

A Responsive Reading – Selections from Psalm 104

One: O Holy Creator, you are very great, clothed with the majesty of stars and the light of the sun.

Many: You set the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken.

One: You make springs that gush forth into the valleys, giving drink to every wild animal. By the rushing streams, birds nest and sing among the branches.

Many: All the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

One: You cause grass to grow for cattle and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth. Your sea creatures roam free and cavort in the deep ocean.

Many: All peoples and animals have a home and a purpose for living, by day and by night.

One: When you send forth your breath, your creation lives and the earth is renewed.

Many: We join with all creation in singing praise to our Creator. May our lives manifest your love and care for all of the universe.

An Earth Day Prayer

Creator of all that is, we marvel at the web of life that holds and sustains us. Our eyes and ears open to the profusion of color and sound produced by your creatures, our noses and mouths savor the scent of pungent earth and cool, sweet waters. May we be eager to share your abundance with all. When we have torn apart your great fabric of life by greed, turn us toward the tasks of restoration of pure air and soil and water. May our minds deepen like tree roots in understanding the cycles of life and death in which we take part. Help us to make room for our companions on this blue ball spinning through space. As we work for the good of our earthly home, drench us with wonder at the ever-changing mystery of life. Amen.