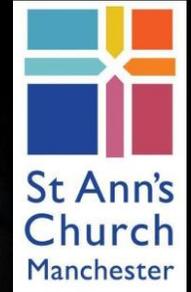


The Earth is the Lord's

and the fulness thereof



¶ Gathering

Nigel Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise him...

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him...

William Henry Draper, based on St Francis of Assisi

The Collect

Sydwel Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

¶ Word and Prayer

The Reading from the Book of Job – Read by Phil Whitaker

Job 38.1-2, 4-11, 16-18, 31-32

¹ The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

¹⁶ “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

³¹ “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades,
or loose the cords of Orion?

³² Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,
or can you guide the Bear with its children?

Phil
All

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Earth is the Lord's

Canon Nigel Ashworth

The Reading from Romans *read by Helen Lacy*

Romans 8.18-28

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Helen
All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Creation and Redemption

Canon Nigel Ashworth

Apostles' Creed

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Anthem Choir of St Ann's

*The choir have prepared the anthem 'O for a closer walk with God'
by Stanford, a setting of a poem by William Cowper, as follows:*

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Responding in Faith and Love

The following 'Kyrie' form of prayer is said

Sydwell We give thanks for the wonders of creation,
and that nature opens a window for us into the heart of its Creator.

Let us confess our carelessness for what God has made
and open our lives to his redeeming love.

Sydwell Father, the creation waits with eager longing
for your glory to shine in your children;
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Sydwell Jesus, in our deepest longings
we groan inwardly for the salvation you have wrought;
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Sydwell Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness
and intercede with sighs too deep for words;
Lord, have mercy,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Sydwell The Lord have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
heal us by his Spirit,
and bring us to everlasting life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

The following response is used:

Minister Lord of Creation,
All **hear our prayer.**

at the end the Lord's Prayer is said

All **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

Sydwel introduces the Peace and says

Sydwel The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All are invited to share the peace together.

¶ Ending

Hymn

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

C A Alington

The Blessing

Sydwell May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessings upon all things created,
and upon you his children;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Voluntary

*Please come back after the music
to greet other worshippers.*