

The Word of God

Prelude

See your weekly insert for a description of today's music

Opening Hymn

See today's insert or hymn board

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People **God's love is new every morning.**
Presider This is the day the Creator has made.
People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gloria or other Song of Praise

The Gloria can be found in the front section of the 1982 Hymnal, S278

Salutation

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the day, lessons, gospel, and sermon

The readings and our gospel hymn can be found in your weekly insert.
During the Season of Creation, a scripture reading may be replaced by a more modern sacred writing as laid out in the Season of Creation Resource.

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**
**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world, and who suffers with it.**
**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world, and everything in it.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God, and who moves among and with us today.**
We believe in everlasting life in God.
**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

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Prayers of the People | A Litany for the Earth Form A

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, "God of glory, hear us."

We ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for leaders of the nations; for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for our efforts to renew our church building and grounds with full accessibility and environmental sustainability. Grant fellowship and wisdom to us as we move forward.

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for those who we hold on our hearts and minds this day, those on our parish prayer list, and those who name now.

Silence, during which the people articulate their prayers.

We lift up these prayers,

God of glory, hear us.

We ask your prayers for those who have died, especially for people who taught us to marvel in all God's works, and those we name now...

Silence, during which the people speak names of those who have died.

We pray for all who have died,

God of glory, hear us.

The celebrant concludes by praying

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. **Amen.**

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The Confession and Absolution

God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

Heal our relationship with all creation.

Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Priest now offers an absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Today's music can be found in the weekly insert.



When the gifts are brought forward, you are invited to rise and sing

Creation Doxology

Isaac Watts, Thomas Ken,
tweaked by St. Paul's staff
With vigor ♩ = 100

Old 100th hymn tune,
harm. after Louis Bourgeois

Musical notation for the first part of the Creation Doxology. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise".

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Musical notation for the second part of the Creation Doxology. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: "God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men."

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The Holy Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer
Prayer C
Book of Common Prayer
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In choosing a Eucharistic Prayer for this season, the creators of this resource have recommended alternatives to the Book of Common Prayer, OR Eucharistic Prayer C, which "is the most Creation-oriented Eucharistic prayer of the 1979 BCP." They ask us to "Consider adding: '...You made us the rulers and stewards of creation..." which we will do.

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you need gluten-free bread, let the priest know. You may either dip your bread in the **bowl** of wine, OR sip from the **chalice** of wine. For those who would prefer a blessing (rather than consuming bread or wine) simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.*

Post-communion Prayer

Holy One,
you feed us with bread from heaven
and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace
and you call us to friendship with one another.
You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you,
offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.
And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.



Closing Prayers and Blessings

One of the following may be said.

1. May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
2. Let us join with the Earth and each other—To bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to protect the animals, to treasure the trees, to gaze at the stars, to cherish the human community, to heal the Earth, to remember the children. Let us go forth to put our words into action.
3. God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning, God of the forest and shining seas, God of the blooming desert and rolling grasslands – shine on us today and bless us with your presence.
4. Go forth now to care for God's world.
Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.
Sacrifice where necessary.
Live in harmony with all creation.
Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

... And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Refer to your weekly insert

Dismissal

Clergy Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

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Season of Creation

*An Episcopal Liturgy for the
Creation Care Season*



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Natick MA

Welcome! This Creation Care Liturgy, authorized for use in the Episcopal Church, is a mixture of old and new; contemporary and traditional; experimental, and tried and true. Above all, it is meant to bring care of our planet earth (and all creation!) into our relationship with God.

While our liturgy is a little different today, our welcome is the same. We are glad you are here; we hope you will join us after the service for coffee hour downstairs in Sherrill Hall; and we pray you feel God's presence in this place.

To save paper, we are re-using this worship guide throughout
Creation Care Season.
Please return this Guide to the ushers as you leave. Thank you!