

8 On earth as it is in heaven

We reflect on the goodness of creation
and the needs of our world

Singing

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| Leader | God saw everything that he had made |
| All | and indeed it was very good. |
| A | Light and darkness, |
| B | water and sky, |
| A | dry land and vegetation, |
| B | sun, moon and stars, |
| A | sea creatures and birds, |
| B | animals, insects and humans. |
| Leader | God saw everything that he had made |
| All | and indeed it was very good! |

Keeping Stillness

Using the worship focus to help you, and the words above, spend some time sharing God's joy at the goodness of creation. Imagine seeing it all for the first time, and allow yourself to wonder and delight in the gifts of nature we mostly take for granted.

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| Leader | Holy . . . holy . . . holy . . . |
| All | Holy . . . holy . . . holy . . . |
| | Lord God of hosts. |
| Leader | Heaven and earth are full of your glory. |
| All | Heaven and earth are full of your glory. |
| | Glory be to you, O Lord most high. |

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| Leader | Hear these words from the book of Job, where God answers Job by directing him to see the awesome holiness of God through the wonders of creation. |
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| Reading | Job 38:1-18 |
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This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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| Leader | Father in heaven, we give you thanks and praise |
| All | for all the wonders of creation, |
| | of which we ourselves are part. |
| A | For colour and texture, light and shadow; |
| B | for sounds, smells and tastes; |
| A | for the laws of physics and chemistry; |
| B | for intelligence to think with |
| | and language to express our thoughts; |

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| A | for personalities and emotions to feel with and respond to one another and to you; |
| B | for the rich variety of climate, landscape and vegetation, and all living creatures. |
| All | Father in heaven, we give you thanks and praise. |

Singing

Keeping Stillness

Bring to mind the areas where there is discord between God's good creation and our stewardship of the earth we have been given to live in.

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| Leader | Our Father |
| All | who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. May your kingdom come. |
| Leader | Father, may your will be done |
| All | on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | Wherever greed or arrogance crash in where angels fear to tread . . . |
| All | Father, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | Wherever destructive policies rule unchallenged . . . |
| All | Father, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | When unjust distribution of wealth leaves some complacent and most in poverty . . . |
| All | Father, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | When resources are squandered through short-term objectives . . . |
| All | Father, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | When war and violence, poverty and oppression make many into homeless refugees . . . |
| All | Father, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. |
| Leader | Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. |
| All | Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen. |
| Leader | Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge. |

All
Leader
All

You show us the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Amen.
(*Psalm 16*)