

**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 responsibility.*

*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.