

TRINITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM'S READINGS FOR  
THE EARTHCARE PROGRAM  
APRIL 5, 2008

Cast: Main Speaker (1)  
Responsive Group (4)  
Mime (1)

Props: Script (Main Speaker is in regular type, response in bold)  
4 posters on sticks  
Mime (Black slacks, top and hat, white gloves and other props needed)

Sources: Main speaker will introduce group as TEST and say the words are from Bible,  
Book of Common Prayer and our group's own input. We will not introduce the  
sources as we go—they are just for our own use.

Readings from John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and  
without him was not anything made that hath been made.

***The Word was God; therefore we bow down in worship and humbly pray.***

Canticle 19

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
Great deeds are they that you have done,  
Surpassing human understanding.

***Praise to you O King of all the ages.***

Eucharistic Prayer C

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: The vast expanse of interstellar space,  
Galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.  
Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Canticle 12

Glorify the Lord, you angles and all the powers of the Lord,  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord.

***Praise to you and highly exalt you for ever.***

Glorify the Lord. Every shower of rain and fall of dew,  
All winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord

***Praise to you and highly exalt you for ever and ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,  
Drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord.

***Praise to you and highly exalt you for ever and ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord.

***Praise to you and highly exalt you for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
And all that grows upon the earth.

***Praise to you and highly exalt you for ever and ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,  
O whales, and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord.

***All Praise we give to you, creator king!***

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and  
All you flocks and herds.

***Praise to you, all praise to you, creator king!***

#### Eucharistic Prayer C

From the primal elements you also brought forth the human race and  
Blessed us with memory reason and skill. You made us the rulers  
Of your creation.

***Therefore, all men and women, boys and girls  
Praise you for ever and ever.***

But, we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we  
Turned against one another.

***Have mercy on us, Lord  
For we are sinners in your sight.***

We have accepted your gift of the creation,  
But have taken its perpetual existence for granted.

***Have mercy on us, Lord  
For we are sinners in your sight.***

We selfishly, over time, shifted the meaning  
Of “The Rulers of Creation” to “Plunders of  
Creation”. We rejected your command to be  
Stewards of your gifts.

***Have mercy on us, Lord  
For we are sinners in your sight***

We have exalted our own needs over others  
In our rush to be comfortable. Although sages  
Have warned us, our greed urges us to continue  
Our bad habits.

***Have mercy on us, Lord  
For we are sinners in your sight.***

We have forgotten that all life is interdependent.  
We have forgotten to respect every species right  
To exist.

***Have mercy on us, Lord  
For we are sinners in your sight.***

Almighty God, we know that we have no  
Strength of our own. Be with us and guide us as we  
Return to your call to be stewards of your creation.

***O Lord, hear our prayer  
Strengthen us for service.***

Prayers and Thanksgivings # 41  
Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God---give us wisdom and reverence to use  
The resources of nature, that no one may suffer from  
Our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come  
May continue to praise you for your bounty.

*Strengthen us for service, dear Lord*

*We praise you and thank you for your  
Gift of creation. We will work together  
in becoming good stewards, trusting in your guidance  
Amen, amen*

Main Speaker speaks to crowd

Dear Friends, we can't do this alone  
Will you also accept your  
Responsibilities and join with us?  
Here are some simple things we can all do

(posters on sticks using large letters using front and back {visible symbol of reuse})

Reduce needs/Reuse items  
Don't toss—repair/Recycle most things  
Use a refillable water bottle/Buy a set back thermostat  
Walk More/Buy locally

(Main speaker asks crowd to applaud the mime)  
(Mime asks crowd to applaud the group)

*The end*