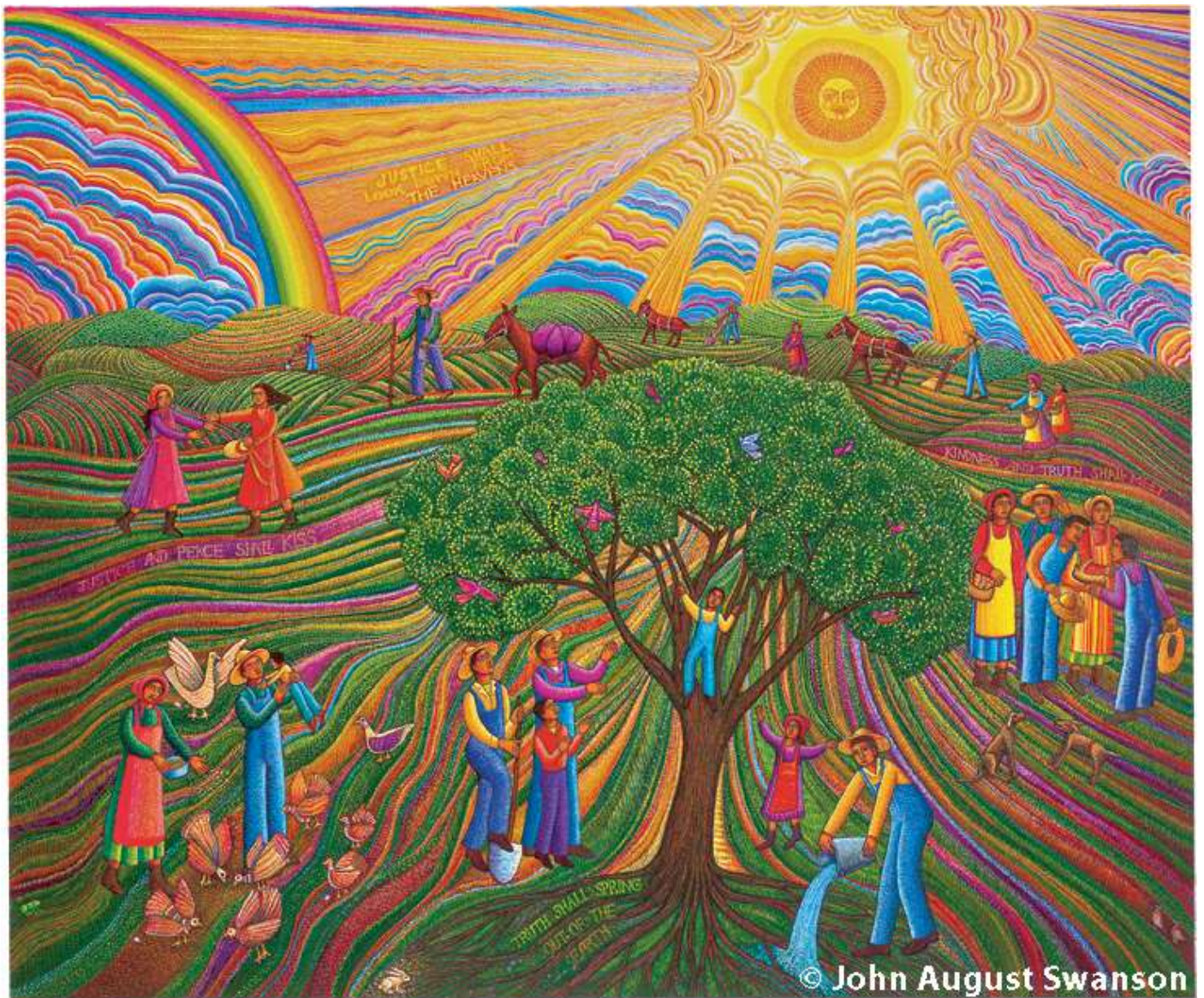




LITURGICAL RESOURCES
from around the world for
Climate Sunday



*Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the Earth*

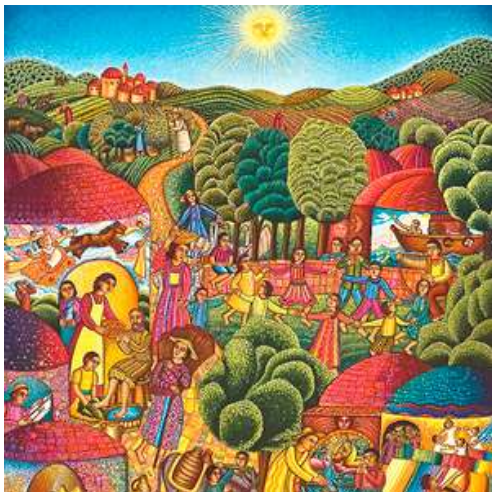
Introduction

USPG and Hope for the Future are joining together in the Make COP26 Count programme to support you and your church to act for climate justice. As a part of the lead up to COP26 USPG is working on a variety of ways to promote climate justice.

Climate Sunday is an ecumenical initiative of the Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, of which USPG is a part. Climate Sunday encourages churches to hold a climate-focused