

Mass for Creation: 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si.

Opening Hymn

Brother, Sister let me serve you
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to god in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

1st Reading

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Send forth your spirit, o Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
The greatest among you must be your
servant, says the Lord:
The one who humbles himself will be
exalted.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.**

Homily

Prayer of Pope Francis from Laudato Si

**A prayer for our earth
All-powerful God, you are present in the
whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all
that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and
forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not
prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution
and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each
thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly
united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.**

**We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.**

Intercessions

O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all of your creation.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to Your creation and to sustain Your gift of nature.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blessing.

Fr: Heavenly Father, source of light and life,

All: Let all the earth praise you.

Fr: Son of God, Jesus, risen in fullness,

All: Let all the earth praise you.

Fr: Holy Spirit, infinite bond of love,

All: Let all the earth praise you.

Fr: Triune God, creator of resplendent beauty,

All: Let all the earth praise you.

Final Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send.

Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turned away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom Shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?