

Opening sentence

A Voice of Praise:

Responsory:

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

For you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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Bible Reading:

Matthew 6: 25 - 34

A Voice of Confession

Hymn:

The Seasons Lord are in your hand

The seasons, Lord are in your hand;
and you have blessed the human race
with skills to measure, understand,
and track new worlds deep onto space.

Yet how we foul what you made good!
The air we breathe, the fields we farm,
our rivers turn again to blood,
new plagues have come, new locusts swarm.

We grieve where forests once have grown,
the spreading desert, melting ice;
where little comes from what is sown
we lose all sense of paradise.

Have mercy on this earth, O Lord;
the changes we cannot control,
the healing we cannot afford,
the fractures we cannot make whole.

But show what difference we can make,
in travelling, trading with true care;
to learn to give before we take,
and spend in ways that all can share.

Lord Christ, the future leads to you;
'Your will be done', we learn to pray;
yours is the past, the present too;
give us the will to change today!

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