service, to explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care and action on climate, to pray, and to commit to action.

This resource was compiled from liturgists around the world to aid in your preparations for Climate Sunday and to help you to think creatively about how you might mark this day in your churches. You can also find more information and resources here: www.climatesunday.org.

You may also find our Lent course helpful and can also find information about our Lent Appeal here: <https://www.uspg.org.uk/forsuchatime/>



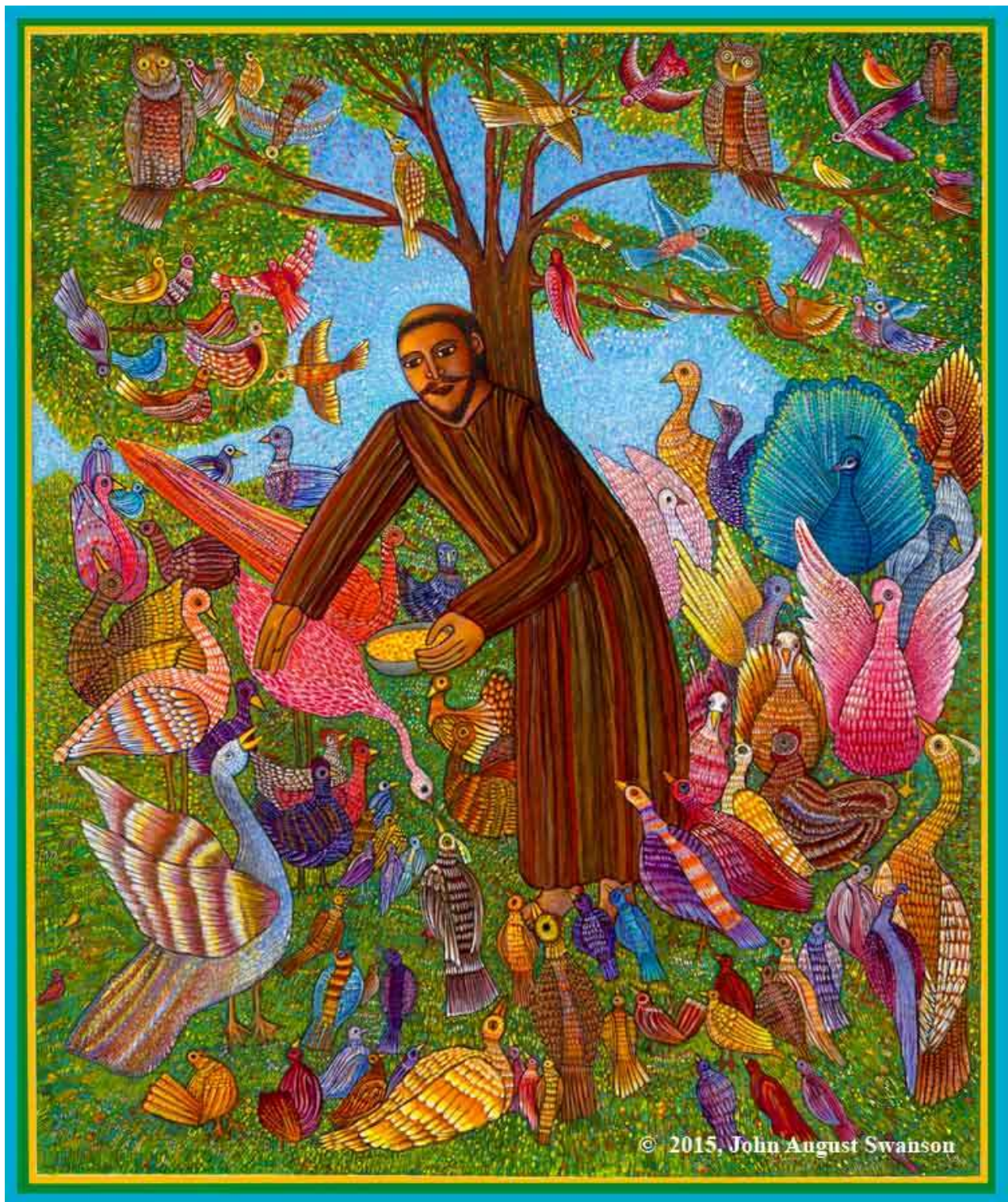
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Collects and Intercessions

