

Eco-church Act 5 – New Creation

Sunday 31st October 2021

Isaiah 11: 6 – 9

Revelation 21: 1 - 7



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Welcome and notices



Call to worship

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will



create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. (Isaiah 65:17-19)



Opening prayer

Loving God, source of all life, we come believing in the goodness of earth's life, in the value of all you have made. We come believing you have given us a unique role



to play within creation, to bear your likeness and to care for the earth, to make known your restoration of all things in Christ. We come believing and we come in humility and in trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The splendour of the King



**The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice**



**He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice**



**How great is our God, sing with
me**

**How great is our God, and all will
see**

How great, how great is our God



**Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end**



The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb



**How great is our God, sing with
me**

**How great is our God, and all will
see**

How great, how great is our God



**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**



**How great is our God, sing with
me**

**How great is our God, and all will
see**

How great, how great is our God



I see the King of Glory



**I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing (repeat last line)**

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest



I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

**With selfless faith, with selfless
faith**

I see a near revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees (rep last line)



Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest



**Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things
unseen
Show me how to love like You
have loved me**



**Break my heart for what breaks
Yours
Everything I am for Your
Kingdom's cause
As I walk from Earth into eternity**



Hosanna, hosanna
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Confession

‘Heal my heart and make it clean.’ Let us confess our sins to God.



Loving God, whose generous earth was created to speak of your beauty, given to nourish its creatures, and sing of your glory, we confess that we have harvested injustice and pollution and not your abundance of life.



We have exploited the land for our own sake and neglected others of those you have made, other people, other creatures and other lands. Forgive us, Father, and teach us to live in ways that



honour you and care for the
earth; to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.



Assurance of pardon

God, who is merciful and kind, is the one who declares 'Yours sins are forgiven.' He also says, 'Tend my world.' Let us receive his forgiveness and care for his world. **Amen.**



5th Sunday Giving

Windows on the World

From Nicaragua to Ethiopia and all around the world, young people are tackling climate change. Find out how their creativity is making their home safer. We will be updating this resource for COP26. So don't forget to check back again soon.

Learn more about young climate
activists



Offertory prayer

Generous God, we give these gifts and our lives because you have given the gift of your life to us. Bless all we have and all we are for your glory's sake. **Amen.**



Isaiah 11: 6 - 9

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with
the goat, the calf and the lion
and the yearling together;



and a little child will lead them. 7
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the
ox. 8 The infant will play near the
cobra's den, and the young child

will put its hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.



Revelation 21: 1 - 7

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem,



coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared as a bride
beautifully dressed for her
husband. And I heard a loud voice
from the throne saying, 'Look!
God's dwelling-place is now among
the people, and he will dwell



with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’



He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

He said to me: 'It is done. I am the



Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End. To the
thirsty I will give water without cost
from the spring of the water of life.
Those who are victorious will
inherit all this, and I will be their
God and they will be my children.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection

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Creation sings the father's song



**Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
'till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,**



**He charts the eagle's flight;
commands the newborn baby's
cry.**



Hallelujah!

Let all creation stand and sing.

"Hallelujah!"

**Fill the earth with songs of
worship;**

Tell the wonders of creation's King.



**Creation gazed upon His face;
the ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
whose blameless life would break
the curse,**



**Whose death would set us free
to live with Him eternally.**



Hallelujah!

Let all creation stand and sing.

"Hallelujah!"

**Fill the earth with songs of
worship;**

Tell the wonders of creation's King.



**Creation longs for His return,
when Christ shall reign upon the
earth;
The bitter wars that rage
are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,**



**all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
the glory of our God and King!**



Hallelujah!

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"Hallelujah!"

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King.**





Prayers of intercession



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Here is love vast as the ocean



**Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our
ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.**



**Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal
days.**



**On the Mount of Crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's
mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide**



**Grace and love, like mighty
rivers,
poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect
justice
kissed a guilty world in love.**



**Here is love, vast as the heavens
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that he has
ransomed
Precious daughters, treasured
sons,**



**We are called to feast forever
On a love beyond our time
Glorious Father, Son and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.**



**Here is love, for all creation,
earth for us to care and tend,
so we'll act now for our planet
in a love that will not end.**



**For in time the Lord will return
and renew the world as one,
earth and heaven linked
together
in the Father, Spirit, Son.**



Closing prayer and blessing

Loving God, we thank you that your new creation will join heaven and earth in one holy and blessed union, where we will walk with you in joy and peace.



Help us to take your transforming vision into this present world, that all creation may know your mighty plan and rejoice in your goodness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Peace (Guatemala)

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too.

The peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.



Deep peace falling over you,
God's peace growing in you.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be with you now and for all
eternity. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

