



**Christian Conference of Asia
Chiang Mai Thailand**

Longing in hope for the freedom of Creation



ASIA SUNDAY 2014

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Dear friends,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia

We have great pleasure in sharing with you the Liturgy for Asia Sunday 2014.
The theme for this year is "*Longing in Hope for the Freedom of Creation.*"

Asia Sunday this year falls on 1st June 2014, marking the 40th year since Asian Churches and Councils have together worshipped God, celebrating the rich diversity of Asia and its people.

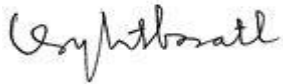
We have together shared our simple prayers and best songs, our modest understanding and our deepest thoughts, to articulate our joys and sorrows, fears and anxieties, and hopes and aspirations. Let us continue to praise, rejoice and serve the Lord with gladness.

May we encourage you to

- Please share this Liturgy with all your member constituencies and theological seminaries
- Translate and adapt it to the local contexts if necessary
- Feel free to celebrate Asia Sunday on any other Sunday that is convenient for the church, *and*
- Kindly share this widely so that the concerns on Ecological degradation and Climate change are collectively addressed from the grass roots to the regional level.

Kindly let us know if you would like to have this as a Word Document. The Liturgy will be uploaded on the website latest by tomorrow.

In solidarity and prayer,



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General Secretary
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Longing in Hope for the Freedom of Creation

Asia Sunday is celebrated annually on the Sunday before Pentecost, to commemorate the founding of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) on 14 May 1959, which was the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. CCA was then known as 'East Asia Christian Conference (EACC)' and later in 1973, was renamed 'Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)'. Since 1974, Asia Sunday is celebrated every year on the Sunday before Pentecost. According to tradition, this year Asia Sunday falls on 1st June 2014, marking the 40th Asia Sunday to be celebrated in churches all over Asia. The theme chosen for this year is "***Longing in Hope for the Freedom of Creation.***"

The Asian Region is the world's most vulnerable region, in terms of environmental threats and disasters. Of late, extreme natural disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes, tornados, snow avalanches, thunderstorms, intense rainfall, heat waves, prolonged dry spells, and severe dust storms have been more frequent and intense in Asia. There are strong indications that these disasters will be more devastating and destructive in the years to come. The well-known greenhouse effect gives rise to a rapid increase in temperatures in the arid areas, rising rainfall concentrations, variations in rainfall, an increase in the global sea level, and significant variability associated with El Nino events. This increases the number of internally displaced people or climate refugees, causes economic suffering due to loss of traditional livelihood and habitat, and obstructs development by causing intense damage to infrastructure, communications and transport facilities. The victims who suffer most in these situations are the poor, the marginalized and the underprivileged in the region.

Over the last four years, Asia and the global world have suffered extreme climatic conditions and devastating natural calamities, the effects of which were unprecedented and unimaginable. We are shocked and deeply saddened at the loss of lives and the massive destruction that was caused by super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Philippines, particularly in the coastal city of Tacloban in Samar Island and Leyte; torrential rains, landslides and heavy flooding in different places in Indonesia, Bangladesh, India, Taiwan, Australia and UK; volcanic eruptions in North Sumatra and Central Java in Indonesia; and snow storms in Japan and USA. Much has to be planned and done to help the victims of these calamities, as they are rendered homeless, displaced, and thrown into poverty, almost overnight. They are also highly traumatized as they grieve for the dead and the missing, and are worried about loss of property and an uncertain future.

The agony and disbelief of the Triple disaster of the devastating earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of the nuclear plant that occurred in Japan on 11 March 2011, is still fresh in our memories. Many people, who were affected by the threefold disaster, still carry the scars of their shocking experiences. This incident has affected the life of the people and the safety of the environment, not only in Japan but beyond. Similarly the most destructive earthquake to hit Christchurch, New Zealand, in the same year, has continued to disturb the minds of many people, who are yet to resume normal life.

