



Pollinator Litany

Creating God, you abundantly provide sunlight and seasons, waters and soils, plants and animals, some that creep and buzz and flutter:

Great is your love.

Cosmic Christ, you elevate lilies of the field and birds of the air as exemplars of faith in anxious times; your earth-shaking death and resurrection embrace and redeem all creation:

Great is your love.

Renewing Spirit, your brooding awakens us and all creatures with life; you summon and gift a prophetic people to do justice and walk humbly, to build relationships of across divisions and generations, and to the ends of the earth:

Great is your love.

For pollinators that reflect your beauty and dance in the laughter of flowers:

Thanks be to God.

For a rainbow of butterflies, monarchs and swallowtails, fritillaries and admirals:

Thanks be to God.

For yellow and rusty-patched, brown belted and bumbling bees, whose busywork is essential for fruitful harvests, whose sweet honey has ever signified a plentiful land:

Thanks be to God.

For hummingbirds, moths, bats, and other pollen carriers that support the fertility of your intricate and interdependent ecological web:

Thanks be to God.

Hear our lament for species in decline, for areas of silent spring, for destructive human practices that endanger so much upon which we depend:

Teach us your way of new life.

Help us to see these small, often overlooked and disregarded creatures as key to the earth's regeneration and ours:

Teach us your way of new life.

Move us to learn from their witness to your cross, your power hidden in weakness, and your promise that includes the littlest ones:

Teach us your way of new life.

In this Kairos moment, O God, empower us as your people to be pollinators of your love:

Grant us your wisdom.

In the groaning of creation, O Christ, enliven us to be partners for hospitable habitats,

Grant us your courage.

In the fullness of your renewal, O Spirit, embolden us to be plotters of resurrection hope.

Grant us your peace. Amen.



Music for Celebrating Pollinator Sunday

Suggested Theme Hymn: Touch the Earth Lightly – ELW 739

Other suggestions:

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW):

Earth and All Stars – ELW 731

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – ELW 735

He Comes to Us as One Unknown – ELW 737

God of the Sparrow – ELW 740

This Is My Father's World – ELW 824

Let the Whole Creation Cry – ELW 876

For the Beauty of the Earth – ELW 879

Beautiful Savior – ELW 838

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens – ELW 771

When Long Before Time – ELW 861

Let All Things Now Living – ELW 881

Morning Has Broken – ELW 556

Praise and Thanksgiving – ELW 689

How Great Thou Art – ELW 856

From All Creation Sings (ACS)

God of the Fertile Fields – ACS 1063

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom – ACS 1064

In Sacred Manner – ACS 1071

Other hymn possibilities:

“A New Song”, the EcoFaith Summit Theme Hymn, a call and response hymn composed by Paul Jacobson, based on Psalm 96 (text and music available in the EcoFaith Summit Booklet or at ecofaithnetwork.org)

“For All Things Worth Praising” – words by David Bjorlin, sung to The Ash Grove (ELW 547 or 881). Permission requested and granted for use by email to him directly on 4/19/24.

Text on next page:

“For All Things Worth Praising”

Verse 1:

For all things worth praising – the vast and amazing –The marvelous moments of awe and delight; The thunderstruck feeling of baffling healing, The sudden reversal of wrong into right; The span of creation that sparks inspiration; The bounty of beauty that nature displays; For wonders you gave us to stun us and save us, To you, their Creator, we lift up our praise.

Verse 2: For all things worth praising – the vast and amazing – but also the common, forgotten, and small; The atoms that form us, the sunbeams that warm us – invisible forces sustaining us all; The intricate features of littlest creatures; the numberless mercies eluding our gaze; For all things enchanted that we take for granted, to you, their Creator, we lift up our praise.

The National Lutheran Choir does recordings and we have been given permission via a simple email to use “In Sacred Manner” in our worship. Go to YouTube and search for National Lutheran Choir In Sacred Manner to view and listen. The first 3:45 is David Cherwien talking about the hymn. we were able to omit that portion and play it starting after that. Moves me every time I hear and see it! If a congregation wants to use it, they could contact the National Lutheran Choir at www.nlca.com. Credit is given to NLC at the end, and that is important.

*****The National Lutheran Choir also recorded “Touch the Earth Lightly” It’s on Youtube with a very good intro by David.

