

The Masterpiece

Of the Master's Peace.

He willingly came to us
To bring the Master's peace,
As sin was on earth
In a lie and deceit.

Knowing all too well
The pain that He'd go through,
In payment for all sin
To offer peace to me and you.

He is the only one
Who can bring the Master's peace,
By His death on the cross
From sin we are released.

This is no fairy tale
For it is really true,
That by His Holy Spirit
He wants to live in you.

He wants to share
The Master's peace with you,
That He may live and breathe
In all you say and do.

In order to receive His peace
We must confess our sin,
And ask His Holy Spirit
To come and live within.

On Sunday September 13th, the subject of our Evening Service was "Creation in Crisis". We were not discussing global warming as, while we agree that humans are contributing to the problems in the environment, we are aware that there have always been cycles of warming and cooling. We were thinking more about how we as individuals, a Church and community can work to preserve the environment for future generations. It was an interesting and thought provoking evening and much thought had gone into it's planning. We had cards from TearFund with prayer details and a card to send to our MP. We each wrote on stars which were placed around a globe indicating what we do, or pledged to do, to reduce our carbon footprint. These are some of the stars:

- reuse envelopes and both sides of the paper
- donate bodies/organs and give blood
- compost kitchen waste/start a worm composting system (for details ring 015242 21673)
- eat locally grown food
- be satisfied with food in season
- switch off lights
- report water or gas leaks
- don't run water when cleaning your teeth
- drink water from the tap
- have a water butt or use washing up water on plants
- wait until you have a full load before doing the washing or wash by hand
- hang washing out instead of using the tumble dryer
- use the car less
- turn down the heating
- use Freecycle

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Blessed are you who tread gently on the earth
For you will be part of the new creation.
Blessed are you who share its resources now
For you will also share in the feast prepared for all people.
Blessed are you who weep at the destruction of the land
For you will laugh and dance in green fields.
Blessed are you when you are hated and insulted because you show up the folly of others who do not share your concern for the earth and it's people.
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because you shall dwell with God.
But woe to you who exploit the earth
For you have already received your comfort.
Woe to you who are greedy and ensure your own wants are met without a thought for the toil of others
For you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh as factories pump waste into rivers, as exhaust fumes fill the skies, as unprotected workers inhale pesticides
For you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when bankers and shareholders speak well of your profits and ignore your ethics
For the Lord knows the secrets of your heart.