

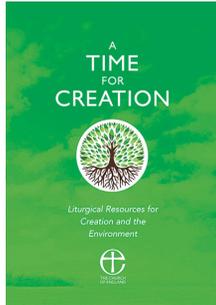


Climate Sunday



THE CHURCH
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Environment Programme

An order of service for Climate Sunday



Liturgical resources for worship can be found in 'A Time for Creation', published by and available from [Church House Publishing](#), or accessible [online here](#). It includes a service for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Eucharist, and additional material.

For a Sunday morning service not including the Eucharist, you might want to prepare a Service of the Word. Guidelines for preparing a Service of the Word can be found [online here](#). Some suggestions for material to use at various points in the service can be found below.

Preparation

Greeting:

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
All and renew the face of the earth

Prayer of Penitence:

Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,
We acknowledge our failure to live responsibly
as part of your creation.
We have taken what we want,
without considering the consequences;
we have wasted and discarded,
without thought for the future.
Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times,
to the groaning of creation,
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision
and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ our Lord
All Amen

Collect:

Glorious God,
The whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:
Increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
And our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Sermon:

For sermons with creation themes based on the lectionary, you can look at 'Sustainable Preaching' or 'Greening the Lectionary'

An act of commitment for the care of creation

'While all creatures stand in expectation, what will be the result of our liberty?' (Thomas Traherne)

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**All Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.

All Amen. Amen. Amen

Prayers

Intercessions:

You might like to include this prayer, written by Dave Bookless, for COP26 in your intercessions

Creator God, giver of life,
You sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis
grant us clarity to hear
the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor;
challenge us to change our lifestyles;
guide our leaders to take courageous action;
enable your church to be a beacon of hope;
and foster within us a renewed vision
of your purposes for your world;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by and for whom all things were made.

Amen.

Conclusion

Blessing:

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

All Amen.