

Additional Resources

Music Suggestions

If you are singing outside, my advice is 'keep it simple'. Unaccompanied can be powerful. Avoid a fist full of paper and encourage people to 'look around them' as they sing.

'Above the moon earth rises', Thomas H. Troeger, (Tune: Salley Gardens) AM 531 works well unaccompanied

'All the wonder that surrounds us', John Bell, Tune: Welsh melody - All through the night

'All things bright and beautiful', John Rutter, solo/anthem, helps us to hear the words fresh

'As if you were not there', John Bell, Graham Maule, *Love from Below*, WGRG, StF 724

'As the seeds are planted' (Let the earth find rest) Chris Juby, music and video available at: [https://www.resoundworship.org/song/as the seeds are planted let the earth find rest](https://www.resoundworship.org/song/as_the_seeds_are_planted_let_the_earth_find_rest)

'Beauty for brokenness', Graham Kendrick, AM 557, StF 693, HON 54, CH4 259, MP 806, SoF 664

'Behold, I make all things new', John L. Bell, *Come All You People*, 1995, AM 328, works well unaccompanied

'Creation sings the Father's song', Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, MP 1268, SoF 2255

[Doxecology Study Guide, Resound Worship, 2020, includes service plans and links to the following songs:](#) 'God of immeasurable might', Andy Clark; 'God, the maker of the heavens', Sam Hargreaves; 'If the fields are parched', Chris Juby; 'Let all creation sing', Paul Zach, Andy Zipf; 'Nature shines with beauty', Chris Juby; www.doxecology.org/resources

'From the highest of heights' (Indescribable), Laura Storey, Jesse Reeves, 2004, StF 48, MP 1170, SoF 1775

'God in his/such love for us lent us this planet', Fred Pratt Green, StF 727, CH4 240, MP 835 – various tunes to suit different occasions: Epiphany, Stewardship, God in his love

'*God's green planet*', a festival service to celebrate the wonders of the natural world, RSCM, 2018, good mix for use with children and young people

'*Green guardians*', Alison Blenkin-sop, A reworking of All things bright and beautiful to reflect our care of the environment. Good for children. <https://greenchristian.org.uk/green-guardians-new-hymn-good-for-children/>

'Hear the song of our lament', Keiko Ying, music and video available at: [www.resoundworship.org/song/hear the song of our lament](http://www.resoundworship.org/song/hear_the_song_of_our_lament)

'It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain', Iain Cunningham, CH4 245

'Know that God is good' (Mungu ni mwema) from Democratic Republic of Congo, in *One is the Body*, John Bell, - Easy to add your own verses and it works well unaccompanied

'Look at the world', John Rutter, in *RSCM God's Green Planet*, a simple anthem reflecting on the environment

'Look in wonder, hold in honour' Shirley Erena Murray, Tune: Blaenwern

'Lord, bring the day to pass', Ian Masson Fraser, AM 543, CH4 238,

'Lord, you created a world rich in splendour', Nick Fawcett, Tune: Cavendish, HON 425

'Maker of this world of wonder', A Trinitarian hymn, Janet Wootton, Tune: Abbots Leigh (or Blaenwern)

'O God of boundless hope', Brian Davis, Tune: Darwall's 148th,
see <https://jubilate.co.uk/songs/o-god-of-boundless-hope>

'Praise for the depths of space', Ally Barrett, Tune: Love Unknown, written for Ely Cathedral's Science Fair in 2017, <https://reverendally.org/2017/06/18/science-hymn-2/>

'Sing of the God who spoke', Martin Leckebusch, (Tune: Diademata)
https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/sing_of_the_god_who_spoke

'The care of the planet, the threat of extinction,' Tune: The Streets of Laredo, Andrew Pratt
<https://hymnsandbooksblog.uk/2019/05/06/the-care-of-our-planet-the-threat-of-extinction-hymn/>

'The God who set the stars in space', Timothy Dudley-Smith, Tune: Ellacombe (The day of resurrection) which seems particularly apt

'The peace of the earth be with you', Guatemalan text translated Christine Carson, Music: John Bell, AM 845, StF 774, HON 639, works well unaccompanied

'Think of the world without any flowers', Doreen E. Newport, 1969, AM 552, StF 124, HON 169, CH4 231, SoF 1234, MP 153 -still popular in Primary schools

