

## The Lighting of Candles:

*While lighting each others candles we sing:*

Send out your light  
Lord send your truth  
to be my guide.  
Then let them lead me  
to the place  
where you reside

## Blessing:

Let us go forth now to care for God's world.  
Using energy wisely.  
Sharing our knowledge.  
Sacrificing where necessary.  
Living in harmony with all creation.  
Let us go out into all the world as heralds of a new way of living,  
and preach the good news to all creation.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all now and always. **Amen.**

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# Climate Service (3)

## Introduction:

Leader O God who called all life into being

**All The earth, sea and sky are yours**

Leader Your presence is all around us,

**All Every atom is full of your energy**

Leader Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth

**All With her we yearn for justice to be done**

Leader For creation to be freed from bondage

**All For the hungry to be fed**

Leader For captives to be released

**All For your Kingdom of peace to come on earth**

Veni Sancte Spiritus, tui amoris ignem accende.

Veni Sancte Spiritus, veni Sancte Spiritus.

*(Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.)*

## **A Call to Penitence and Reconciliation:**

Lord forgive us, for we knew not what we did.

**We, the children of God,  
Cry aloud to you, Lord our God.  
Free us from sin and guilt to be truly your people.  
Free us to praise you and live in your way forever.**

Forests grew and died, and grew again, while under the Earth a treasure of fuel was laid.

Your people grew in skill and curiosity and unearthed the secret carbon heritage of the forests. We tamed fire in our engines to increase our comfort and mobility. We have been tempted to take these benefits to ourselves, to live a life where you could no longer find us.

**Lord forgive us, for we knew not what we did.**

Creator of all, the hymn of creation has become the cry of the world. Like Adam and Eve in the garden, we hide ourselves in shame. Yet, just as you came to them and asked them lovingly, 'Where are you?', so you come to us today and lovingly ask us, 'Where are you?'

We are here Lord, seeing ourselves as the centre of your world, and blind to the fact that you are the centre of all your creation.

**Lord forgive us, for we knew not what we did.**

We are here, Lord, destroying in a few years the mighty works of aeons, so that we may be comfortable as we prepare catastrophe. We are here Lord, exposing the poor to a fragile future, threatening the livelihoods of our children, and driving animals and plant life to extinction.

**Lord forgive us, for we knew not what we did.**

**Now we know;**

**Hear our cry for help to change our ways.**

Creator of the mighty trees, the broad oceans, the atmosphere, the earth, and all that lives, forgive us and reconcile us to you. Let us remake this world in the love and compassion of the One who makes all things new, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

**We, the children of God,  
Cry aloud to you, Lord our God.  
Restore, reconcile and re-equip us  
to live in harmony with all creation,  
and to be signs to each other and to the world  
of your kingdom come on Earth.**

## **A Psalm for Hope in the face of Climate Change:**

*Adapted from Psalm 46 by Ruth Jarman.*

### **All sing:**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 25.1-13 The parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

### **Sermon**

#### **Intercessions:**

Between prayers we sing:

Oh Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer,

Let my cry, come to you.

O Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me.

**Holy is Your Name** – by David Haas, based on the Magnificat.

1. My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God my saviour:  
you have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

#### **Refrain**

And holy is your name through all  
generations!

Everlasting is your mercy to the  
people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.

2. I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered,  
for all will call me blessed.
3. I proclaim the pow'r of God,  
you do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud-hearted  
and destroy the might of princes.
4. To the hungry you give food,  
send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful  
of the people you have chosen.
5. In your love you now fulfil  
what you promised to your people.  
I will praise you, Lord, my saviour,  
everlasting is your mercy.