Lord of the harvest,
make us faithful stewards in the labour
you have called us to share,
planting and cultivating, planning and protecting,
and offering to you the return that you require,
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

God of grace, in the story of creation,
you made the earth a garden and entrusted it to us
to till and to keep, a place of peace and beauty
where we could walk with you. In the story of redemption,
the one who died for us was buried in a garden,
and there you raised him up to greet us with new hope
and risen life. In the story of the Church, you tend us
as a garden, a place of careful pruning and abundant harvest,
where we can work with you. Meet us, we pray,
in all the gardens where we go for nourishment,
refreshment and prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Spirit of God,
You established the dance of Creation;
bring life out of death bring order out of chaos.
Call us to radical action: to care for the web of Creation
to share our resources justly and to
work for the renewal of our Mother, Earth.
We light this candle as we commit ourselves
to fast and pray for climate justice.

-Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Cape Town

Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth,
this earth, our home, belongs to you.
Give us grace to love it as you do.
Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do,
for the good of all people and all of your creation.
Strengthen us to stand, as you do,
with the vulnerable poor.
Give us wisdom to know when we have enough,
and the voice to say “enough” to all
that harms creation and hurts the poorest.
This earth, our home, belongs to you.
Amen.

Striving to Safeguard the integrity of creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

Creator Spirit, move amongst us again
with your power for life,
and overturn humanity's deathly urge.
restore us as inheritors and guardians
of this good earth we have dared to call our own.
and show us the way to live in care of it
for our children's children and your love's sake.
Amen.

The Land

Land-giver God,
who gave us this good earth as our home,
may we so revere the gift and you the giver
that the delights of the life abundant will
always be ours;
we ask it in the name of Jesus who died
that we may truly live.
Amen.

Responsive Prayers

For every good gift in creation, for its diversity and dignity and glory:

We give you thanks.

For threatened species and habitats, for all creatures on the brink:

We ask your grace and protection.

For seeking to live without limits, and failing to see how our lives affect all in the community of creation:

We ask your forgiveness and correction.

For the beauty and diversity of the family of faith:

We give you thanks.

For all those who struggle and are weary, who suffer and are oppressed:

We ask your grace and protection.

For the indifference or ignorance or busyness that stops us responding with mercy and justice to our brothers and sisters in need:

We ask your forgiveness and correction.

For every opportunity to do good, to share abundantly, and to live a little more in tune with your whole-hearted hospitality:

We give you thanks.

When we are worn down, tired out or broken apart by the weight of our own struggles and failures:

We ask your grace and protection.

For the times we do not heed your call to walk the road of discipleship with your son, Jesus:

We ask your grace and protection.

This we know: the earth does not belong to us.
The earth is the Lord's and so are all its people.

This we know: we did not weave the web of life.
The earth is the Lord's and so is all that breathes on it.

This we know: we are called to till and work the earth.
The earth is the Lord's and so are all who work the land.

