



Sunday May 1, 2022

**He's Got  
The Whole  
World  
In His Hands!**

**SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY** we celebrate with thanksgiving Almighty God's Gift of Life in all His Creation! He ordains each human life as sacred from the moment of conception; throughout daily living until the time of death which is His alone to proclaim. And for those who receive His Son, Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, He has prepared a place with Him for all eternity.

But, as we read the creation story in Genesis 1 we come to the summary in verse 31: "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good." All came together into one neighbourhood (the garden of Eden) and was proclaimed 'very good'. Having created humanity, male and female, in His own image, God also created the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land; He created day and night – sun, moon and stars; He created creatures of both the sea and the dry land. Yes, scripture teaches us that into everything that Almighty God makes He pours His Love and Care.

***Because He loved first, we love Him and all that He has created.***

***Our Love for God leads us to love our neighbour***, whether that be the child in the womb, or the poor woman who lives on our street, or the disabled man struggling to earn a living or the young farming couple and family half way around the globe whose livelihood has been impacted by our overconsumption. Love for God leads us to love the vulnerable, the fragile, the broken, the outcast, in the midst of their living and in their time of dying. We can reach out in word and action with His Love and share the Gospel of His Good News to those who are vulnerable in body, mind and spirit.

***Love for God leads us to love His natural creation***; caring for and protecting the beauty and balance of that creation. He has set in place an awesome and amazing plan of dependence and interdependence to bless all life. With greater caring for His natural creation we can better care for all life. With greater caring and because of His Mercy and Grace, we can join together in worship and in community to praise Him – the Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, from whom all blessings flow!

Indeed, *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands!* This Sanctity of Life Sunday, we invite you to join with us and together let's celebrate this love of God's Gift of Life in all His Creation.

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## Celebrating in Worship And Community

To celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday, consider an outdoor service and/or picnic. For those who cannot come to you, perhaps you might visit and deliver fresh flowers, plants, fruit, or vegetables to them along with the Gospel.



## Resource Suggestions for Worship & Community Outreach!



*Thank you to Living Water, Healing Streams Ministry Director, Rev. Liba Straznicky for sharing in both the theme and resources for this year's Sanctity of life Sunday*

### THEME SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 1: 15 - 23

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.....<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1%3A+15-23&version=ESV>

## MUSIC VIDEO:

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands": Prayer for the World*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP1foAfjY5k>

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- Intercessions link: <https://www.anglicansforlifecanada.com/intercession/>

## Living Water, Healing Streams Ministry RESOURCES:

### **Scripture** *(from Genesis to Revelation)*

**Genesis 1:24-25:** <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

**Genesis 1: 31:** <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Genesis 9:12-13:** <sup>12</sup> 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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**2 Chronicles 7:14:** <sup>14</sup> if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**Psalms 104:** The whole psalm is an ode to God the Creator and Provider of all creation

**Romans 8:1-23:** <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**Revelation 5:13:** <sup>3</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

**Revelation 11:18:** <sup>18</sup> The nations raged,  
but your wrath has come,  
and the time for judging the dead,  
for rewarding your servants, <sup>[a]</sup> the prophets  
and saints and all who fear your name,  
both small and great,  
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

**Revelation 21:1-3:** <sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first  
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I  
saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from  
the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

## **Worship Songs**

All Creatures of Our God and King (St Francis of Assisi, 1225)

Fairest Lord Jesus (1677)

All Things Bright and Beautiful (1848)

For the Beauty of the Earth (1864)

This is My Father's World (1901)

Lord of All Creation (2000)

Indescribable (2004)

## **Prayer of Gratitude for Creation**

God of the universe, We thank You for Your many good gifts -for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what You have given us. Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things. We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share your gifts today and always. Amen.

*(Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation, Ireland)*

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