

Dear all,

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Climate Sunday. This is different from Creation Sunday (2nd Sunday before Lent) or the Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October), though I may have inadvertently helped with this confusion. We were encouraged to celebrate Climate Sunday on any Sunday this year, leading up to the UN global climate talks in November. It is a time to focus specifically on that part of creation that is weather and weather systems, and how they affect the planet. And the focus is perhaps less of a celebration, and more of a warning, lament, and repentance.

The official Climate Sunday website can be found at [Climate Sunday | Home | Worship | Commit | Speak Up](#). There is a video to help explain things. The site says that:

Our vision is to leave a lasting legacy of thousands of churches better equipped to address this critical issue as part of their discipleship and mission and to make a significant contribution to civil society efforts to secure adequate national and international action at COP26.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Great Britain & Ireland will be presented to UK Government at a Nations Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th September 2021. Further details about this event will be published shortly.

The readings chosen for the service are Job 38:1-11,16-18 and Romans 8:18-22. The Gospel reading, Mark6:1-6 is the Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday after Trinity, and does not relate specifically to the subject.

The hymns for Sunday have been chosen with Psalm 98 (our group, not the bible passage!) in mind. They are [Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness \(Christ be Our Light\) 16x9 - YouTube](#), [Enemy of Apathy \(new version\) - YouTube](#) and [You shall go out with Joy - YouTube](#)

Related anthems would include:

[John Rutter - For the Beauty of the Earth - YouTube](#)

[King's Chorus Missa Gaia: Cantic of Brother Sun - YouTube](#)

[The Creation, Hob.XXI:2: Pt. 1, The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God - YouTube](#)

[Thou Visitest the Earth - Greene - YouTube](#)

The Bible study group will be meeting on Thursday. We will be looking at Mark's Gospel, chapter 12. New members are welcome. It is not a particularly academic study, though occasional insights are shared. More important is the discussion of how the text impacts and applies to our everyday Christian life. The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8109399155?pwd=STVVTU44RzJxTFhTY1Mni0bjJ2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 810 939 9155

Passcode: 1w2C9a

Here are a couple of simple prayers from Christian Aid:

Lord of creation,

We pray for wise national leadership
On climate issues
And for the Glasgow conference.

Help each of us also to show leadership
In our homes,
Our workplaces,
Our schools
And churches.
Amen

Lord,
The world is changing,
but you remain the same.
Fear grasps me,
but your perfect love remains.
Tomorrow is uncertain,
but you're there already.
Strengthen me to continue
to stand with the poor throughout.
Amen

And a final thought:

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors... we borrow it from our children.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

Mark