

## A CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE IN PRAISE OF GOD'S CREATION

**MUSIC.** "The heavens are telling ..."—*from Hayden's "Creation"*

### **DECLARATION (Based on Genesis 1 vv 1 – 25)**

In the beginning

**God created the heavens and the earth.**

God said,

**Let there be light and there was light.**

**Let there be day and night.**

**Let there be sky.**

**Let there be land and sea.**

And it was so.

**And God saw that it was good.**

God said,

**let the earth put forth vegetation:**

**Plants and fruit trees yielding seed of every kind.**

**Let there be sun, moon and stars.**

**Let there be living creatures of every kind,**

**On earth, beneath the sea and in the sky.**

**Let them be fruitful and multiply.**

And it was so.

**And God saw that it was good.**

### **SONG.**

#### **IN PRAISE OF GOD'S CREATION.**

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

The heavens declare your glory,

The arch of the sky displays your handiwork.

In your love, you have given us the power

To behold the beauty of your world in all its splendour.

The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills,  
The rivers and the lakes, all disclose your presence.  
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might;  
The beasts of the field and the birds of the air proclaim your wondrous will.  
In your goodness, you have made us able to hear the music of the world.  
The voices of loved ones reveal to us that you are in our midst.  
A divine song sings through all creation.

## **A TIME TO MEDITATE ON THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION AND THE SOUNDS OF GOD'S WORLD**

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**SONG**

**BIBLE READING Genesis 1 v26 – 2 v 3**

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**WHATEVER BEFALLS....**

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

The air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

This we know, the earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

This we know, all things are connected; like the blood that unites one family.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand in it.

**Every part of the earth is sacred.**

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

**Every part of the earth is sacred, for all belongs to our Creator.**

**SONG**

## **PRAISE & PRAYER**

For the beauty of the earth,  
**Father of all, we praise you.**

For the mystery of creation,  
**Father of all, we praise you.**

For the wonders of the universe,  
**Father of all, we praise you.**

For the power within all things,  
**Father of all, we praise you.**

For all who work on the land,  
**Creator, hear us.**

For all who care for our planet,  
**Creator, hear us.**

For all involved in conservation,  
**Creator, hear us.**

For all who improve our environment,  
**Creator, hear us. Amen.**

## **PSALM 148**

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**Praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you his angels;  
**Praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
**Praise him, all you stars of light.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens;  
**And you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**For he commanded and they were created.**

He made them fast for ever and ever;  
**He gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**You sea monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
**Tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**  
Mountains and all hills,  
**Fruit trees and all cedars;**  
Wild beasts and all cattle,  
**Creeping things and birds on the wing;**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**Princes and all rulers of the world;**  
Young men and women, old and young together;  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord.**  
For his name only is exalted,  
**His splendour above earth and heaven. Alleluia.**

## **SONG**

### **CELTIC BLESSING (sung by the music group)**

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ,  
of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.