This we know: that we are called to take care of creation.
The earth is the Lord's yet we have polluted and abused it.

This we know: that whatever befalls the earth,
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth

This we know: that the earth is the Lord's.
And so we will serve Him in it. Amen

-Bishop Eric Pike, Diocese of Port Elizabeth (South Africa): adapted

A Collect for Creationtide

Source of all life,
we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation
made manifest in the environment that surrounds us;
strengthen us in the mission of stewardship
and care towards nature, the work of your hands,
encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Revd Luiz Coelho – Brazil



‘evening came and morning followed’

Intercessions for Creationtide

This is Christ's commandment: to love one another as he loved us. With contrite spirits and respect for all humanity, let us pray to God that we may learn to care for not only our brothers and sisters, but for all God's creation shown forth in the wonder of nature that maintains our common life.

(Remembering *N*,) Have compassion on all who suffer from trials and pain, especially the victims of natural disasters caused by our own greed and negligence. Grant them their needed relief and the help of your children in their daily struggles.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Kindle the hearts of the leaders in your Church; especially *N*, our bishop, *N*, our priest, and all other ministers. Reveal in them the example of your Christ, who revered and cared for the fullness of your creation.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Inspire all civil authorities to dedicate their resources and efforts to the building of a better world for all your people. May they govern with respect and balance toward nature through policies that seek to relieve the environmental calamity that surrounds us.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

(Remembering *N*,) Have mercy on your children suffering from illness, granting them healing and comfort from their afflictions. Equip us to serve all who are ill as we would serve Christ.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

(Remembering N,) Bring to your glorious presence all those faithful who have departed this world with faith in Jesus Christ. Grant them eternal rest in the company of the Virgin Mary, apostles, martyrs, and all your saints.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Receive the prayers we now offer you as a sign of our immense gratitude (for N,) for the many blessings you have given us, and above all for the life in nature that continues to flourish despite our carelessness. Grant that we may return your love in acts of charity and compassion toward the world that you created and all of its creatures.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect:

Creator of all, whose Son came to reconcile all creation to you: inspire in us a reverence for your creatures in this world and accept the prayers that we now offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Revd Luiz Coelho – Brazil



For people living with the effects of climate change now:

Leader: For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought, and water shortages,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of those facing unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons, and failed crops,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of all those who fear the changing climate,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable, and the refugee

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of us all,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, recreate our hearts.

Let us confess:

Leader: Oh God who have chosen to be with us as one of us

Community: Your help and your tenderness heal our wounds

Leader: Your kindness and your generosity enrich our poverty

Community: Your protection set us free from fear

Leader: Your strength dynamizes and encourages when we fell weak

Community: Your generous love satisfies our needs

Leader: Your richness filled us when we have got nothing

Community: Calm the thirsty we have on you.

