

"No Faith in Fossil Fuels" **Service and Pilgrimage to Parliament**

Friday 21 April 2023, 12 noon, St Johns Waterloo Church Garden, London..

Below is a version of the Service for use around the country if you cannot come to London.

Where there are new words for the songs and hymns they are sung to familiar tunes except "If the fields are parched".

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Welcome and Introduction

Sung to usual tune

All creatures of our God and king,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People and nations, take your part,
love and forgive with all your heart;
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
trust God and cast on him your care;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless
and worship him in lowliness,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
after Francis of Assisi, W. H. Draper
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Genesis Rhyme Reading led by Sam Hargreaves

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(For this you need a leader to read the words and hold up placards with the key words needed for the group to join in: "Light" etc.)

Speaker *talking about how people in the Global South are already suffering from the climate disruption caused by the historic emissions from countries such as the UK.*

After the speaker from the Global South:

Prayer:

Our world is calling out to us. Our sisters and brothers call to us in their need, and so does the whole of creation.

We stand before our God in need of forgiveness, in need of courage, in need of prophetic voices.

And so we raise our voices to God in prayerful song.

New song and music from Resound Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LsqrROrAcM>

If the fields are parched
and the trees are felled
will the rocks cry aloud on their own?
If the birds are starved
and the beasts are killed
will the bones in the dust lift a song?

*Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Forgive our broken ways.
Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Renew the world you made*

As the oceans rise
and the wells run dry

do we care if disaster is near?
If our children starve
will they cry to God?
Will they curse us for closing our ears?

Still a day will come
when the Lord returns
and the earth will be perfect again
No more greed or war,
no more tooth and claw,
for the wolf and the lamb will be friends.

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Prayer of Lament - moving into silence

Prayer led by a young person.

All sing the refrain from "If the fields are parched" (the previous song).

Lord, we lament as we see the damage we have done to your world.
Help us not to close our eyes or look away.

*Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Forgive our broken ways.
Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Renew the world you made*

Help us, Lord, to open our ears.
To listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
To hear the call to repent.

*Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Forgive our broken ways.
Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Renew the world you made*

Help us, Lord, to open our hearts.
To be changed by your love and forgiveness.
To be renewed by your promise of life for all.

*Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.*

*Forgive our broken ways.
Have mercy, Lord,
have mercy, Lord.
Renew the world you made*

Music stops:

Young Person: In a moment of silence, we pray for forgiveness and renewal.

Silence

Service leader ends the silence:

In the silence, God is at work, reconciling and renewing creation.
As we move again into song, we recognise that we are called to speak as God would have us speak.
So we ask for strength, for inspiration, for the courage to pray, and to act in accordance with our prayers.
In Jesus' name.
Amen

Straight into the next hymn

Sung to the tune of "My song is love unknown"

1 O God of boundless hope,
we need your Spirit's power;
creation's crisis deepens with
each passing hour.
So make us strong
to speak your word,
and make it heard,
and right what's wrong.

2 Too many suffer now
from fire and wind and rain,
as livelihoods and homes are lost
and hope seems vain.
Will we ignore
all those who strive
just to survive,
and close our door?

3 The world is changing fast
and warming year by year;
a tipping point is close,
the time to act is here.

We'll work and pray;
as nature bleeds
we'll sow the seeds
of hope today.

4 Together we will walk
the new way you reveal;
our planet cries from wounds
that love alone can heal.
Inspire us, Lord,
to give and care,
that all may share
your earth restored.

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Intercession and Action

Service Leader introduces speakers to explain why they are here at the Service today.

Talks

Prayer

Service Leader Invite everyone to pray. Why are you here? Share your feelings with one another about the climate emergency, and if out of that sharing you feel called to pray, pray with each other'

Speaking/praying in groups for change while background music played.

Service Leader gather everyone back together from the cacophony of sound and introduce:

Prayers from the front: *arrange for two or three people to bring prayers to read.*

Sung to the tune of "What a friend we have in Jesus"

God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

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Blessing to send us out on the Pilgrimage

May God bless us with restless discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
that we may truly live, from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger
at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of God's creation,
that we may work together for justice, peace and integrity.

May God bless us with tears
to shed for all who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and loss,
that we may reach out our hands to comfort them
and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world,
that we can do what others claim cannot be done
and live in kinship with all our fellow-creatures.

Lord, hear our cry as we raise our voices in compassion and for the sake of justice.
Bless the decision makers with wisdom, insight and courage.
And may Your will be done. Amen.

Sing Amazing Grace as we start off on Pilgrimage

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.