

for leaders of tribes and nations and all who work for justice.

O God, our help, teach us to live in with one another.  
and, in you mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community, for those with whom we share our lives;

for all whom we love, our families and our friends;  
for those without work and those in need of a rest;  
for all voluntary workers, service clubs and welfare agencies.

O God, our help, teach us to value all members of our community.  
and, in you mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for the sick and for the suffering;

for those who are in pain, confusion, fear or despair;  
for the broken-hearted and all who mourn;  
for all who bring comfort and hope to others.

O God, our help, teach us to care tenderly for one another.  
and, in you mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks creator God for this planet that sustains life in abundance. Forgive us when we fail to protect and treasure it. Encourage us to seek your fulfilling of creations dream,  
and in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

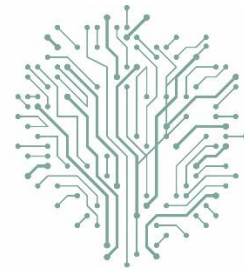
## Closing Responses & Blessing

May the blessing of this planet earth be on you, the great round earth.

May you ever have a kindly greeting for people as you're going along the roads.

And now,  
Bless us and the people we meet along the way  
Father,  
Son  
and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

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1 Seasons of Creation: Planet Earth Liturgy 2  
2 Janet Nelson: 2002. Let Us pray: Page 288  
Pentecost 15 (26). Year B



SALTBUSH  
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Psalm 104  
Seasons of Creation  
Planet Earth

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering  
In this season of creation let us worship the God of creation who blesses all through this planet earth.

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

Christ, we gather in your name  
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,  
**a planet filled with your presence,  
quivering in the forests,  
vibrating in the land,  
pulsating in the wilderness,  
shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place  
and show us your face in all creation.  
**Holy! Holy! Holy!**  
**Earth is filled with your presence. 1.**

### Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Come one, Come all](#)  
Malcom Gordon©2013 [Into the deep](#)  
<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/come-one-come-all>

### Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

# The Word around the Bush

## Psalm 104

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

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<sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.

<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

<sup>8</sup> they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.

<sup>9</sup> You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
never again will they cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup> He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.

<sup>11</sup> They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

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<sup>27</sup> All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
<sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Praise the Lord.

# The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader  
within your gathering.

## Questions for conversation

● I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?

● I wonder how you understand your faith and life as you care for the planet in the part of this creation you call home?

● What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

## Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

● You may like to say the prayer phrase “Mar-an-ath-a” (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

● Or you may like “sitting with God” — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

## Prayers for Others

Creator God hear our prayers for the world, its people and ourselves.

We pray for creation, the heavens and the earth that you have made;

for the unique and wonderful treasures of this ancient land;

for all creatures endangered by human cruelty and greed;

for all who work for the preservation of the earth.

O God, our help, teach us to live in harmony with the created world,  
and, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for our sisters and brothers of every land;

for those without food, water, shelter or livelihood;

for those stolen from their homes,  
their families, their land;