

Liturgical Materials for First Sunday in September

The Feast of Creation in Christ

White or Green

Invitation to Confession

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.

Let us confess our failure to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

Kyrie Confession

You laid the foundations of the earth, but we have claimed your world as our own.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You make all things new, but our hope has grown dim.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that is made,
at the hands of your Son
and through the wisdom of your Spirit,
that we may care in heart and in deed
for the life of our world,
to the praise and glory of your holy name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

Alleluia.

Introduction to the Peace

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace; the mountains and the hills before
you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55.12

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
by your goodness the world was formed and filled with plenty.
As we set before you this bread and wine,
teach us gratitude for your gifts
and make us faithful stewards of your creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

or

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
because in him, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For by your word the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.
You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.

In your great goodness you sent your Son,
the firstborn of all creation,
who holds all things together in himself,
and through whom you make all things new.

You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,
as creation itself waits with eager longing
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And so, with angels and archangels
and with all that you have made,
we join the song of your glory,
forever praising you and saying:

Post Communion

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

May God the Father,
whose glory is proclaimed in the heavens,
awaken in you a delight and wonder in this good creation. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
the Word made flesh,
through whom all things were made,
fill you with his risen life. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form you in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

and the blessing...

Act of Commitment for the Care of Creation

Before the Dismissal the Act of Commitment for the Care of Creation (A Time for 163
Creation, p.48) may be used:

‘While all creatures stand in expectation, what will be the result of our liberty?’

Thomas Traherne

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing
for the redemption of humankind,
let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God,
the Father who is the maker of all things,
the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit,
the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God’s creation.

**All Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation’s praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day
be matched by our faithful living.

All Amen. Amen. Amen.