



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

An invitation to contribute to online resources for

SEASON OF CREATION

a.k.a CREATION TIME/ CREATIONTIDE

Dear friend- I'm sending this as I think you might have an interesting approach to providing stuff to help those preparing worship during the six Sundays of the Season. It doesn't have to be huge: perhaps just *one* 250-500 reflection on a lectionary passage. But it can be a labour of love.

Please choose from the attached 'Grid' and get in touch.
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Or commit to doing something else on Creation themes, which might help a congregation or study group

Deadline: ASAP but early to mid June.

Full instructions and grid below, but have a chat if that looks heavy.

Video introduction: click [HERE](#):

[For reference: Last year's Main Page: click \[HERE\]\(#\)](#)

love & peace

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The Invitation bit....

Original, boldly and overtly green Biblical reflections on the lectionary (see below) and beyond, aiming to be genuinely useful to congregations and those preparing worship, as well as study groups and private devotion.

Settings are diverse, but the emergency is universal and ecumenical. As a bottom line, we need 'text' notes, but other digitally accessible media are warmly welcomed, as is poetry. Last year we were able to present a rich 'thematic' section of material with a devotional value over and above the Season

Your **own** insights are the gold standard, rather than the dusty contents of your bookcase. We're 'off the fence' about the nature & climate emergencies, but what we write has both to be fair and have integrity.

We're looking to provide what could not be found elsewhere, related strongly and clearly to our life in a world in which human injustice has blasted through the scary threshold of 1.5 degrees of global warming.

So as you prepare: listen - for the prophetic voice of the Earth in the Signs of our Times.

The 'Commandments' bit.

Look for partnership with, not 'stewardship of' your family in God's Creation, who are fellow stakeholders in the rainbow covenant.

Please use gender-neutral, expansive and creative language, especially when referring to God and the Holy Spirit, and give thought to how the non-human personalities of Creation can sensitively be liberated from being "it", and maybe sometimes be "who".

And, friends, if you encounter a passage which seems to have nothing to do with 'nature' or 'environment', remember there's no such thing as a room without these particular 'elephants'. If you're stuck, get in touch: we're happy for a chat. [chaplain@ecocongregationscotland.org]

If you're still with us: here are some notes of what we can't do without, and what we'd also love to gather.

What we need as a minimum:

2. ABOVE ALL: notes on Scripture Passages: 250 – 500 words for each lectionary reading

Provide thoughts on the background of each of the scripture passages and the ways you approached the texts. It's OK to share

What stimulated your interest or curiosity?

Where did your curiosity lead you?

What questions arose that helped you to shape your material?

What you agree or disagree with in the tone and intent of the writer.

3. Sermon Ideas: 250 – 500 words

Not a full sermon but themes, how they fit together, with an overt green slant. Include a few sentences on how you got it written!

Not all gatherings include a sermon; so you are encouraged to include alternative approaches that might be used, e.g. Q&As, conversations in groups, or other ways to approach scripture and share learning.

4. PRAYERS

For one voice or several: comment on any specific language in the prayers or how a worship leader might frame these prayers to maximise participation for the whole church family.

Gathering prayer / Call to worship

Confession / Repentance -AND pardon.

Thanksgiving / Gratitude

Prayer for others / Intercession

Blessing / Closing prayer

5. Musical Suggestions

We'll continue to link to <https://www.trinitycollegeglasgow.co.uk/songs-for-sunday>, as well as the ongoing chaplaincy hymn collection:

-Quick hymns' written locally where hymnbooks can't respond to the needs of the moment, and sometimes just one use is sufficient, though sometimes they're really worth sharing. If it fits a well-known metre, then many congregations will give it a go.

Equally, some historic favourites, if we take care to bring it out, bear witness to the partnership of God and Creation, as well as the praise we share with 'all who have breath'

WEEK 1 SEP 1	WEEK 2 SEP 8	WEEK 3 SEP 15	WEEK 4 SEP 22	WEEK 5 SEP 29	WEEK 6 OCT 6	GLOBAL THEME ROM 8:19-25
Song/Songs 2: 8-13 DJMC	Prov 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23.	Prov 1: 20-33 JUDITH M =====	Prov 31: 10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 and 9: 20-22	Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10 DJMC	
Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124	Psalm 26	
Deut 4: 1-2, 6-9	Isaiah 35: 4-7a	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Jer 11: 18-20	Num 11: 4-6, & 10-16, & 24-49	Genesis 2: 18-24 DJMC	
Psalm 15	Psalm 146	Psalm 116: 1-9	Psalm 54	Psalm 19: 7-14	Psalm 8 JUDITH M	
James 1: 17-27	James 2: 1-10 (11-13), 14-17.	James 3: 1-12	James 3: 13-14, 3: 7-8a	James 5: 13-20	Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12.	
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 DJMC	Mark 7: 24-37 Richard Murray	Mark 8: 27-38	Mark 9: 30-37	Mark 9: 38-50 DJMC	Mark 10: 2-16. DJMC	
Sermon idea	Sermon idea	Sermon idea	Sermon idea	Sermon idea	Sermon idea	Sermon idea
PRAYERS	PRAYERS	PRAYERS	PRAYERS	PRAYERS	PRAYERS	PRAYERS
Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses	Call to worship/ opening responses
confession/pardon	confession/pardon	confession/pardon	confession/pardon	confession/pardon	confession/pardon	confession/pardon
Intercession	Intercession	Intercession	Intercession	Intercession	Intercession	Intercession
Closing responses	Closing responses	Closing responses	Closing responses	Closing responses	Closing responses	Closing responses
Final Blessing	Final Blessing	Final Blessing	Final Blessing	Final Blessing	Final Blessing	Final Blessing
Additional Music	Additional Music	Additional Music	Additional Music	Additional Music	Additional Music	Additional Music

GREEN: ACCOUNTED FOR. OTHERWISE, TAKE YOUR PICK & TELL chaplain@ecocongregationscotland.org