

Conclusion

Side 1: **We stand with awe and gratitude as members of God's bountiful and good creation. We rejoice in the splendor and mystery of countless species, and the interdependence of all that God makes. We believe that Earth is home for all.**

Side 2: **We believe that, in boundless love that hungers and thirsts for justice, God incarnate affirms all creation.**

Side 1: **We believe that the created world is sacred – a revelation of God's power and gracious presence filling all things.**

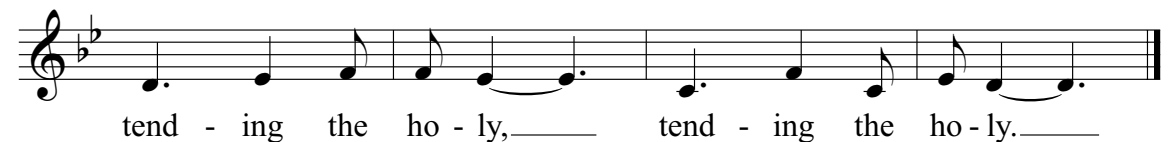
Side 2: **We believe that the Holy Spirit, who animates all of creation, breathes in us and can empower us to participate in working toward the flourishing of Earth's community of life. We believe that the people of God are called to forge ways of being human that enable socially just and ecologically sustainable communities to flourish for generations to come.**

All: **Together, we look forward to the day when the groans of creation will be over, justice with peace will reign, humankind will nurture Earth, and all of creation will dance for joy!**

Closing Song

Tending the Holy

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Earth Stations

The First Station: EARTH

Side 1:

We ask forgiveness for:

- › using unnatural pesticides and fertilizers,
- › straining the soil by eating too high on the food chain,
- › dumping recyclable waste in landfills.

Side 2:

We are grateful for gifts soil shares:

- › plants and trees to help Earth breathe,
- › food and medicines for us and all creatures,
- › ground to root us in Earth.

The Second Station: AIR

Side 2:

We ask forgiveness for:

- › spewing chemicals and fossil fuel wastes into the atmosphere,
- › exposing millions of children to life-threatening pollution, and
- › taking clean, fresh air for granted.

Side 1:

We are grateful for gifts air shares:

- › oxygen to keep us alive,
- › space where we and other creatures can live,
- › means for birds to fly and sound to travel.

The Third Station: ANIMALS

Side 1:

We ask forgiveness for:

- › destroying habitats of wild animals, often for profit's sake,
- › ignoring animals' most basic needs,
- › raising animals in inhumane ways.

Side 2:

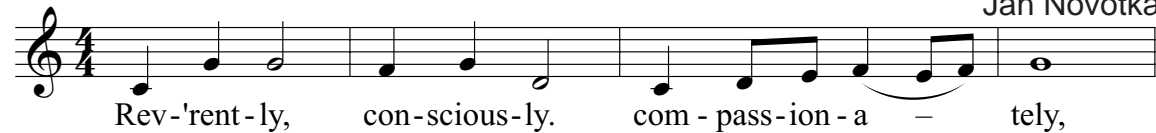
We are grateful for gifts the animals share:

- › an innate sense for living in balance,
- › spirited energy and graceful beauty,
- › playful spirits that make us laugh and help us relax.

Response in Song

Earth Community

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The Fourth Station: WATER

Side 2:

We ask forgiveness for:

- › using more than our share of Earth's waters – depriving other species,
- › destroying water's pristine quality and beauty,
- › failing to ensure clean, affordable water for all people.

Side 1:

We are grateful for the gifts water shares:

- › its power to cleanse and refresh,
- › its generous quenching of thirst,
- › the calming magic of its rippling.

The Fifth Station: FIRE

Side 1:

We ask forgiveness for

- › continuing to rely on fossil fuels,
- › using energy extravagantly,
- › failing to insist on an eco-friendly economy.

Side 2:

We are grateful for the gifts fire shares:

- › heat to warm our homes and cook our meals,
- › light to grow our food and illumine our lives,
- › leaping flames to teach us to dance.