

# **Caring for Creation | Prayer vigil for November**

Suggestion of service order for a time of prayer

## **Song**

Let all who are thirsty come

## **Psalm**

Alleluia 17 can be sung between each verse

Lord, you are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose. Near restful waters you lead me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for  
ever and ever.

Psalm 23

## **Reading**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen;  
yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how  
can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who  
descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must  
the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not  
perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might  
be saved through him.

John 3.11-17

## **Song**

Ubi Caritas

## **Silence**

## **Prayer for Creation**

The first two intercessions come from Pope Francis' encyclical “{Laudato Si}”, the next three from Taizé and the last three were received by the Iona Community and from young people in Taizé. Between each intercession Kyrie 10 can be sung.

1) Loving God, we entrust to you all the young people who are undertaking new projects or making commitments for the care of the planet. -We pray to you.

2) Creator God, you are with us always; sustain us in our struggle for justice, love and peace. -We pray to you.

3) That we may be delivered from all anxiety, Lord, we pray.

4) That we may learn to share more fairly the resources of our planet among all, Lord, we pray.

5) That a sense of wonder at the beauty of creation may remain alive in us, Lord, we pray.

6) Creator of the lives we lost and lament, may we turn our guns into pruning tools, our missiles into hoes, our drones into harvesters, and grow food for a people at peace. Hear us we pray. {{from Iona, Scotland}}

7) Heavenly Father, we thank you for this beautiful Earth that you have given us. We thank you for the tallest mountains, the deepest seas, the flattest plains, the rainiest forest, the hottest desert, the coldest tundras. We thank you for everything. Teach us to do what we can that we might not harm this Earth that you have given. Hear us we pray. {{USA / Latvia}}

8) Lord Jesus, you are the light that comes out of the darkness. May your light shine on all the people involved in COP26 so that our minds may be enlightened by your Gospel {{from France}}

## **Our Father**

### **Prayer by Brother Alois**

God of love, by remaining in your presence, you give us a sense of the infinite beauty of creation, of all that comes from you. Today, with so many people across the globe, we want to stay alert to the climate emergency and the safeguarding of our wonderful planet. You sustain our hope.

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## **Songs**

Señor que florezca tu justicia  
Laudate omnes gentes  
Behüte mich Gott