

DAY 5 – Thursday 14th May

Read – Genesis 1 : 20-23

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

Reflect

“Rain is God’s wish, so we are expecting it. If it rains we will celebrate and dance. The people, the livestock, even the birds become happy. All creatures celebrate.” These are the words of Justine Mboya as she carries 2 heavy water containers home from an almost dry well. Her words echo the inter-connectedness we see in Genesis chapter 1 – how the waters allow creatures to live and fill the earth.

Take a moment to consider how your wellbeing is intertwined with Creation and with those you may never meet.

Pray

Creator God, thank you for the community of all creation. For the wonders of sea creatures, for the magnificence of the birds in flight and for the whole of humanity.

Transform our individual isolation into natural interconnection for the flourishing of all and in the glory Of God’s most Holy name.

Amen.

Meditate

How easy it is for us to concern ourselves with those who are closest to us, family and good friends – and that is a good thing. But we must never forget that we are all part of a wider family, God's greater family across the world. May we uphold our 'brothers and sisters' in regular prayer, praying for them 'on all occasions' bringing them before the Lord, asking that He will not only provide for us and for those we love – but for those we *ought* to love, and in Jesus' precious name.