

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 18(19):2

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Collect

God our Father,
who in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
called all things into being,
grant, we pray, that docile to the life-giving breath of your Spirit,
we may lovingly care for the work of your hands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Father,
these fruits of the earth and of our hands:
bring to completion in them the work of your creation,
so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit,
they may be for us the food and drink of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

cf Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May the sacrament of unity
which we have received, O Father,
increase communion with you and with our brothers and sisters,
so that, as we await the new heaven and the new earth,
we may learn to live in harmony with all creatures.
Through Christ our Lord.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Wisdom 13:1-9 (495₁) *'If they could investigate the world,
how did they fail to find the Lord of these things?'*
All men who were ignorant of God ...

Lectionary Vol III, pg 479, Friday in the Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time, Year I

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 1:15-20 (435₁) *'All things were created through him and for him.'*
Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God ...

Lectionary Vol III, pg 328, Friday in the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time, Year I

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19(18): 2-3. 4-5.
R.2a (496₁) The heavens declare the glory of God.

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Psalm 104(103): 1-2a. 5-6.
10-12. 24, 35c. R.31b (329₁) May the LORD rejoice in his works.

Lectionary Vol II, pg 256, Monday in the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time, Year I

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Psalm 104(103):24ab How many are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all.

1 Chronicles 29: 11d, 12b Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom,
and you have dominion over all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 24-34 (82, 370₁) *'Do not be anxious about tomorrow.'*
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, '
No one can serve two masters ...'

Lectionary Vol I, pg 531, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
or Lectionary Vol III, pg 134, Saturday in the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time, Year I

Matthew 8: 23-27 (379₁) *'He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea
and there was a great calm.'*
At that time: When Jesus got into the boat, ...'

Lectionary Vol III, pg 160, Tuesday in the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year I