Natural calamities and disasters are linked to ecological imbalances and climate change. Factors causing these imbalances can be traced to the depletion of natural resources and the kind of development that takes place without realizing the impact it has on ecological interdependence and the environment. Agricultural expansion, the development of transport, urban growth, diversion of rivers for irrigation, industries and chemicals used, and pollution result in the damage of natural

ecosystems and tropical rainforests. Aquatic systems are also polluted by excessive flows of fertilizers and chemicals into fresh water or the sea in coastal areas. Climate Change results in increasing earth surface temperatures, rising sea levels that threaten numerous species with extinction, the risk of disease outbreaks and a negative impact on agriculture. Therefore, it is increasingly important and urgent to ensure harmonized approaches between human activities and nature, in order to sustain life and preserve planet Earth.

Development projects like the POSCO project in Odisha, India, which is expected to produce about 12 million tons of steel a year, mainly for export, was opposed by the residents, protesting against the impact this project will have on their land and livelihood.

While the members of the Association of the South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are to establish the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015, with the hope of economic growth through regional co-operation, we notice with concern, the acceleration in building of infra-structure, such as highways and dams in this area, leaving the people to suffer the consequences. For example, the building of the Xayaburi dam on the banks of the Mekong in Laos, has stripped the forest and mountains, causing permanent harm to the biodiversity, and will over the years harm the river's health, contributing to the extinction of the endangered Mekong giant catfish, and putting at risk many other fish species.

These stories convey to us clearly that the whole creation of God is crying loudly, out of its severe suffering caused by human greed and negligence. Human-beings who have been placed by God in the "Garden of Eden" and have been entrusted to take good care of the rest of creation, have misused their power. Instead of exercising good and responsible stewardship, they have exploited nature endlessly for the sake of gaining maximum profit. The womb of the earth is groaning as human beings continuously hurt and wound it, to the extent that it has lost its capacity to sustain its own life and other creation. In short, the 'oikos' of God or the dwelling place of the whole creation of God is seriously in danger.

The theme of Asia Sunday 2014, "*Longing in hope for the freedom of creation*" is a call to all people for repentance, to return to God with all their heart and mind, as was clearly said by Prophet Joel:

*"Yet, even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
For he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents in punishing." (Joel 2:12-13)*

This reflects our faith which teaches us that the way to freedom requires us to humbly confess our sins to God and to recommit ourselves for the healing of creation.

Although problems are mounting and are becoming increasingly complicated, we as people of hope should not be discouraged and give up, "*for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.*" (Romans 8:19). This reality calls us to heal the wounds of the planet, our common house, and the whole universe in whatever way we can, even in the smallest steps that can lead to the full freedom of creation from human bondage. The best place to start is from us, by constantly renewing ourselves and our own communities and by developing a mindset and attitude

that respects and cares for the whole creation of God. We are looking forward for a 'new heaven and a new earth' created by God (Rev. 21:1-5). Here is the promise of God:

*"Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
For the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
For the pastures of the wilderness are green;
The tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield....."*

*Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit in all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
And your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:21-22, 28)*

Let us move forward in a journey of reconciliation of the whole creation: among the people; between the people and the rest of creation; and between people and God; believing that God grants us the Holy Spirit, and in Christ, the Son, God gathers "all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.... so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:8, 12)

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“Longing in Hope for the Freedom of Creation”

Preparation

(A moment of silence - can be accompanied with music or the sound of wind, water, fire or others)

Gather in the Presence of God

Call to Worship

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the people with equity.”

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the Lord; for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

(Psalm 96:9-13)

Song of Praise “Sing the Lord A New Song”

Confession of sin

Leader

The Lord says: I am God, the first the last the only God! My hands made the earth’s foundations and spread the heavens out. Were you there when I made the world? Who decided how large it should be? Who stretched the measuring line over it? Who holds up the pillars that support the earth? Who laid the cornerstone of the world? *(Job 38, Isaiah 48: 12-13)*

Voice 1

Almighty God, we confess that we lack the knowledge and humility to understand and appreciate your wonderful creation. We humbly admit that our abilities and capabilities are limited in the face of the marvelous and intricate ways in which you have fashioned the earth and all that is in it.

All: Lord in your mercy, grant us humility and the wisdom to be silent and know that you are God.

