

## **Common Worship-based Liturgy for Pray and Fast for the Climate**

### **Journeying towards Paris**

#### **Confession**

*(Common Worship Texts: Authorised Forms of Confession and Absolution )*

We confess our sins, and the sins of our society,  
In the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry  
For the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
And acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
*Forgive us and help us*

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
But sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
*Forgive us and help us*

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
But ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:  
*Forgive us and help us*

We are thoughtless,  
And do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
*Forgive us and help us*

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
As if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:  
*Forgive us and help us*

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isaiah 55.12)

#### **PREFACE FOR THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Common Worship: Times and Seasons, p.603()**

And now we give you thanks because all things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws, but you have chosen to create us in your own image, setting us over the whole world in all its wonder. You have made us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power: so earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord ...**



**EXTENDED PREFACE** (*Common Worship: Times and Seasons, p.604*)

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...**

**BLESSING** (*Common Worship: Times and Seasons, p.604*)

May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** (*Common Worship: Times and Seasons, p.604*)

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

**A closing prayer**

(*Common Worship: Collects and Post Communions in Contemporary Language*)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth

And made us in your own image;

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works

And your likeness in all your children;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns supreme over all things,

Now and for ever.

You may also wish to use this as you leave (*adapted from Green Christian*)

**Leader:** Go forth now to care for God's world;  
Using energy wisely,  
Sharing our knowledge,  
Sacrificing where necessary,  
Living in harmony with all creation.

**All:** Let us go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living  
and preach the good news to all creation.

**And the blessing of God Almighty,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Be with us all now and always.**

**Amen.**