

A very warm welcome to St Thomas' Church, Kendal

Online Service

Sunday 22nd November 2020



Title: Creation Care

Reading: Genesis 1:20-2:4

Welcome:

Confession

**Holy God, creator and lover of all that is,
we confess to you that we have sinned.
We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,
we have been greedy, destructive and wasteful
of the resources you entrusted to us.
Polluted air and water
eroded soil and salty earth,
birds and animals deprived of habitat,
and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:
all these cry out against us.
We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,
and we repent in sorrow and distress.
Forgive us we pray and have mercy.
Give us grace to change our ways,
to make amends,
and to work together for the healing of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

**Our Saviour died and rose again,
so that for all who live in him
there is a new creation.
Therefore, I declare to you:
your sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen, Send out your Spirit, O Lord.
Renew the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of the earth.**

"The splendour of the King (How great is our God)"

**The splendour of the King
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice,
and trembles at his voice.**

Chorus:

***How great is our God
(sing with me)
how great is our God and all will see
how great, how great is our God!***

**And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.**

Chorus

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
'How great is our God'**

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From the highest of heights (Indescribable)"

**From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colours of fall
To the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming**

Chorus:

***Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God***

**Who has told every lightening bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?**

Chorus

**Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same,
You are amazing, God**

Reading: Genesis 1 verse 20 - Genesis 2 verse 4 (NLT)

²⁰Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."

²¹So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird - each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²²Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind - livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened.

²⁵God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

²⁷So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

²⁹Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food.

³⁰And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground - everything that has life." And that is what happened.

³¹Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

¹So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed.

²On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work.

³And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

⁴This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

"O Lord my God (How Great thou art) "

**O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works
Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Chorus:

***Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!***

When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down,
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!*

And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow,
in humble adoration,
And then proclaim:
"My God, how great Thou art!"