

Creation praises God

Throughout history, saints and theologians have wondered at how creation reveals God's glory.

We see in the Psalm 148 and Psalm 19 proclaim that all creation praises God, not through words, but by simply being what it was made to be.

The sun, moon, stars, sea, and animals glorify their God by reflecting His design. This non-verbal worship pleases God, as seen in Genesis when He looked at His creation and declared it "very good." Even the unexplored corners of the earth, such as the ocean depths, exist not merely for human benefit, but for God's own enjoyment.

St. Basil saw God's hand in a single blade of grass, while St. John Chrysostom wrote about God's wisdom is seen in the mysteries of creation.

Hymns like *All Creatures of Our God and King* and *How Great Thou Art* echo this theme, inviting us to join creation in praise.

Isaiah 55 speaks about mountains singing and trees clapping in joy before the Lord. Psalm 96 also calls all of nature to celebrate God. This leads us to reflect on our own response. Just as stars shine and birds sing, we honour God by living out our purpose by using the unique gifts He's given us. We too can praise God through action, not just words.

Eric Liddell's famous quote from *Chariots of Fire* reflects this too - "When I run, I feel His pleasure." When we use our abilities with joy and purpose, God delights in us. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

This week, may we see creation as more than scenery as it is a living reflection of God's glory, calling us to deeper worship and thankful living.