

Are You Still Sleeping, the Time Is at Hand (*Matthew 21:1–11*)

Creator of the sun and moon,
of the day and night.
Wake us from our sleep
for we know the time is at hand.

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We have been sleeping too long
and have closed our eyes to our own actions.
We have betrayed your good creation;
we have put our interests above all else.

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Creation itself cries to you
through the voice of the psalmist:

*Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.*

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*For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.*

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Forgive us, O God

for we have denied your goodness in the earth.

Forgive us, O God

for we have failed in our care for your creation.

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Give us ears to hear today's prophets;
to heed their call to action.

Now is the time
to rise from our beds of comfort.

Now is the time
to turn toward your goodness.

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Creator of all that is good,
forgive us and restore us.

We pray in the name of the one
who calls us to get up and follow.

Amen.