

Nations' Climate Sunday Service

Sunday 5th September 2021

3.30pm

Glasgow Cathedral



The Piper Willie Park plays in the Precinct to welcome people to the Cathedral



The Cathedral Community, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland with Glasgow Churches Together welcome you to this Celebration of Climate Sunday in the Season of Creation



Introductory Videos

Cytûn - Churches Together in Wales: Climate Sunday Introduction (English)

Hannah Brown, The Joint Public Issues Team: Welcome to Climate Sunday

Jean Leston: How Climate Sunday Began

Church of Ireland: Encouraging churches to support Climate Sunday

USPG: Partners in Global Mission - Lord's Prayer

CAFOD: Live Simply

Tearfund/Renew Our World: Prayer

Eco-Congregation Scotland: Crest Bell Litany

Cytûn - Churches Together in Wales: Climate Sunday Introduction (Welsh/Cymraeg)

Resound Worship: God, the Maker of the Heavens (from the Doxecology Album)

Climate Sunday is an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) organised by the CTBI Environmental Issues Network (EIN). Member organisations which have already given their formal backing to the initiative include:



The Worship Service Begins 4.00pm

Welcome

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Trustee
The Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett
Archdeacon of Croydon, Diocese of Southwark, Church of England

Call to Prayer (taken from Psalm 122)

Readers say "Let Us Go to the House of God"

Wales: Reverend Stuart Elliott, Cytûn - Churches Together in Wales

Ireland: Karen Nicholson, Eco-Congregation Ireland

England: Helen Stephens, Eco Church

Scotland: Reverend David Coleman, Eco-Congregation Scotland

Congregation responds: May the house of the Lord be at peace

Church and Civic Leaders process in, including:

- *The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Philip Braat*
- *May Storrrie, CBE, Lord Dean of Guild Merchants House,*
- *Ken Dalgleish, Deacon Convener, Trades House*

Representatives of National Organisations and Representatives of the Cathedral-derived institutions are led in procession by the Piper to the Nave.

The Bible is carried in by the Very Reverend Reuben Preston, Dean of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, Scottish Episcopal Church



Adamnán's Bell is Rung in a Call to Worship and Action by Reverend David Miller, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland

With thanks to Dr Sharon Webb MBE, BA Hons, MPhil, PhD, FSA Scot, Director and Curator of Archaeology, Kilmartin Museum Curator of Archaeology, Campbeltown Museum. St Adamnán was a 7th century Abbot of Iona Abbey and author of "The Life of Columba".

Picture: Replica of Adamnán's Bell on loan from Kilmartin Museum

The Organist Andrew Forbes plays as St Mungo Singers sing "All Creatures of Our God and King"

The Bell and Candle are placed on the Table by Reverend David Miller and Karen Wallace, Youth Development Co-ordinator, Presbytery of Glasgow, Church of Scotland.

The Very Reverend Reuben Preston, United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway says:

Father of us all, this book tells of the dreams and hopes of your people.

All respond:

As it inspired St Mungo and so many others
so let it encourage us, to renew our faith,
to be constant in hope and to delight in love for you and for each other.

The Bible is placed on the Lectern

Welcome: Reverend Mark Johnstone, Minister of Glasgow Cathedral

Video: Recorded Singing of the St Mungo Rhyme, by St Denis' Primary School, under the direction of Liz Bovill, Pianist Carissa Swan

The rhyme is derived from the history of the City Crest - the bird, the tree, the fish the bell which relate to St Mungo.

Welcome: The Rt Hon the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Philip Braat, welcomes people to Glasgow, honours the commitment of churches and their partners as they prepare for COP26

Prayer: A Prayer for Our Earth (Pope Francis)

Read by:

- Judith Allinson, Green Christian
- Hannah Eves, Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN):

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and
the earth.

All respond:

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

For justice, love, and peace

Video: "Creation Sings the Father's Song", Keith and Kristyn Getty

The Word of God

Reading 1: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 ('The Message' Version)

Read by:

- Reverend Beti-Wyn James, President, The Union of Welsh Independents
- Mark Sheard, CEO, World Vision UK
- Esther Kazilimani-Pale, Vice-Chair, Communion Wide Advisory Group, USPG
- Right Reverend Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading, Church of England
- Reverend Geoff Colmer, President, Baptist Union of Great Britain
- Kiran Rai, Digital Communications Associate, Tearfund
- Christine Allen, CEO, CAFOD
- Reverend Dr Darrell Hannah, Chair, Operation Noah

Psalm 62 (setting by John Bell) is sung by the St Mungo Singers

Reading 2: Colossians 1: 15-20 (NIV)

Read by The Rt Hon the Lord Wallace of Tankerness
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Address: Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, CEO Christian Aid

Musical Reflection - Clarsach and Whistle Reflection: Waves of Kilkee, Carissa Swan and John Allan

Intercessions:

- Taizé introduction 'O Lord, hear my prayer' sung by St Mungo Singers
- Introduction by Reverend Chris Foxon, Chair of Glasgow Churches Together
- Prayers by Reverend Catriona Gorton, Hillhead Baptist Church
Reverend Andrew Baker, Superintendent Minister Strathclyde Methodist Circuit
Seonaid Knox, Church of Scotland Elder and Climate Justice Activist

The Lord's Prayer

Introduced by the Reverend Paul Whittle, Moderator of the National Synod of Scotland, United Reformed Church, and sung by St Mungo Singers

Video: "Stand", Salient Sound, New Testament Church of God

Video: Church activity around Climate Sunday

**Video: Shona Robison MSP on behalf of the Scottish Government
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government**

Handover of commitments and asks:

The collective action of churches and the asks in this year of COP26 will be presented by Andy Atkins, Chair of the CTBI Environmental Issues Network and CEO of A Rocha and Eve Henretty, Focolare Youth, Scotland

Prayer: Commending COP26 in prayer and pledging churches to action

Prayer for COP26

Pledging churches to action:

- Reverend Dr Martin Johnstone, Glasgow Churches Together
- Caroline Pomeroy, Director, Climate Stewards
- Reverend Judith Morris, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Wales
- Reverend Gary Hastings, Church of Ireland

Thanks: Andy Atkins, Chair of Climate Sunday and A Rocha CEO

Clergy blessing, led by Canon David Wallace, Archdiocese of Glasgow

Irish Blessing sung by St Mungo Singers with Organist Andrew Forbes

Hymn: Love Divine, all loves excelling (tune: Hyfrydol)

Farewell from Glasgow. Haste Ye Back – The Children of St Denis’s Primary School sing ‘The City of St Mungo’

Civic and Church Leaders Process to the Tomb of St Mungo

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All Creatures of our God and King: words St Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper. Music arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Psalm 63 words by John Bell; music Resignation arranged by John Bell. O Lord, hear my Prayer: J. Berthier (c) Taizé. The Lord’s Prayer: words ELLC; music (c) Gerry Fitzpatrick. Love Divine: words Charles Wesley; tune Hyfrydol.

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