

Café Church

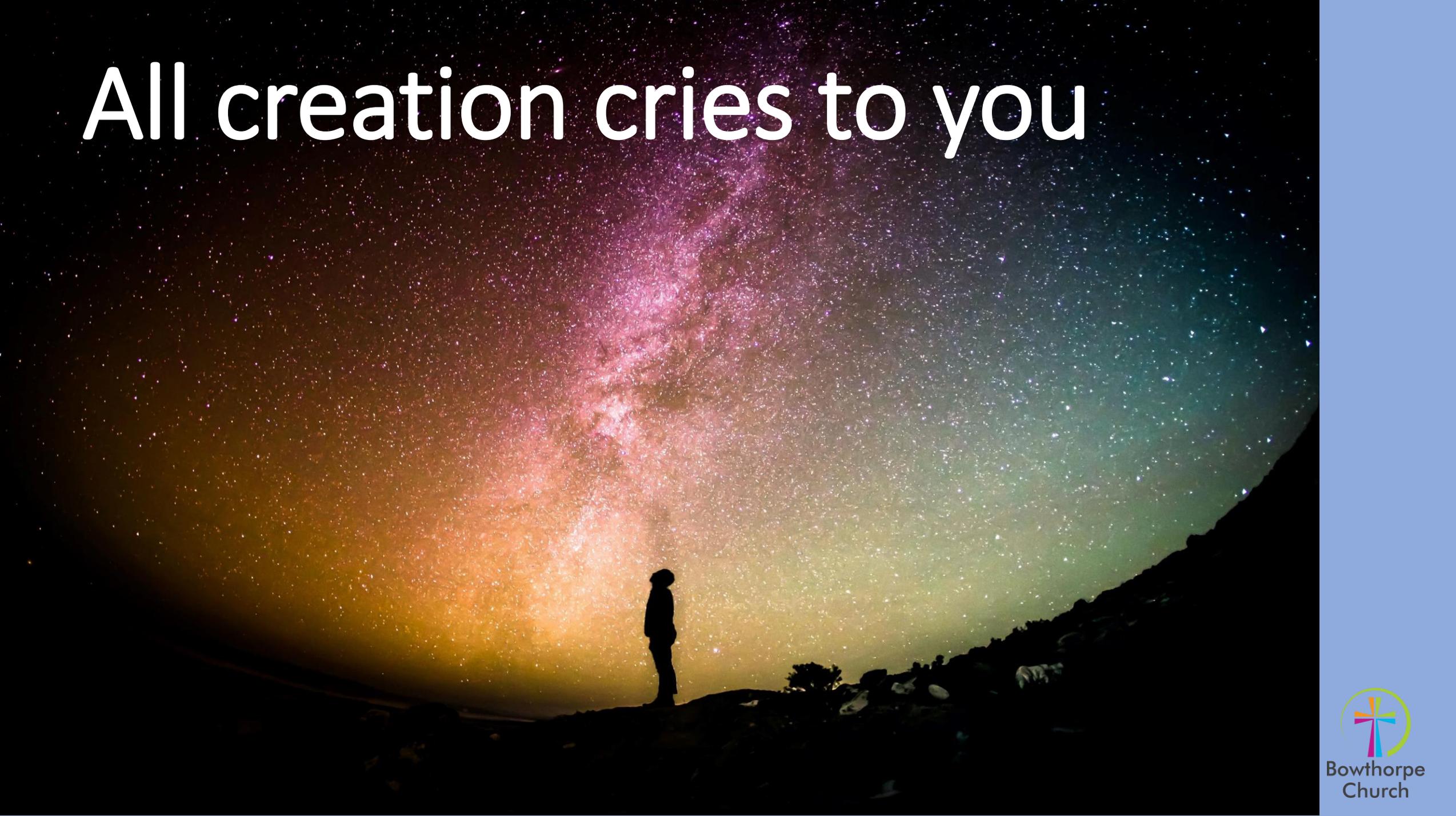


ECO-CHURCH
Genesis 2: 4 - 15



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All creation cries to you



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All creation cries to you,
Worshipping in spirit and in truth.
Glory to the Faithful One,
Jesus Christ, God's Son.