(A Moment of Silence)

Leader

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. He alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights— the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night; who gives food to every creature, for His love endures forever. But the earth will be desolate because of its inhabitants, as the fruit of their doings. *(Psalm 136:1-9; 25-26; Micah 7:13)*

Voice 2

Lord we confess that we have never been good stewards of your creation, that you so lovingly bestowed us with. We have exploited the earth, ravished the land and destroyed the forests. Our indifferent behavior and actions have exhausted our natural resources; the weather and climate are changing due to our irresponsible behavior.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us our negligence and indifference towards your precious gifts of sustenance and well-being.

(A Moment of Silence)

Leader

Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.” *(Mathew 6:25-34)*

Voice 3

O God, our Lord who provides us with all we need, we confess that we are placing our priorities above the simple and precious gifts of life. In our greed for power and riches, in our self-indulgence for luxurious comfort, in our scramble for being better than our neighbors and in national and political interest, we acknowledge that we have placed economic growth over environmental sustainability and personal gains above the common good of humanity.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us our misplaced priorities and selfish motives.

(A Moment of Silence)

Leader

God's love endures for ever for he has given us our own home land, the Asian continent-- which spreads over a vast region--expansive in land mass; diverse in population, varied in nationalities, ethnicities, and indigenous peoples; plural in its religions; varied in its political maturity; rich in economic resources; and vibrant with the multiplicity of cultural expressions. It is rich in natural resources, has vast fertile and arable lands. Its soil is rich in all of the mineral resources necessary for industrialization and economic development of the region. Its flora and fauna are diverse; its extensive water systems are rich in freshwater and marine life.

Voice 4

We confess we have forgotten that we human beings are part of the community that you created and that we as human beings are placed within the cosmos, to be in solidarity with all creation. We confess that we have failed to celebrate the diversity and richness of the region that you have endowed us with, to use our resources responsibly and equitably.

All: Lord in your mercy, teach us to tend the garden, share our resources and life in fellowship to ensure fullness of life for all.

(A Moment of Silence)

Leader

Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the towns to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, "This land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified." Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.(Ezekiel 36: 33-36)

Voice 5

Lord in your mercy create a new heaven and a new earth and let the former things not be remembered. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let us sing to the Lord a new song, and sing his praise from the ends of the earth. (Psalm 96:11; Isaiah 42:10)

All: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us peace.

(A Moment of Silence)

Proclamation of forgiveness

Leader

*“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall become like the wool.
If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land...” (Isaiah 1:18-19)*

All: Amen

Song of Hope “O Healing River, send down your water!”

Listen to the Word of God

Joel 1:2-4, 17-20

*Hear this, O elders, give ear, all inhabitants of the land!
Has such a thing happened in your days, or in such a day of your ancestors?
Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children,
and their children another generation.
What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten.
What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust left,
the destroying locust has eaten. (Joel 1:2-4).....*

*The seed shrivels under the clods, the store houses are desolate;
the granaries are ruined because the grain has failed.
How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture to them;
even the flocks of sheep are dazed.*

*To you, O Lord, I cry.
For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,
and flames have burned all the trees of the field.
Even the wild animals cry to you
because the water courses are dried up,
and fire has devoured the pasture of wilderness.” (Joel 1:17-20)*

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for the adoption, the redemption of the bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Sermon

Respond to God's Word

Commitment of faith: Recommitment of stewardship

Leader

Almighty God,

We believe, in your wisdom,

 You are creator and provider,

You made the earth,

 Seas and rivers, land and water

All: Creator God, we commit ourselves to cherish your creation!

From your dwelling place,

 You care for everything, great or small,

You bring forth rain,

 Grass for cattle, and food for all__

You made mountains and valleys, forests and trees,

 Flowers and fruits, butterflies and bees__

All: Sustaining God, we promise to love and care just as you do!

Sun and moon, planets and stars,

The light at dawn, darkness at night,
Summer and winter, rain and thunder,
Lightning and the rainbow bright
The rise and ebb of tides every day,
Sunrise and sunset, the cycle of time,
Oikoumene and the Web of Life –
You saw it was good, beautiful and sublime.

All: God of wisdom, teach us to preserve the earth as a sanctuary of life.

