

Pet Service

7th March 2021



Call to Worship

Creator God, as we assemble today with all your creatures

(All) **We ask you to be with us.**

Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

(All) **We ask for your blessing, on us and on the animals in our care**

Life giving Spirit, help us to give praise today for all life

(All) **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

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. **Amen**

Invitation to Confession

Lord you delight in your creation, its
colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
we have plundered its resources and
mistreated its creatures for our own
selfish ends. We come before you
now seeking your forgiveness and
saying together:

Lamb of God, who takes away all sin
against God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away all sin
against Creation, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away all sin
from the world, receive our prayer.

Words of Forgiveness

May Jesus forgive you or all your sins
against the Earth,

May the Spirit restore you to your right
place within creation

To henceforth honour the Father's call to
tend and care for all life. **Amen**

All things bright and beautiful *sung by St Martin's Voices*

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

Refrain

2 The purple headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

Refrain

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

Refrain

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

Refrain

Reading

Exodus 20:1-11 *Tilly Callaghan*

*At end of reading: 'This is the Word of the
Lord' – All respond; 'Thanks be to God'*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God's Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, and for life to begin.

We believe God chose to be born a human being, to become a part of the universe, to suffer, die, and rise from death to redeem humankind, and to renew all of Creation.

We believe the presence of the Holy Spirit is the living impulse in all things, filling land, sea and air; sustaining every element and place; filling every plant and animal.

This is our faith, we believe in one God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

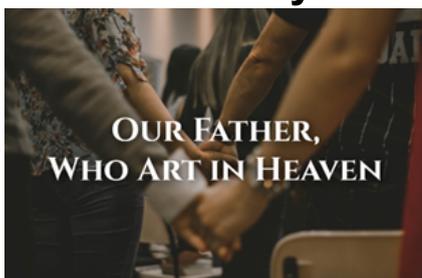
Intercessions

Lead by the McMonigall Family

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works, your presence in all your creatures, and your likeness in all your children; so we may love and care for all your creation, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer



Hymn: O Lord of every shining constellation

sung by St Martin's Voices

1. O Lord of every shining constellation that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky, grant us your Spirit's true illumination to read the secrets of your work on high.

2 You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces, your laws its mighty energies fulfil; teach us, to whom you give such rich resources, in all we use, to serve your holy will.

3. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue, from flower to bird, from beast to brain of man help us to trace, from birth to final issue, the sure unfolding of your age-long plan.

4. You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures, and, though they mar that image, love them still; lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features we may discern the beauty of your will.

5. Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing, you made us more than nature's sons to be; you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing, the road to life and immortality.

Notices

Blessing & Dismissal

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Creation, and the presence of Christ within you. And the blessing...

Go in peace!
Serving God and loving all creatures!
In the name of Christ, Amen!

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