'Touch the earth lightly', Shirley Erena Murray, 1992, tune: Tenderness, AM 553i, StF 729, CH4 243

'We shall go out renewed in our commitment', June Boyce-Tillman

'Where are the voices for the earth?', Shirley Erena Murray, CH4 244

'You made a universe so full of wonder' (Until your earth is whole), Ally Barrett,
<https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/you-made-a-universe-so-full-of-wonder>

Numbers given refer to the following hymnbooks:

Ancient and Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship, (AM)

Singing the Faith (StF)

Hymns Old and New: One Church, One Faith, One Lord (HON)

Church Hymnal 4th Edition (CH4)

Mission Praise (MP)

Songs of Fellowship (SoF)

Liturgical Resources

Archbishops' Council, *A Time for Creation: Liturgical resources for Creation and the Environment*, 2020, CHP

Paul Chatterton, *Unlocking Sustainable Cities: a manifesto for real change*, 2018, Pluto Press. This is written by a Leeds author for his city, but is applicable elsewhere

Climate Sunday resources: Service plans, Music, Readings, Sermons, Prayers, Audio Visual, Young People, <https://www.climatesunday.org/service-resources>

Daily Prayer for the Season of Creation, Scottish Episcopal Church, issued in 2021 for experimental use:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/season-of-creation-worship-material-for-experimental-use/season-of-creation-daily-prayer/>

Greening the Lectionary website, compiled by Revd Ruth Newton, Leeds Diocese, reflecting on the Lectionary using an ecological lens. Worship resources include Calls to Worship, Collects, Praise and Lament, <https://www.greeningthelectionary.net/>

Sara and Sam Hargreaves, *Outdoor Worship: Engage with God in his creation*, 2016, Engageworship supported by Rural Ministries

Debbie, David and Jamie Hawker, *Changing the Climate: applying the Bible to the climate emergency*, 2021, BRF

Rob Kelsey, *Praying for the Earth: Remembering the Environment in our Prayers of Intercession*, Sacristy Press, 2021, <https://www.sacristy.co.uk/books/ministry-resources/prayers-earth-environment>

Chris Polhill, *A Heart for Creation: Worship resources and reflections on the environment*, 2010, Wild Goose Publications

A Prayer Vigil: for the environment and our role in creating a sustainable and just future for all people on the earth – short service, which could serve as a useful template

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-06/a-vigil-for-climate-change.pdf>

Coryn Stanforth, *How to Worship Outdoors W256*, 2023, Grove Books Ltd

Ian Tarrant, *How to Celebrate Creation W238*, 2019, Grove Books Ltd

Chris Thorpe, *Ploughshares and First Fruits: A Year of Festivals for the Rural Church*, 2020, Canterbury Press, much of this useful book resonates with environmentally aware worship

Stations of Creation, Lent and Easter resources from Salisbury Cathedral, a good template for your own experimentation

Further Reading

Hannah Ritchie, *Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet*, 2024, Vintage

Ruth Valerio, *Saying Yes to Life*, 2019, SPCK, originally published as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2020

Other Useful Websites

<https://arocha.org.uk/> A Rocha UK for information on Eco Church, Wild Christian, worship resources and events

<https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/resources/> supporting the rural church and agricultural community. Their Beyond Consumerism Project includes worship resources for the church and agricultural calendar, but also for Earth Day, World Environment Day and St Francis' Day

<https://carbonliteracy.com/> The Carbon Literacy Project: "An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis."

<https://www.earthday.org/> You can find useful Fact Sheets on food systems and climate change, regenerative agriculture and plastic pollution as well as Toolkits and Quizzes

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/food-matters/> Thoughts on food include rewilding, regenerative agriculture, GM crops, farm shops and veggie boxes, food waste, biodiversity

<https://lamentandhope.buzzsprout.com/> *Lament and Hope: Prayers and Teaching for Justice and Peace*. This is a prayer and teaching podcast for a World of Climate Breakdown by Revd Jon Swales

<https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/latest/projects/messy-church-goes-wild/> encouraging Messy Churches to meet God outdoors love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder there and to be more eco-aware in all we do, both inside and out, as gathered and dispersed church, for the good of the planet.

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Further information can be found at <https://transformingworship.news/>

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