Tree Planting Prayer
in Honor of Laudato Si

God of Wonder, as we gather together to bless the earth and celebrate the potential of the tree before us, we pray that it may serve as a living witness to our commitment to heal our common home through long-lasting, bold changes. Grant us the courage to continue to take this stand for the sake of the goodness of your creation, and the inspiration and delight it provides us. Through Christ, your Son, our Lord:

*The trees of the LORD are well watered,*
*the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*
*There the birds make their nests;*
*the stork has its home in the junipers.*

Creator Spirit, bless this soil and the nutrients it holds. May the life teeming within it spring forth. We honor your cyclical creation, Oh God, and pray for the humility to revere and respect this soil for the nourishment it provides. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.