

# **Mass for Creation: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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?