Leader: Comfort our sadness's

Community: Soften our sufferings

Leader: Heal our diseases

Community: You, who attend the poor's cry

Leader: Mother of all us, great on mercy

Community: We ask you

Leader: Drag us all into the living water of our gifts

Community: Pour your favours on the people who belong to you

Leader: Here we are

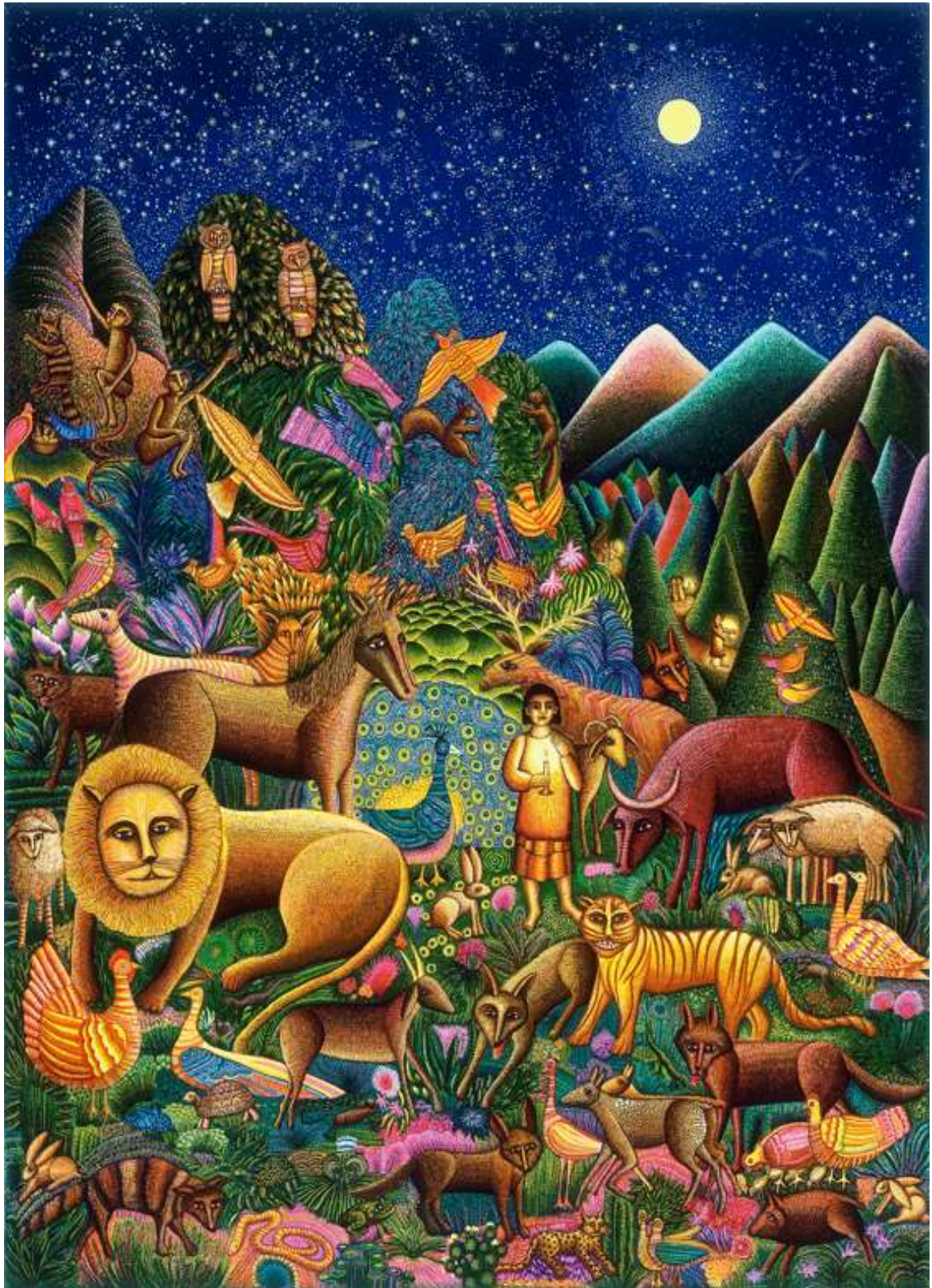
Community: At your presence of generosity

Leader: Exposed to the winds of your huge kindness

Community: Felt in love with you...

ALL: Hallelujah!

by Dr Paulo Ueti, Anglican Alliance



Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer for Creationtide

After the Dialogue, the President continues

It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God, for you are the source of all life. Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us through the environment that you established in creation. You rule the universe with balance and generosity, for which all creation never ceases to praise you. Joining with the company of heaven and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas, we joyfully praise your holy name, singing (saying)

Sanctus

The President continues

O God, our creator, you placed us in this world, but did not leave us to live alone. You surrounded us with your wondrous creation that we might live in harmony with it, taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life. Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people, yet we strayed from your path. We judged ourselves powerful and mighty, planting destruction between us and nature, and creating a world of inequity, imbalance, and discontent. Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance and new life, yet we chose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error.

In the fullness of time and in your infinite mercy, you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life. He taught us to live in unity with you, opening the doors to a new creation: one reconciled to you and sustained by your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. Having given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying, "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the wondrous mystery:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ we may fill the world with your love, renewing it with the gift of your Gospel.

Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us and restoring the balance of nature. Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden, worthy of respect and care. Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle to preserve the environment and the diversity of life within it. And, at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom, where in the company of (N and) all your saints, we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ.

