

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 19 (18):2

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Collect

Father,
who have in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
called all things into being,
grant, we pray, that, docile to your Spirit's breath of life,
we may lovingly care for the work of your hands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Father,
these fruits of the earth and of our hands:
bring to completion in them the work of your creation,
so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit,
they may become for us the food and drink of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 98 (97):3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament of unity which we have received, O Father,
increase communion with you and with our brothers and sisters,
so that, as we await new heavens and a new earth,
we may learn to live together in harmony with all creatures.
Through Christ our Lord.

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BIBLICAL READINGS

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Wis 13:1-9 *If they are able to investigate the world,
how have they been so slow to find its master?*
[OLM 495; Week XXXII; Year I; Friday]

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Col 1:15-20 *All things were created through Christ and in Christ.*
[OLM 435; Week XXII; Year I; Friday]

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Ps 19 (18):2-3, 4-5: R/ (2a): The heavens declare the glory of God.
[OLM 495; Week XXXII; Year I; Friday]

Ps 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c
R/ (31b): May the Lord rejoice in his works.
[OLM 329; Week V; Year I; Monday]

ALLELUIA VERSES AND VERSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Ps 104 (103):24 How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.

1 Chr 29:11d, 12b Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,
you have dominion over all.

GOSPEL READINGS

Mt 6:24-34 *Do not worry about tomorrow.*
[OLM 82; Sunday VIII; Ordinary Time; Year A]

Mt 8:23-27 *Jesus commanded the wind and the sea,
and all was calm again.*
[OLM 378; Week XIII; Year I; Tuesday]