

## TIME FOR GOD'S CREATION

### READINGS PROPOSED BY THE LITURGICAL COMMISSION

#### Old Testament Readings and Psalmody

*A cosmic hymn of praise*  
Genesis 1.1-2.3

*The garden of creation*  
Genesis 24b-19

*Creation restored after the deluge*  
Genesis 8.12-22

*God's promise to sustain creation*  
Genesis 9.8-17

*God's provision*  
Exodus 16.11-15

*A feast of fruitfulness*  
Leviticus 23.33-43

*The promise of a fertile land*  
Leviticus 26.1-13

*God's gifts to the redeemed*  
Deuteronomy 6.9-14

*The gift of the land*  
Deuteronomy 8.7-18

*Offering of the first fruits*  
Deuteronomy 26.1-11

*The promise of restoration*  
Amos 9.13

*The covenant of peace with all creation*  
Hosea 2.18-23

*Repentance and restoration*  
Hosea 14.2-10

*The harmony of animal kingdom in the messianic age*  
Isaiah 11.1-1a

*Feasting in God's presence*  
Isaiah 25.6-9; 55.6-11

*The blossoming of the wilderness at God's appearing*  
Isaiah 35.1-7

*A sign of a fruitful future*  
Jeremiah 32.6-15

*God promises his people a peaceable land*  
Ezekiel 34.25-31

*The hope of humankind restored*  
Ezekiel 37.1-14

*A vision of waters restoring the land*  
Ezekiel 47.6-12

*The wonder of creation*  
Ecclesiasticus 42.15-43.12

*A garden as symbol of divine love*  
Song of Songs 4.12-13

*Kinship and the land*  
Ruth 2.1-13

*Defiant nature and the hope of immortality*  
Job 14.7-10

*God's majesty and creation's marvel*  
Job 38.1-11, 16-18

*God's wisdom and creation*  
Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

## PSALMS

19

65

80

90.1-6,13-end

100

103

104.25-37

106

107

112

126

136.1-9,23-26

146  
147.1-13

[Jubilees 2.21-27]

## **New Testament Readings**

*The Lord of nature brings peace to violent discord*  
Mark 4.35-41

*Nurturing the fig tree*  
Luke 13.6-9

*From the seed to a tree of life – an image of God's reign*  
Mark 4.30-32 (or, Luke 13.18-19; Mt.13.31-32)

*Hungry people fed on Christ's abundance*  
John 6.1-13

*God's people as a fruitful vine*  
John 15. 1-17

*The natural world longing for liberation*  
Romans 8.18-22

*The Risen Christ appears in the garden, prefiguring a new creation*  
John 20.15

*Christ as the new creation*  
Colossians 1.1-15

*Creation renewed for the healing of the nations*  
Revelation 22.1-5

*God's generosity and human gratitude*  
2 Corinthians 9.9-11a

*Sufficiency of resources and simplicity of lifestyle*  
1 Timothy 6.7-10, 17-19  
Matthew 6.25-34

*The risen Christ and the abundance of life*  
John 21.1-14

*The promise of paradise restored*  
Revelation 2.1-7