**Amen.**