By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Revd Luiz Coelho – Brazil
Edited by Christopher Lee Schwenk



After the Dialogue, the President continues

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and for ever saying:

Sanctus

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me. So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

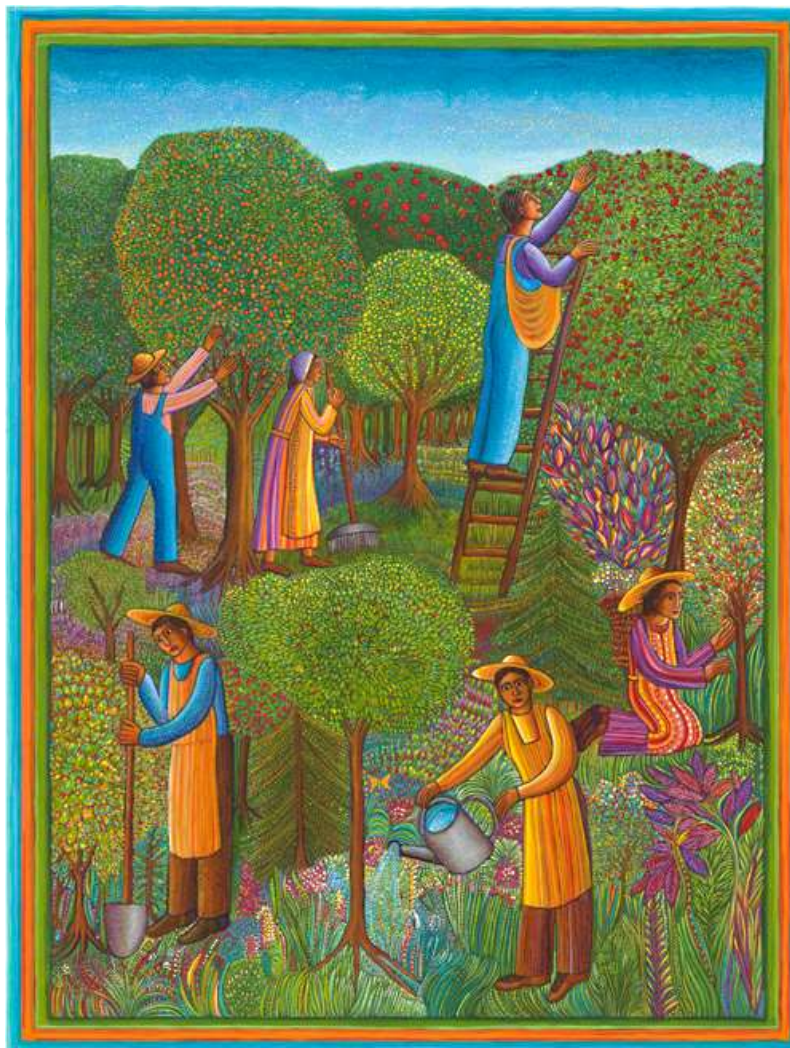
Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, spilt and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen.

Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world and give us the broken oneness, the spilt unity, and the buried resurrection by which we can restore your creation and fulfil your will. Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh as your Word has made flesh. By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen

-From the Anglican Church of Southern Africa





Canticles and Litanies

Good Lord, most high almighty,
to you all praise is due,
all glory, honour, blessing,
belong alone to you;
there is no man whose lips
are fit to frame your name.

Be praised then, my Lord God,
in and through all your creatures
especially among them,
through noble Brother Sun,
by whom you light the day;
in his radiant splendid beauty
he reminds us, Lord, of you.

Be praised, my Lord. Through Sister Moon and all the stars;
and have made the sky shine in their lovely light.

In Brother Wind be praised, my Lord,
and in the air,
in clouds, in calm,
in all the weather moods that cherish life.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water;
she is most useful, humble, precious, pure.
And Brother Fire, by whom you lighten night;
how fine is he, how happy, powerful, strong.

Through our dear Mother Earth be praised, my Lord,
she feeds us, guides us, gives us plants, bright flowers
and all her fruits.

Be praised, my Lord, through us,
when out of love for you
we pardon one another.

