

A Service of Evening Prayer for Earth Day Reflection
April 22, 2022

Opening Sentences

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join creation by praising God.

Opening Prayer

Great Creator and Sustainer, we love to hear the story of how you created the universe. We thank you for the beauty of our part of the planet, and especially for animals of the air, water and land that you have brought into being, who fill our landscape with beauty and wonder.

Our voices join theirs in praise. As Christ arose on Easter, help us resurrect the harmony you intended for all you have made.

Amen.

Scripture Psalm 104:1-17

Prayer of Petition

O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for your creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of your wondrous love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all of your creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to your

creation and to sustain your gift of nature.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Benediction

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise of God.

Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.

Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.

Thanks be to God.