

Creator God, you reveal yourself to us through the wonders of the natural world, our common home. May future generations, who depend on us for that future, continue to learn of Your greatness through its wonders. We pray for success at the international Cairo climate crisis conference to be held in a few weeks time.

O God, hear us we pray: **Give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, we give thanks for this wonderful earth which we share with the whole community of life. We pray for a greater awareness that we cannot sustain current aspirations of infinite economic gain on a finite planet. Help us to respect all life, accepting that we must reduce our demands in order to allow other people and other species to simply live.

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Loving God, through your creative power humanity has emerged on earth as a dominant species. May we learn to use our power wisely for the good of the whole community of life, to sustain rather than to destroy. Help us to take the small steps we can, while encouraging our leaders to take bigger steps for the common good.

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Spirit of God, You established the dance of Creation; you heal the sick, you bring life out of death and order out of chaos. We bring to mind our loved ones ..

We conclude our prayers with the words of the Grace: **The Grace of our Lord ...**

HYMN 58: *Morning has broken* (Eleonor Farjeon) – collection hymn.

Blessing: May God who established the dance of Creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in Creation, and the blessing of God almighty**Amen.**

SERVICE OF LIGHT: CLONEGAL: SUNDAY 30TH OCT. 2022

To the Lord belongs the earth and everything in it. (*Psalms 24 v.1*)

We praise you O God, We acclaim you as Lord;
All creation worships you, The Father everlasting. (*Te Deum*)

In the beginning was the Word – **the dawn of life.**

In the end will be the Word – **the living hope.**

In between is the evolving Kingdom of God. **Come to us Lord Jesus, Mingle your purpose in our lives, Your promise with our hope.**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Creating God, You are the source of light and life, **so we praise you.**

You became flesh to bring light and life, **so we praise you.**

You sustain the world with your light & life, **so we praise you. Amen**

HYMN 195: *Lord the love of your light is shining.* (Graham Hendrick)

Prayer of Confession: Creating God, you give light and life, and express delight in your Creation. You gave the command to till and care for your garden, the earth, but we have abused the beauty of Creation and the keeping of your word.

We confess the churches' lack of concern for the well-being of creation. Creating God, we have turned the other way as your creation was desecrated and we darkened your light. In a moment of quiet we confess the regrets that may be on our hearts.....

Prayer of Renewal: **God of life and God of light, as we seek a new relationship with your created order, may we sense the grace and peace of a new relationship with You. Amen.**

A PRAYER THAT WE MAY WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT

Transforming God, whose light always penetrates the darkness and whose love always overcomes hate, we ask that you sustain us as we struggle to make your light visible in an angry and frightened world. Nurture us daily as we work for your justice in unjust places and your peace in places where no peace is to be found. Give us courage and strength when we are fearful and weak. Give us hope and forgiveness when we feel hopeless and angry. And guide us every step of the way as we walk towards the light. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

Psalm: Psalm 119: 137 - 144

HYMN 350 adapted & printed: *For the beauty of the earth.*

Second reading: John 8: 12 - 20

Sermon: What's the story with the big candle this week?

CHILDREN HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY HAVE DONE!

Thanks to Rachael & Sarah for help with the J.A.M. Club activities.

A CREED TO PROCLAIM THE FAITH WE SHARE:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family & creature in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith & fills us with the light of His love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven... **You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans,** Hallowed be Your name... **By the care we take of your creation,** Your Kingdom come... **All that you see is good,** Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven... **Your will to till and care for life on earth.** Give us this day our daily bread... **That all may have sufficient to live life that meets our needs, not our greed,** Forgive us our trespasses... **our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations,** As we forgive those who trespass against us... **by reconciliation with justice and peace.** Lead us not into temptation... **the temptation to equate dominion with exploitation,** And deliver us from evil... **the evil of destroying your gift of creation,** For Yours is the Kingdom... **Yours Lord, not ours,** The Power and the Glory... **in the cross and the resurrection,** For ever and ever... **You were the beginning and you are the end. Amen... And so be it.**