

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2009 – “Enough for All Creation”**

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**

**Saturday Morning Praise: Creation – God’s Gift, Our Responsibility**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God ...

**All: And not only creation, but we ourselves, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies.** *(based on Romans 8:19,23)*

**Gathering Song**

*(all stand)*

(The following is adapted from resources from <http://www.webofcreation.org>)

Leader: Loving God  
all creation calls you blessed,  
and so do we.

Your spirit imprints the whole universe with life and mystery.  
Yes, all creation proclaims your love.  
We now join this chorus of praise.

For you have woven an intimate tapestry  
and call it life  
and called it good.

In love you have formed a universe  
so diverse yet so related,  
and into its web you call us forth  
to walk the land and swim the sea  
with all our natural brothers and sisters.

To the stars  
we seem no more than blades of grass.  
Yet to you, each of us,  
as each blade of grass and each star,  
is an irreplaceable treasure,  
an essential companion on this journey of love.

Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation,  
guide us with your Spirit  
that we might not be only pilgrims on the earth,  
but pilgrims with the earth,  
journeying home to you.

Open our hearts to understand  
the intimate relationship that you have with all creation.  
Only with this faith can we hope

for tomorrow's children.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son.

**All: Amen.**

*all seated*

***Sung Psalm***

**Psalm-prayer**

(The following is adapted from Psalm 46 and resources from <http://www.webofcreation.org>)

*all stand*

Leader: “God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever present help in trouble  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” *(brief pause)*

**All: Pour on us your spirit, O Anointer of priests, prophets, and rulers,  
and equip us now for the ministry that lies ahead.**

**Do not fail us now when we need your sustaining power.  
Give us, O Keeper of All Ages, the time we need to respond to climate change  
before it brings your world to ruin,**

**Give us the energy and hope we need to keep going when all seems lost,**

**Give us the resources of time, talent, and treasure to act in the public square  
on behalf of planetary justice.**

**Be our ever present help in these troubled times.  
Dispel the night of danger by your dawn of deliverance.**

**Where leaders stoop to feed our ever growing hunger for more and more,  
open their eyes to the wisdom of simplicity,  
Where governments turn a blind eye to the needs of our fragile earth,  
open their ears to the laws of nature that are screaming as we push our planet beyond its  
means to thrive.**

**Ever-Resourceful One, make our overconsumption  
cease to the ends of the earth,  
quench our desire for more and more material things,  
shatter the prison of consumerism,  
and kindle in us a passion for right relationship  
among our fellow pilgrims on this planet, and with all of creation.**

Leader: "Be still and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
The One-Who-Will-Be-There is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our shield."

**All: Amen!**

### **Communal Song**

Leader: Let us begin our day in God's deep and abiding peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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