



Leader: God, thank you for the sun, the sky, for all the things that like to fly,
the shining rain that turns grass green, the earth we know – the world unseen -
for stars and night, and once again the every-morning sun.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24: 1-2

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Responsory

Reader: We live in all things. All things live in us.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We live by the sun. We move with the stars.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We eat from the earth. We drink from the rain. We breathe from the air.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We share with the creatures. We have strength through their gifts.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We depend on the forests. We have knowledge through their secrets.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We have the privilege of seeing and understanding.

We have the responsibility of caring. We have the joy of celebrating.

All: We rejoice in all life!

Reader: We are full of the grace of creation. We are graceful. We are grateful.

All: We rejoice in all life. We rejoice in all life!

Adapted from a prayer from Hildegard of Bingen

Concluding Prayer

All: God, our Creator, we ask you in a special way today
to teach us how to love and preserve our Mother Earth.

Give us the courage to make the efforts and necessary sacrifices
to live gently on the earth and with one another.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord. Amen.