

Gather

Leader: We light a candle for God the Creator,

All: who lit the light in the darkness and breathed life into the creation

A candle is lit.

Leader: We light a candle to Jesus Christ,

All: the light of the world, our hope and rescue.

A candle is lit

Leader: We light a candle to the Holy Spirit,

All: who sets our faith on fire and gives us courage to follow the truth

A candle is lit

Leader: The heavens bear witness to your wonder:

All: Our lips shall proclaim your faithfulness*

(Gently pour water into a bowl) God has chosen the rolling tide the flowing river the rushing stream the flooding burn to hold all of heaven and her promise *(Pour water more fully into the bowl and let it overflow quite a bit)* in the pouring and stirring and spilling and running comes the act of heaven and her promise *(Scoop up water from the bowl and let it dribble through your fingers)* so come and be soaked in the spirit as the story of salvation teems around us parables whispered in the drenching and baptism becomes the soothing rush of heaven and her promise of Jesus
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Read verses from the Message version of Psalm 148

Theme: Climate Change

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness**

Prayerfully make a mirror tile mosaic
with [self-adhesive tiles from Baker Ross](#)

Ask each congregation member to write
or draw on a large pebble an element of
creation they are thankful for and want to
protect. Pray for commitment to action as
each stone is then laid on a cairn pile

In bright light and dull darkness. In the energy of each day and the rest that comes with night
We remember the goodness of God
In the heavens high above our heads. In waters that run deep around the world
We remember the goodness of God
In solid land and flowing seas. In vivid flowers and fruit laden-trees
We remember the goodness of God
In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons. In the patterns of the shining stars
We remember the goodness of God
In oceans teeming with fish. In skies filled with birds
We remember the goodness of God
In a world filled with animal life. And in ourselves as human beings
We remember the goodness of God
And God looked and saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very, very good.
In rest and reflection, in wonder and worship
We remember the goodness of God.
Amen**

Riding Lights Theatre Company are offering short videos (under 10 minutes) which are free to download and which help children and young people think through big questions on climate change

<https://ridinglights.org/baked-alaska/baked-alaska-for-schools/>

See sermon outlines written by Christian Aid concerning God's heart for justice based on passages from Amos and Luke

[Amos 7:7-17 and Luke 10:25-37](#)

[Amos 8:1-12 and Luke 10:38-42](#)

Set the children against the adults or split the whole congregation into teams and have a go at one of these [online quizzes](#) on global climate change from NASA

Commit to join in with one of the [CofE Environment Programme Activities](#) and/or Join the [Anglican Communion Environmental Network](#)

Encourage the children and young people to take responsibility for carrying out the [Eco-Church Survey](#) and reporting to the PCC

Adapt the [Plastic Fast for Lent resources](#) and use for the next 40 days

O Holy Trinity,
Whose promise is of life where all will flourish and be respected, we pray that, as we live by your grace and sharing, we may be led to use less energy, share resources more wisely and compel our politicians to speak out for climate justice. For we are each of us one in a million; together we stand strong.
Amen

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*http://operationnoah.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Liturgy_materials_0.pdf

** taken from one of the [resources for Creationtide](#) the period in the annual church calendar from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life

See also: Creation liturgy from the Iona Community (£2.20 to download) <https://www.ionabooks.com/e-liturgies-prayers/creation-environment/iona-abbey-creation-liturgy-pdf-download.html>