(Adapted from Psalm 104)

Offering

Hymn of Faith “I’ve got Peace like a River”

Lift up Our Prayers to God

Prayers of Intercession

Voice 1

God of ages who calms the raging seas, the storms and the trembling earth, we pray for Asia and the regions beyond that are struck by devastating natural disasters with increasing intensity and frequency, due to global warming, climate change and other reasons that are beyond human understanding and control.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Voice 2

Creator of Heaven and earth, may you be the rock and refuge for Taiwan, The Philippines and Hong Kong, as they become more prone and vulnerable to typhoons, heavy rains, landslides and flooding, many times in a year. We pray that your living presence will be their comfort and strength that never fails.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer.

Voice 3

Almighty God you set the boundaries for the sea and caused the rain to sustain even the desolate desert sands. We pray that your gift of life-giving rain will not become a force that threatens and destroys life due to human mismanagement. We pray for the countries of Bangladesh, India, East Timor and Indonesia, where torrential rains and severe flooding has resulted in villages being submerged, crops destroyed, communication and other infrastructure, human beings and flora and fauna being washed away. We specially remember the victims of the massive landslide that buried

more than 2,000 people in Badakhshan Province in Afghanistan. We pray for Bhutan and Nepal, Laos and Cambodia that are also exposed to the vagaries of nature.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer.

Voice 4

O Lord you laid the foundation of the earth, determined its measurements and laid its cornerstones, may you be our strength, shelter and mainstay when the earth shakes and all life is threatened. We specially pray for the people of Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, India, Taiwan, Thailand and China, where earthquakes have caused severe damage and have had lasting effects on the environment, stretching the economy of people and the state, and the resources of the land.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer.

Voice 5

Lord who knows and sees everything, we admit that we have misused our knowledge and power with regard to natural resources and life-styles, which has resulted in the destruction of biodiversity, environmental degradation, global warming, climate change, and other problems. We pray for Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, China and Thailand where dense air pollution gives rise to intense haze that blocks sunlight, affects visibility and safe-breathing. We pray for awareness and relief for the people in these countries and also for others in the region.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer; O Lord, hear our prayer.

Voice 6

Lord you are the seat of wisdom and all knowledge, you are all powerful, yet compassionate and caring – we bring to you the evils that have firmly taken root in society, and are extremely difficult to remove, such as human trafficking, human rights abuse, domestic violence against women and children, religious, ethnic and communal conflicts. We also bring to you our prayers for the victims of the ill-fated Malaysian Flight MH 370, the death of students in the Korean Ferry, due to technical flaws and human negligence; for the safety and justice of Nigerian girl students abducted from their dormitory, for the refugees of Syria, for the uncertain political conditions in Afghanistan, Egypt, Congo, Sudan, Ukraine and other countries; racial discrimination and threats of disintegration of the communities.

Response: O Lord, grant wisdom, integrity, justice and compassion to the leaders the nations – Lord hear our prayers, and grant us peace.

Send out to Serve the World

***Song of Dedication* “Honor the Earth”**

Sending out

Leader

God said:

“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and

Every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I have set my bow in the clouds,

And it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you

And every living creature of all flesh...” (Genesis 9:12-15a)

Blessing

Leader

With this promise of God, let us go to the world

To be God’s co-workers to heal creation and bring life to all:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.” *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

Sing the LORD New Song

(Indonesian: Nyanyikanlah nyanyian baru)

(♩ = 88)



1. *Nya - nyi - kan - lah nya - nyi - an ba - ru ba - gi Al - lah, Pen - cip - ta*
 2. *Pu - ji Di - a wa - hai men - ta - ri, wa - hai bu - lan, sem - bah - lah*
 1. Sing the LORD a new song and praise his whole cre - a - tion, the earth and
 2. Praise the LORD in heav - en, O sun and moon and plan - ets, a - dore un -
 * 3. Praise your LORD, O heav - en of heav - ens, join his prais - es, O wa - ters



ca - kra - wa - la. Se - ga - la se - ra - fim ke - ru - bim, pu - ji - lah
Di - a te - rus, dan wa - hai bin - tang - bin - tang te - rang yang ge - mer -
 heav - ens a - bove; all ser - a - phim will praise him with all the hosts of
 ceas - ing - ly now; O stars that glim - mer with sil - ver light, il - lu - mi -
 gird - ling the earth; come glo - ri - fy the pow - er that with the voice of



