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CLIMATE SUNDAY B

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Call to Worship

Here we are Lord, gathering to meet with you in worship.
Come amongst us, by your Spirit, as we pray, sing, listen and share.
Open our hearts to fall in love with your creation again, O God. Amen.¹

Hymn: My Jesus, My Saviour - [YouTube](#)

Opening Prayers

Wonderful God,
Today we celebrate you.
We celebrate your creation.
We thank you that at the beginning of time
you breathed life into us.
We thank you that today you live amongst us
Walking with your creation day by day.
We come to you in worship today God,
Ready to listen to your word
and respond in love.
Open our hearts today God,
that we might love you and love our neighbour.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.²

We say together the Lord's Prayer

Readings:

Genesis 1:1-31 (or you may wish to read 1-4 and 20-31 to keep the reading shorter) - [Click for Reading](#)

Revelation 21:1-7 - [Click for Reading](#)

Psalm 104 - [Click for Reading](#)

Reflections on the Reading

‘God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.’
In each of the passages we read today, we hear of God pouring life into creation.
In Genesis 1, each aspect of earthly life is created, made to be fruitful and to thrive.
At the hands of God, the birds of the air, the creatures of land and everything around them comes into being. In Psalm 104, God's hands are at work in creation again, moving and shaping, setting light and dark, feeding and ‘rejoicing in his works’. And in Revelation 21, God steps down to the earth and ‘dwells’ with people, seeking to make all things new, transforming their mourning and instead bringing the water of life.

Each of these encounters between God and creation paint a picture of a creator who gets stuck into the process of creating.

God calls humanity to be among creation, that we too might marvel at its wonder, but also play a part in its flourishing.

Where do you find yourself in wonder at creation today?

Where do you find yourself playing a part in the flourishing of creation?

What are you being called to?

As part of today's Climate Sunday, we have begun in worship. Like the psalmist, we have taken time to marvel at creation, and singing praise to the God who created it.

But we're also invited to respond to the next part of our calling – to commit to playing our part in the flourishing of creation.

How might we begin this today?

As individuals?

As community?

We are invited and inspired by a God who loves deeply each aspect of creation, and longs to get stuck into its flourishing. How will we respond?

If you are already an Eco Church or Eco Congregation, could you take the next steps to achieving an award? If you haven't started on this journey, perhaps now is the time? Explore more at climatesunday.org/commit.³

Prayers of intercession

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

Living God

Thank you that at the beginning of time, you breathed life in to creation.

We marvel that from then until now, you have continued to dwell among us,

Rejoicing and celebrating all that you have made.

We pray that today we might notice you in the creation around us,

Taking time to see life flourish,

And worship you as creator God.

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

Generous God

There are too many ways in which we ignore how our lives limit your creation.

For when our quick and easy choices have a lasting impact,

When we choose us over the earth,

And for when we have no other good choice available to us –

We are sorry.

Would we be inspired and empowered by your love for creation

To put life before ease, and commit to change.

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

Loving God

We know that changes to our climate and environment aren't just a future possibility, but a present reality for so many.

We hold before you those who live on the frontlines of the climate crisis, Whose lives and livelihoods have been flooded by sea level rise, crops spoilt by drought, families worn down by illness.

Might we weep with them, and turn towards action,

Knowing that you call us to better living which enables all your people to thrive.

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

Empowering God

As we approach COP26, we hold before you our elected leaders, who have the opportunity to seek your justice and peace.

In the months ahead, we pray that they might encounter you,

In stories, in lives, in creation.

We pray that they might be inspired by hope, to make choices which are filled with the possibility for new life.

Help them to be courageous, to seek new structures and choices that enable all creation to flourish.

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

Transformational God

We are agents of your change, and have been called to be alongside you in the journey of renewal.

Help us not to take this calling lightly, but to speak up,

Using our voices to be part of transformation.

Helps us to see that the time is now for new life to come,

And that we can usher in your kingdom in our daily lives today.

Call: God who lives in and with creation,

Response: Be with us here.

We hold all of these prayers before you,
God who created at the beginning of time,

And continues to breathe life in us today.

Empower and embolden us to be courageous,

That we might live for your glory in all the earth. Amen.⁴

Hymn: 350 STF – I cannot tell why he whom angels worship - [YouTube](#)

Blessing

Go from this place inspired and encouraged that you can make a difference.
Go from this time knowing that this is your moment – this day, this week, this year is the moment to make a change.
Go from this act of worship, overflowing with worship and praise for a God who created the whole earth and everything in it. Amen. ⁵

¹ Call to Worship written by Tim Baker

² Opening prayers written by The Joint Public Issues Team.

³ Reflection and What are we being called to written by The Joint Public Issues Team

⁴ Prayers of intercession written by The Joint Public Issues Team

⁵ Additional prayers by Tim Baker