### **Invitation to Prayer**

Leader:	God created the world, the stars and the heavens
All:	And God saw that it was good
Leader:	God created plants and vegetation and life that
	grows
All:	And God declared it good
Leader:	God created all living creatures that live upon our
	earth
All:	And God said "It is good"
Leader:	Each of us is created in the image of God
All:	And called to be a care-taker of the world.
Leader:	Let us celebrate God and rejoice in God's
	world
All:	Let us remember our vocation to be stewards
	of creation

We discern our deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation in God's word.

#### Suggested readings:

Genesis 1:1-31	Matt. 6:25-34
Genesis 2:15	1 Cor. 10:26
Psalm 104	Romans 1:20

## **Act of Commitment**

We have come together to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus. We have come to discover anew the beauty of God's creation ... the sunrise and sunset, the flowers and trees, the sky and seas, the animals and birds, and human life. We have come to help protect God's creation. We have come as brothers and sisters of Jesus to re-commit to one another and to strive to undo the bonds of injustice and poverty. We have come to stand together against all threats to life. We have come to listen to the music of the universe and to remember that God speaks to us through the beauty of creation and suffers with it its indignities. We have come to reconcile and heal, to protect and restore.

We have come ...



#### Where do we go from here?

- We acknowledge our dependence on the rest of creation
- We begin to understand the scope of the crisis and its meaning for today's and future generations
- We recognise/name the causes of the crisis and our personal contribution to it
- We ask forgiveness for our mistakes and failings
- We reflect and make changes
- We support those who advocate sustainable actions and those who are a voice for the voiceless
- We strive to live according to the biblical principles of stewardship and care-taking

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Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork

Be still, be still; and in creation be aware of the presence that is God Sacred Pathway Celtic Songs from Lindisfarne