Di - a be - sar - kan - lah Na - ma - Nya. Ber - so - rak so - rai ba -
lap - an, mu - lia - kan Pen - cip - ta - Mu. Ber - so - rak so - rai ba -
 cher - u - bim join - ing voi - ces in praise. Great is his name, sing his
 nate your cre - a - tor with beam - ing praise. Great is your mak - er, re -
 heav - en said, "let there be wa - ters now." Great is your king, glo - ry



gi Ra - ja - mu! Ber - so - rak so - rai ba - gi Ra - ja - mu!
gi Ra - ja - mu! Ber - so - rak so - rai ba - gi Ra - ja - mu!
 praise and re - joice; great is his name, sing his praise and re - joice.
 joice in his name; great is your mak - er, re - joice in his name.
 be his do - main; great is your king, glo - ry be his do - main.

4. Let the roaring thunder and waves that rock the oceans,
 All creatures tiny and great,
 Let hills and mountains, valleys and rivers, lakes and forests,
 Let birds and flowers and fruits,
 Clap hands, praise him who has given them birth
 Clap hands, praise him who has given them birth

5. All creation, join in the praise of your Creator,
 Resound the joy of the world,
 Sing glory in the highest and let the clouds forever announce
 A thundering praise.
 Sing alleluia, rejoice in our king!
 Sing alleluia, rejoice in our king!

Words: Psalm 148; Tilly Lubis, Indonesia; para Rolando S. Tinio
 Music: Nyanyikanlah; Traditional Batak Melody, Toba, Indonesia

Song: "Healing River"

The musical score for "Healing River" is written in 12/8 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 58 and a key signature change to two flats. The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the three staves of music. The chords are indicated above the notes.

1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your wa - ters, send down your
 2. This land is parch - ing, this land is burn - ing, no seed is
 3. Let the seed of free - dom a - wake and flour - ish. Let the deep roots

wa - ters up - on this land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 grow - ing in the bar - ren grounds. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 nour - ish. Let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your

wa - ters and wash the blood from off the sand.
 wa - ters. O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
 wa - ters. O heal - ing riv - er from out of the skies.

[Words: © Fran Minkoff, Music: © Fred Hellerman]

I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like a river (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like an ocean (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like an ocean (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like a fountain (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like a fountain (3x) in my soul

I've got peace, love, joy like a river

I've got peace, love, joy like an ocean

I've got peace, love, joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got peace, love, joy like a river

I've got peace, love, joy like an ocean

I've got peace, love, joy like a fountain in my soul

[Traditional gospel song; author unknown]

HONOR THE EARTH

(♩ = 132)
Unison

1. God of the ga - lax - ies spin - ning in space,
2. Care - less and cov - e - tous, gross are our greeds
3. For - ests and riv - ers are rav - aged and die,
4. Let there be beau - ty and let there be air
5. Life is a ho - ly thing, life is a whole,

God of the small - est seed our liv - ing source:
tak - ing the rich - es the gar - den pro - vides,
raped is the land till it bleeds in its clay,
fra - grant with peace, nev - er poi - soned with fear,
link - ing each crea - ture and bless - ing us all,

yours is the gift of this beau - ti - ful place —
wast - ing its good - ness, for - get - ting its needs,
si - lenced the bird - song and plun - dered the sea —
freed from the plagues of pol - lu - tion and war,
mak - ing con - nec - tions of bod - y and soul,

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Refrain

Let us care for your gar -

The first line of the refrain consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains five measures of music: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in bass clef with the same key signature. It contains five measures: a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a half note C4, and a quarter note B3.

den and hon - nor the earth.

The second line of the refrain consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It contains five measures: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in bass clef with the same key signature. It contains five measures: a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a half note C4, and a quarter note B3.

Words: Shirley E. Murray, New Zealand
Music: *HONOUR THE EARTH*; Douglas Mews, New Zealand

Genesis 1:27-31

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