

26A. FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 19 (18):2

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

Collect

God our Father,
who have called all things into being
in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
grant, we pray, that, docile to the life-giving breath of your Spirit,
we may lovingly care for the works 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 the work of your creation to perfection in them,
so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit,
they may become for us the food and drink of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 98 (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 new heavens and a new earth,
we may learn to live together in harmony with all creatures.
Through Christ our Lord.