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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

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Give Me Jesus arranged by Mark Hayes

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Genesis 1:31, 2:1

God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was very good...
Thus the heavens and earth were finished, and all their multitude.

* Opening Prayer

The Church of England

Reader: Glorious God, the whole of creation proclaims your
marvelous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and
delight in it.

People: That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our
lives be spent as good stewards of the earth.

ALL: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

* Opening Song

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

#71

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
in the triumph song of life!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

(Children are dismissed to go to Children's Church)

Congregational Prayer

The Salvation Army

Lord, we thank you for the beauty and wonder that can be seen in all of creation. As you breathed life into this world and into our beings, we ask you to breathe life into us once again. We pray for you to give us the strength to respond to creation in a way which

reflects your loving care and concern for all things. As we breathe in your love, help us to breathe out your love. As we breathe in your grace, help us to breathe out your grace. As we breathe in your beauty, help us to breathe out your beauty. May we reflect your nature in all that we do. Amen.

Song

How great thou art (vv. 1-2)

#1021

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
 and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great thou art!

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WORSHIP IN GIVING

Consider These Thoughts of Stewardship

The Church of England

The Lord is the Lord of life and giver of hope. We pledge ourselves to care for creation through our tithes, talents, and time

- To reduce our waste
- To live sustainably
- To value the rich diversity of life

May God’s wisdom guide us that life in all its forms may flourish and may be faithful in voicing creation’s praise.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

A Garden Meditation

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Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-9 *(NRSV)*

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Sermon

“Climate and Human Sin”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King* (w. 1-4) # 48

1. All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voice and with us sing,
 alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
 ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 make music for thy Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 that givest all both warmth and light,
 O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day,
 unfoldest blessings on our way,
 alleluia, alleluia!
 The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
 let them God's glory also show,
 O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **Benediction**

Pastor: May God the Holy Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

People: Amen.

* Please stand as able and led



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