

Bless us to live as you created:

Leader: Bless, O God,

All: Our desire to live sustainably.

Leader: Bless, O God,

All: Our hope for all to see creation's beauty.

Leader: Bless, O God,

All: Our care for the environment

Leader: Bless, O God,

All: The small things we do for your world

Leader: Bless around us, O God,

All: Those who work to benefit your good Earth

Leader: Bless around us, O God

All: Those who find ways to live in harmony with creation.

Leader: Bless us, O God

All: That we may be whole and live as you created us to be.

Song: God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on you (on separate sheet)

Sustaining Blessing:

Leader: May the earth sustain your strength,
may Christ sustain your love,
may you sustain one another's joy:
and may you live as a blessing
to God, to the Earth and to humanity. Amen.

Continue singing 'God's counting on Me' as we leave the church to join the Zero-Carbon climate march.

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Welcome and Introduction: Rev Chris Brice

Leader: May God who established the dance of creation,
who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
who transforms chaos to order,
lead us to transform our lives and the Church
to reflect God's glory in creation.

Hymn:

Creator God, abundant life your mark,
you once poured speech into the formless dark
and from those words sprang forth a living spark
your inspiration – awoke creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot walk away.
Our will and actions shape the world today
and ours the greed, insisting on its way,
whose depredations – despoil creation.

Throughout this world, in which we live and move
all that we sense below, around, above
displays the imprint of your longing love:
its revelation – throughout creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, challenge mind and heart!
Inspire our living so that we will start
to make those choices which may yet impart
love's liberation – to your creation.

But yet the earth is fractured, frayed and torn,
poisoned, polluted, ravaged, scarred and worn.
Its treasures plundered and its beauties scorned:
our transformation – of God's creation.

We pledge to touch all things with holy care
until your coming Kingdom ends despair.
Then all the world will witness and will share
the jubilation – of healed creation.

Reading: 'In the Inner City'. Creation is praising God in the inner city.

Confession: God of Compassion, heal us:

Leader: God of history and hope,
we offer to your forgiving love the sins of our common past

A: The arrogance that took another's land.

B: The greed which plundered resources.

C: The national pride which diminished others.

Silence in which to offer the sin in our personal history ...

Leader: O God of compassion,

ALL: **Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

Leader: God of sacrifice and gift, we offer to your forgiving love
the selfish materialism of our common life:

A: The economic system demanding spending & debt to sustain it.

B: The wasteful use of the gifts of your creation.

C: The desire for more that is never satisfied.

Silence in which to offer the sin of our personal selfishness

Leader: O God of compassion

ALL: **Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

Leader: God of heaven and earth, we offer to your forgiving love
the damage we are doing to this planet:

A: The atmospheric changes caused by fossil fuels and chemical fumes.

B: The melting ice of sea and glacier that threatens flood and desert

C: The disappearing species lost through climate change.

Silence in which to offer our personal struggle ...

Leader: O God of compassion,

ALL: **Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

Leader: The Living God offers us the gifts of love and forgiveness,
renews our hope and inspires our vision.

ALL **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

All sing:

We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.

We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us;
dying, living, love is fully known,
and in bread and wine reminds us:
we are not our own.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.

Affirmation:

Leader: With the whole church

**All: We affirm
that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

Leader: With people everywhere

**All: We affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**All: We celebrate
the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world**

Bible Reading: Luke 24:24-35.

Sermon: Edward Echlin

Intercessions:

Between prayers we sing:

Oh Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer,
Let my cry, come to you.

O Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.