When we endure
in sickness and in sorrow.
Blessed are they who preserve in peace;
from you, Most High, they will receive their prize.

Be praised, my Lord, praised for our Sister Death,
from whom no man alive can hope to hide;
wretched are they who die deep in their sin.
And blessed those, Death finds doing your will.
For them there is no further death to fear.

O people! Praise God and bless him, give him thanks
and serve him most humbly.

-The Canticle of the Creatures - St. Francis of Assisi

Voice: We are thankful for the passion of the children and youth among us
who push us to recognize the urgency of the environmental crisis.

All: Thank you, Creator and giver of passion.

Voice: We are thankful for the insights of the native brothers and sisters
among us who draw on their tradition and teach us about the sacredness
of all creation and how to live in kinship with it.

All: Thank you, Creator and giver of insight.

Voice: We are thankful for the inspiration of those among us who have
already begun to live their lives in ways that show a caring for the earth,
water, and the skies.

All: Thank you, Creator and giver of inspiration.

Participants may offer other thanksgivings in word or deed

**All: We thank you, God, for all signs of hope that keep us from despairing
and point us toward new ways of living**

-Church of Canada

Evening Thanksgiving

***We offer thanks to you God almighty
in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit.***

Your blazing bright creation eclipsed chaotic darkness. Waters which had once destroyed became your servants. Your faithful promise took root in a chosen people and lived on through desert, tribes, judges, kings, through days of wandering and temple, through years of comfort and exile, while prophets spoke your law and love, your covenant, your gift.

Refrain

Your new covenant reached out to seek our flesh, became incarnate Good News of salvation; by teaching, healing, dying, rising, he changed the course of time. His Spirit blows through grace-filled waters; his Spirit burns in loving hearts, strengthening us for mission, preparing for his return“.

Refrain

After last Refrain:

Now and Forever. Amen

Leader: God of power, God of people,
All: You are the life of all living things,

Leader: The energy that fills the earth,
All: The vitality that brings to birth,

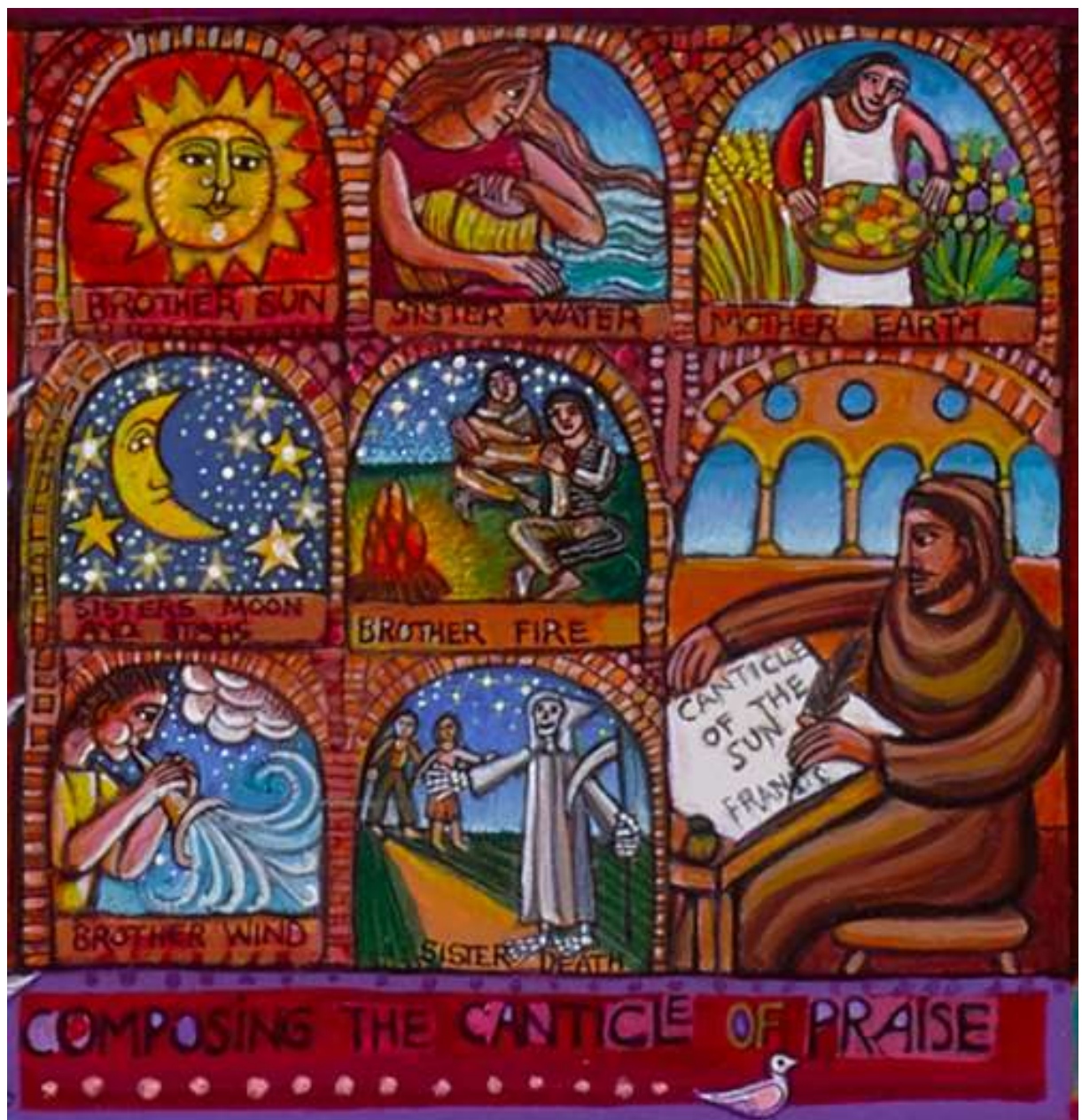
Leader: The impetus toward making whole whatever is bruised or broken.
All: In you we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free.

