

ALL THE WORLD IS SACRED

All the world is sacred in my eye.
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All the world is good.
This world is holy.
This world is wholly hallelujah
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

Every tree, God's beauty dressed in green.
In the creeks and mountains God is seen.
In the grey gum gully
In seagulls soaring, thunder roaring
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

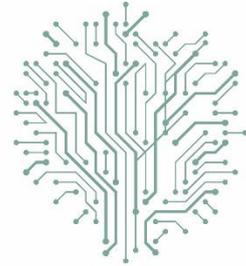
God creates all life, this world is good.
Earth is in our care and care we should.
Earth is in our care.
She is our Mother,
So be careful sister brother,
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

If we can just hear with hearts amazed
Every stone is singing songs of praise.
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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Genesis 1:6-8, 14-19 and Psalm 19:1-6.
Sky Sunday

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others.

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world. (light the candle)

Responses & Gathering Prayer

God, our Creator, as we look into the skies, we celebrate the wonders of the worlds that surround us. Help us to see your presence in the evening sky, your spirit in the wind, your mercy in the falling rain. Teach us to hear the good news from the sky celebrating the glory of God in Earth. Rejoice with us as we behold the dawn revealing the mysteries of the skies above and Earth below. In the name of Christ who unites heaven and Earth. Amen. *

Song:

[All the World is Sacred](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/03-all-the-world-is-sacred). Peter Kearney
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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 19:1-6

¹The

heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

Genesis 1:6-8 and 14-19.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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 what you heard in the Word for our church?
- 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 and Creation

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathise with Earth.

Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the air, the clouds and the sky.

Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit in creation, groans of longing for a new creation.

Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin, songs of celebration from the stars, the rains and the light.

In this time, we bring our prayers.
(Silent or spoken)

Christ, teach us to care. Amen *

Song for Reflection:

[Touch the Earth Lightly](https://youtu.be/wnWUgIp7unQ). By Shirley Murray
<https://youtu.be/wnWUgIp7unQ>

Closing Responses & Blessing

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 sky and Earth and the pulsing of Christ within you.

Go in peace!
Serving Christ and loving Earth!*

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

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