



On 1. September we celebrated the ecumenical day of creation. This day was initiated 1989 through the orthodox church of Constantinople. In 2001 at the ecumenical assembly a guideline 9 was formulated in the “carta ecumenica”: “We promote an ecumenical day of prayer for the protection of creation for all European churches.” On Sunday we celebrates this day in our service centering around Psalm 148: Praising God the creator in heaven and on earth – all creation is worshipping GOD.

#### Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from heaven! Praise God on the heights!

<sup>2</sup> Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

<sup>3</sup> Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!

<sup>4</sup> You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

<sup>5</sup> Let all of these praise the LORD’s name

because God gave the command and they were created!

<sup>6</sup> God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

<sup>8</sup> Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind that does what God says!

<sup>9</sup> Do the same, you mountains, every single hill, fruit trees, and every single cedar!

<sup>10</sup> Do the same, you animals—wild or tame— you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

<sup>11</sup> Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person, you princes and every single ruler on earth!

<sup>12</sup> Do the same, you young men—young women too!—

you who are old together with you who are young.

<sup>13</sup> Let all of these praise the LORD’s name because only God’s name is high over all.

Only God’s majesty is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> God raised the strength of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones—that’s the Israelites, the people who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

#### Prayer

GOD, we pray for the earth, from which we all live like living from a mother.

We pray for the air, which lets us breath

We pray for the water, that refreshes and strengthens us.

We pray for the fire, that warms us and shines.

We pray for the soil that it may be good and fertile.

We pray for all creation, the flowers, animals, trees and plants, so we may love and cherish them.

We pray for all mankind, that we may not mistrust, neglect, harm or be envious, so at to care for each one and everything.

Teach us to receive with thanksgiving from your creator hands.

Amen