All creation gives You praise,
You alone are truly great;
You alone are God who reigns
For eternity.



God is great and His praise
Fills the earth, fills the heavens,
And Your name will be praised
Through all the world.



God is great, sing His praise
All the earth, all the heavens,
'Cause we're living for the glory of
Your name,
The glory of Your name.



All to You, O God, we bring.
Jesus, teach us how to live.
Let Your fire burn in us
That all may hear and all may see.



"Holy is the Lord,"
The whole earth sings,
The whole earth sings.
(Repeat)



Opening prayer and confession

Creator God, whose Word
brought all things into being

We praise you



Jesus our Lord, through whom all
things were made

We praise you

Holy Spirit, breath and life of God

We praise you

**God, we praise you, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



Father God, when we have denied
you as Creator

Lord, forgive us

Lord Jesus, when we have
rejected your Lordship over the
whole of our life

Lord, forgive us



Holy Spirit, where we have
quenched your work in us

Lord, forgive us

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forgive
us for damaging the world you
made and not caring for it.

Lord, forgive us.



**Lord, forgive us and set us free
to recognise your continuing
work in the world, now and
always. Amen.**



Assurance of pardon

‘Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.’ Walk in the freedom that Jesus gives. Your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Offertory prayer

Loving God, you have given us so much; this beautiful planet, one another, and most of all yourself. We now give these gifts and ourselves to you,



so that others may recognise
your goodness to us; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Intro to theme – ECO CHURCH

