HYMN 'Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth'

Intercessions for Creation -

HYMN 'For the beauty of the earth'

Excerpt from 'Native Hill' by Wendell Berry

HYMN 'I bind unto myself today'

THE GRACE

"The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021).



Churches have a calling to be concerned with both people and the wider

environment - wild nature, habitats, 'natural systems' which sustain us. First, because we have a mandate to protect Creation, and environmental

degradation flies in the face of that responsi-

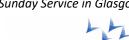
bility. Second, because human-caused climate disruption affects the most poor and vulnerable globally - it's a justice issue.

We often declare 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!' Creation is God's gift. It instils in us awe and wonder, for many this is an expression of worship. Part of our care for creation is the action we take to tackle climate change and reduce our carbon emissions.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Great Britain & Ireland will be

presented to UK Government at a Nations Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th

September 2021. " CTBI website



Climate Sunday Matins Service

(With thanks to St Mary the Virgin, Kelling)

WELCOME

Opening Prayer

We join with the earth and with each other To bring new life to the land To restore the waters To refresh the air.

We join with the earth and with each other To celebrate the seas To rejoice in the sunlight To sing the song of the stars.

We join with the earth and with each other To recreate the human community To promote justice and peace To remember our children.

We join with the earth and with each other We join together as expressions Of one loving mystery: for the healing Of the earth and the renewal of all Life.

HYMN 'God is Love: let Heaven adore him'

We continue our **Morning Prayer** on p. 1 of the Prayer Book

Venite, Exultemus Domino on p.5 of the Prayer Book

PSALM 148 on p.535 of the Prayer Book

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 65:17–25

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera on p.8 of the Prayer Book.

The Gospel Reading Luke 14:16-24

A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.. But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'

Jubilate Deo on p.11 of the Prayer Book.

We stand and say together **The Apostles' Creed** on p.11 of the Prayer Book.

And together we say **The Collect for the Day:**

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. Amen

and The Second Collect, for Peace and The Third Collect, for Grace on p.13 of the Prayer Book.