



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Season of Creation Hymns

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SEASON OF CREATION - WEEK 1 - THEME: ACT WITH CREATION

Hymn 1: God is all around creation

Tune: Love Divine (Songs of song 2: 8-13)

1. God is all around creation
Listen my beloved now
Let creation sing his praises
God is love, let all rejoice
2. My beloved said to me
Rise my darling come with me
See the winter – rains are over
Flowers appear, sing praise to God
3. Fig tree forms its early fruit
Coo-ing doves sounds all around
Rise my darling – love's creation
Come with me, my beauty one.
4. Lord we act in loving service
You the God of love we know
Natural world shows beauty forth
Lord of all - creator blessed

Hymn 2: Hearts are stirred with noble themes

Tune: Angel voices:(Psalm 45)

1. Hearts are stirred with noble themes
Verses for my king.
Writing skilfully with tongues
Lips anointed - blessed
Gird your sword and clothed in
splendour
All creation act in love.
2. Ride in majesty victorious
Truth, humility
Justice shows in all achievements
Throne of God will last
Justice sceptre of your kingdom
God anoints with oil of joy
3. All adorned in fragrance robes
Music glads the heart
Royal bride in gold of Ophir
Honour him, our Lord

Led in joy and gladness enter
Jesus- God creator king

4. Oil of gladness flows forever
On our Royal King
Equity of sceptre, prowess
God love righteousness
God of justice, God of love
Our humanity do need.
5. Now let's change our lives today
let us not assume
what is good for all creation?
void of arrogance
sense of majesty – creation
God his presence now reveals.

Hymn 3: Every good and perfect gift

Tune: Austria (James 1: 17-27)

1. Every good and perfect gift
Comes from God of heavenly lights
standing firm, through sifting
shadows
Giving birth in Word of truth
We the first fruits of creation
Listen, act and do what's right
Slow to speak and slow to anger
Righteousness of God desires.
2. We reflect creations image
Perfect law brings freedom now
Keep a reign on what we saying
Worthless faith we will attained
Pure in heart, we act victorious
Free from a polluted world
Orphans, widows in their strive
Righteousness of God desires
3. God who cares for justice, equity
Challenge us to act aright
God's eternal love all steers us
To reshape our world in love
Knowledge, wisdom all is needed
To direct our heart aright
Lord of all creation show us
How to act in love aright.
4. Open arms and hearts we strive
Too God's presence, love and power
To the vulnerable ones

God's care reaches out in grace
May we act to build his kingdom?
All creation to effect
Act in love and understanding
All creation honour Him

Hymn 4: God's world is manifested

Tune: Morning Light – Stand up for Jesus (Mark 1; 1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

1. God's world is manifested
His love creation blessed
Our human ways of action
Of greed, pride, foolishness
The universe does not all
Evolve around us all
We serve a justice, Lord.
We act in righteousness.
2. So must our actions be
For all our vulnerable
The disadvantage people
May we respond in love?
Our greed and self-reliance
Brings disconnection forth
God's wisdom shaped our ways
Our wisdom to renew.
3. God calls us all to act now
To pray with humble grace
To act for good and justice
Creation care and love
The season of creation
A time to act in prayer
For God's agenda calls us
In wisdom, grace and truth.
4. We all desire God's plan
Our world's creation blest
We need to shift our ways
Of action we aspire
God's love abounds above all
His grace our future holds
His love embraces all
Creation our embrace.

SEASON OF CREATION WEEK 2 - ACT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

Hymn 5: God of grace, our Maker Lord

Tune: Loving shepherd of thy sheep
(Prov 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

1. God of grace, our Maker Lord
Blessed are a generous life
Rich and poor in one good grace
God is common Lord of all.
2. A good name brings grace, desired
Justice reaps, calamity
Let all know the rod be broke
Wield in fury, grace departs.
3. Generous will the blessed be
For they share their food with all
Do not crush the needy poor
And exploit all those in need
4. Solidarity with poor
Lord take up the cause of right
You a God of justice, peace
Fight the cause of humble poor.
5. Let us all now act in love
Solidarity to show
To all poor and those in need
Creation all binds in love.

Hymn 6: So trust our Lord in love

Tune: Beloved let us love (Psalm 125)

1. So trust our Lord in love
Mount Zion stands
Mountains around His throne
All people stands
2. The wicked will not stand
In righteousness
God's sceptre will remain
For those who do good.
3. The Lord do good to those
Who are so good?
With upright hearts and minds
Brings peace to all.

4. All those who turn from God
In crooked ways
The Lord will banish them
Like evil does.
5. So act in love and grace
Embrace the poor
We seek the needy Lord
In humble gratitude.