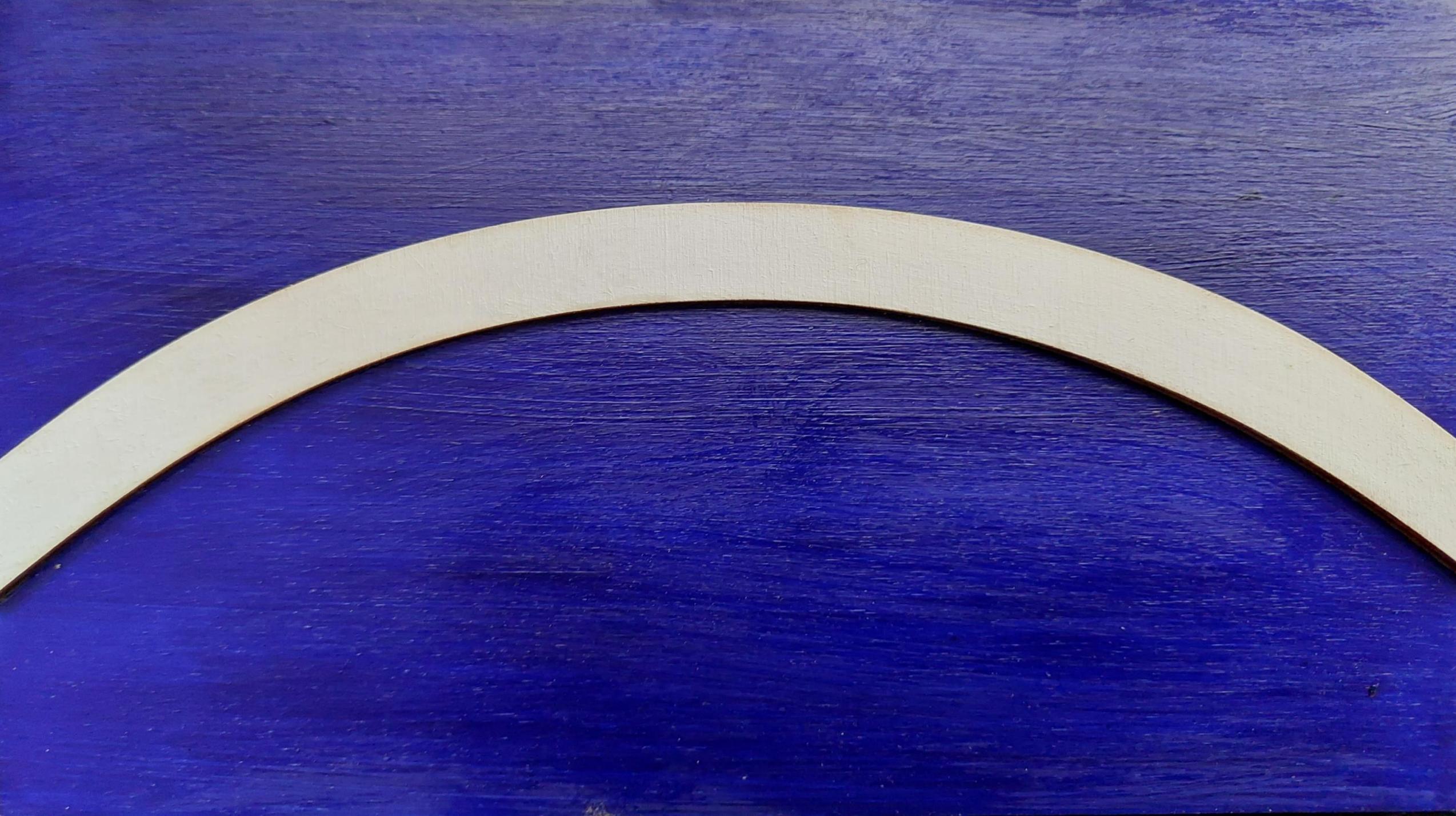
Act 1 Creation



Godly play - Creation

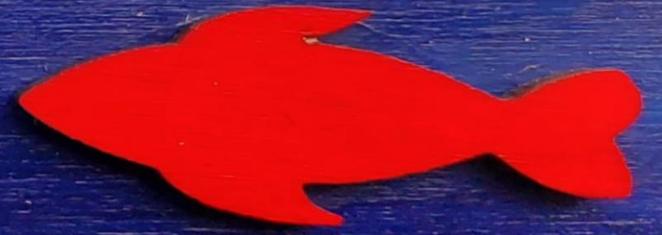














Genesis 2: 4 - 15

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. 5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet



sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, 6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. 7 Then the Lord God formed a man from



the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.



9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.



12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur.



And the fourth river is the
Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the
man and put him in the Garden of
Eden to work it and take care of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Down the mountain



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Down the mountain the river flows,
And it brings refreshing wherever it
goes.

Through the valleys and over the
fields,

The river is rushing and the river is
here.



The river of God sets our feet a-
dancing,

The river of God fills our hearts with
cheer;

The river of God fills our mouths with
laughter,

And we rejoice for the river is here.



The river God is teeming with life,
And all who touch it can be
revived.

And those who linger on this river's
shore

Will come back thirsting for more
of the Lord.



The river of God sets our feet a-
dancing,

The river of God fills our hearts with
cheer;

The river of God fills our mouths with
laughter,

And we rejoice for the river is here.



Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter, giving
praise to the Son.



The river of God sets our feet a-
dancing,

The river of God fills our hearts with
cheer;

The river of God fills our mouths with
laughter,

And we rejoice for the river is here.



Activities



From the highest of heights



From the highest of heights to the
depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colours of fall to the fragrance
of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it
sings.
All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.



All-powerful, untameable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God.



Who has told every lightning bolt
where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden
with snow?

Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light,



Yet conceals it to bring us the
coolness of night?
None can fathom.



Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.



Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart
and you love me the same;
You are amazing, God.



Closing prayer and blessing

Creator God, you have put us in the world you made and tasked us with caring for this world.

Help us this week to act for the sake of this world, that all people



that all people may know you care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Blessed be the God of the creation,
whose word brought life into
existence.

Blessed be the God who made us in
his image and gives us creativity.



Blessed be the God who gave us the task of caring for creation.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen.



Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

