

Confessing Sin – A Lament for Creation

Leader: Christ, our wounded healer,
who suffers the pains of creation,
we bring to you our prayers of lament for the earth.
In your mercy, receive our prayers as we name out loud
the species of our region that are threatened, endangered or extirpated:

People: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ, our wounded healer,
who suffers the pains of creation,
we bring before you our laments
as we name other environmental concerns we carry:

People: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ, our wounded healer,
who suffers the pains of creation,
we hold before you other particular griefs and laments
that are on our hearts today:

People: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ, our wounded healer,
who suffers the pains of creation,
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have mercy on us.

In your kindness and love,
you have asked humanity
to be earth keepers for your creation,
to live as your image-bearers
in a world you created with delight.

We confess that we have turned from your will,
often abusing the earth
for greedy and short-sighted purposes.

Now we are facing
global climate disruption
and other ecological crises
as a result of our rebellion.

Forgive us our sins,
and the sins of our society
and its leaders,
which have failed to care for what you created for good.

In your mercy,

lead us to repentance,
compassion,
and life.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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