

God of Creation and Care

L: God of Creation and Care,

**All: You dreamt of a world of beauty and balance,
but we have not realized Your dream.**

L: You separated night from day, establishing a world of patterns and rhythms

**All: We confess that we have ignored and interrupted those cycles
remaking the world as chaos and confusion.**

L: You separated sky, water and land
establishing a world of habitats and homestead:

**ALL: We confess that we have destroyed and disrupted that
belonging
remaking the world with displacement and dislocation**

L: You gave fertility to air, sea and earth,
establishing a world of plenteous sufficiency for all:

**All: We confess that we have plundered and polluted that treasure
store-
remaking the world bare and barren**

**All: We bring before our own eyes and Yours the heat and flames
of the Fort McMurray wildfire - remembering now in silence
the pain of the earth and its creatures in the face of such**

devastation.

silence

L: You who look on the earth and it trembles,
You who touch the mountains and they smoke,
You who made all things in your wisdom,

**All: In the face of a forest fire of this magnitude we are reminded of
our limits,
that you are God and we are not,
that in our hands the Earth has become so much less than you
dreamt it would be.**

Forgive us.

silence

Extinguish the Christ candle.

Only now in contrition and sadness can we begin to get in touch with
our deepest longings for the world that we want,
for a world that God has always wanted for us and for all the earth's
creatures.