Leader: You are the song that the whole earth sings,
All: The promise liberation brings, now and forever.

- From Words and Songs of Reconciliation and Praise, Graz, 1997

May none of God's wonderful works keep silence,
night or morning.
Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas,
sources of rushing rivers:
may all these break into song as we sing
to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen!
Power, praise, honour, eternal glory to God, the only
Giver of grace.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

-Third-century hymn



Blessings and Sending

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness.

They will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful.

They will receive mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

They will be called the children of God.

Walk with righteous hearts,
merciful hands
and peaceful minds.

Amen.

Go out into the world rejoicing,
and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;
savour its richness and diversity
and live as those who praise God for its bounty;
and the blessing of the Creator God,
the Eternal Father,
the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit
be upon you, that you might be a blessing
to others today and always.

Amen.

-Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The God of peace,
who gives food to every living creature,
give you your daily bread,
and make you hungry and thirsty for justice.
Amen.

The Lord Jesus Christ,
who feeds us in this sacrament,
give you strength for work and witness,
and bring you to the wedding
banquet of heaven and earth.
Amen.

The Spirit of grace,
who nourishes hearts and minds with saving truth,
give you joyful companions at Wisdom's feast,
and send you to feed the hungry
and bring good news to the poor.
Amen.

And the blessing of God,
holy eternal Majesty,
holy incarnate Word,
holy abiding Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

-Anglican Church of Australia

Go in strong and growing faith.
Trust in the tenderness of Christ to heal a
bruised and broken world.

Thanks be to God.

Go in eager and refreshing hope.
Work with Christ risen from the dead,
to fulfil the promise of a new creation.

Thanks be to God.

Go in costly and courageous love.
Proclaim the power of Christ
to cleanse a defiled and disfigured world.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace,
to treasure and to tend the world God made and loves.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

-Anglican Church of Australia



O God of peace, you know us from before we were formed in our mother's womb. Forgive us when we only have good intentions and do not commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of justice, you judge our human race with mercy. Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred as we remain passive in face of so much violence and exclusion.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family. Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both our dear ones and our enemies.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of grace, you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change. Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of life, you have placed us on this earth to tend and watch over it. Forgive us if we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home you have given us, the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

-Church in the Caribbean

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