

COMMUNION

Litany for the Earth

#515

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

For the Beauty of the Earth

#611

POSTLUDE Instrumental

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action.

Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation.



Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush World Day of Prayer for the Care

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
September 1, 2022

PRELUDE Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan
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GATHERING SONG

Canticle of the Sun

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PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

FIRST READING

Job 12: 7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96 Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds

Timothy R. Smith



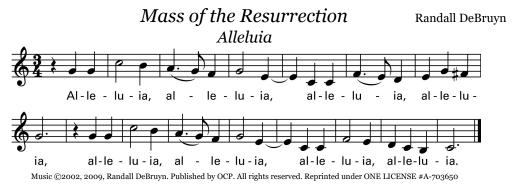
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SECOND READING

Earth Prayers

Chief Seattle

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL *Matthew* 6: 26-28, 30-31, 32b-34

HOMILY Sister Rosaire Lucassen

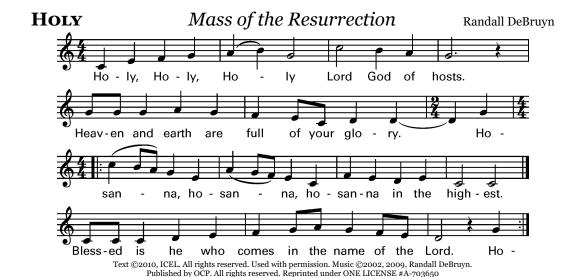
UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Please respond: Help us respond to You.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

All I Do Today

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LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)