Hymn 7: Our glorious Lord Jesus Christ

Tune: The churches one foundation
(James 2: 1-9, 14-17)

1. Our glorious Lord Christ Jesus
Does not show favour now
We all alike in God's eyes
No clothes, nor ring does part
The poor man in his rag clothes
The rich in finest garb
We judge not and deliver
Our evil thoughts of shame.
2. God choose the poor, all people
Behold with worldly eyes
They're rich in faith who love Him
Inherit kingdom stands
The poor will be dishonoured
The rich exploiting more,
Yet God will be the judge,
His noble Name behold.
3. We love our neighbour justly
No favour shown to none
What good is it to others?
Show faith in love to all
See to the needs of others
Act graciously in love
Faith just alone is dead
If not by deeds attend.
4. Our culture honours only
The rich and famous few
Consumeristic souls
Kills all the earth with waste
God stands against injustice
For poor and vulnerable
Yet climate change and progress
Fuels all to comprehend?

5. As church we building bridges
Bring poor and rich in line
Be voices of the vulnerable
And fight injustice, now
Environmental justice
For all who are oppressed
And rid the poor from cages
That bind their souls to sin.

Hymn 8: Jesus said, it's hard to enter

Tune: All through the night AMR 26
(Mark 10: 24-37)

1. Jesus said, it's hard to enter
God's great Kingdom grace
So it's hard – like camel go-
Through the eye of a needle
So the rich will strive to enter
But will not succeed at all
Who will then be saved my Lord?
Will your kingdom come?
2. All things are impossible
For all people of faith
Yet by God's eternal standard
It's all possible
Follow now the gospel story
At all cost, receive God's grace
First be last and last be first
Christ give life, for all.
3. Jesus led the way to Zion
Son of man betrayed
By chief priest and fellow Jews
To the cross to die
Mocked him, flogged him
Spat and killed him
Three days after he ascended
Son of man embrace.
4. Lord we wish to join your kingdom
At your right hand sit
Not for me, but God ordained
Jesus Lord of all
Act in love and focus surely
God's grace is for all who love Him
Holy God we act in love
For our fellow poor.

SEASON OF CREATION -WEEK 3 -THEME: ACT WITH THE SPIRIT

Hymn 9: Act with the Spirit, wisdom calls loud

Tune Blessed Assurance (Prov 1:20-33)

1. Act with the Sprit, wisdom calls loud
Raises her voices in public squares
Top of the wall she cries out loud
And at the gates she speaks her
mind
She creates wisdom-divinely power
Warns of disaster, coming soon
Storm creates chaos, Whirlwinds
abounds.
Act with the Spirit, our focus be
2. Love your own simple ways, hate
mockery
Fools hate all knowledge - repent,
rebuke
God give his thoughts, makes
teachings known
Refuse to listen, when he calls
All pays attention- for both my hand
Regard my wisdom, accept rebuke'
I'll laugh when storm comes,
calamity
Distress and trouble overwhelms
you.
3. Ignoring voices, facing our ruin
Suffering - effects of forest destroyed
Fossil fuels o'eruse, still we don't
hear
Voices from God – our ancestors
shout
Keepers of earth Lord, with wisdom
act
We hope and act in wisdom and love
Lord call us now, as Keepers of earth
Listen O Lord, to hope and to act
4. Our planet faces extinction soon
All of creation polluted and bound
Trampled by our human footprint
Prophetic voices, we ignore remains
Time O Lord to act with intent
Heal and affirm creation's birth-right

Lord call us now as keepers of earth
To hope and trust in action of love

Hymn 10: All heavens declare now the glory of God

Tune Great is Thy faithfulness (Psalm
19)

1. All heavens declare now the glory of
God
Skies do proclaim His own
handiwork
Day after day bring forth speech of
creation
Night after night His all knowledge
revealed
Their voice goes out forth
To the ends of the world
Bringing God's presence
His power to behold.
Creation testifies, pours out His
grace Lord
Jesus our king and Saviour of all.
2. Their voice goes out forth, to all
creation
God pitched in heaven a tent for the
sun
Like bridegroom out of his chamber
adorning
Champion his cause to run –
rejoicing sun
Rises at one end of heaven keeping
its warmth in tact
Law of the Lord is all perfect,
refined.
Trustworthy statues makes wise the
simple
Precept of God - giving joy to the
heart.
3. Creation and the Law exist in
harmony
Universe points at the finger of God
God shows His Word on the trees
and creation
Flowers and stars his own glory
behold
Fear of the Lord is pure, confront our
frailty
Firm His decrees in all righteousness

Precious than gold, sweeter than honey
In keeping them there is greater reward.

4. Great is the Word of God, inspires and trustworthy
Words which inspire and revives hope and light
Heart of all wisdom is fear in the Lord
Creation still now proclaims His gospel train
Connect with people that is your own calling
God's presence manifest His abundance
Protect what you do love, for all creation
This is your ministry – God commands all.

Hymn 11: Taming the tongue is a challenge for all

Tune: Fight the Good fight (James 3: 1-12)

1. Taming the tongue is a challenge for all
Act with the Spirit – control we can.
We teachers will be judge more than all
We stumble in ways; perfection of strive
2. Bits in the mouth of horses do bring
Obedience and a will to be turned
Ships are all steered by rudder small
Strong winds no impact- will attain.
3. So is our tongue but one small entity
Capable of setting a spark alight
From evil it corrupts the heart
Setting on fire the desires of the mind
4. All creatures still is tamed by man
Yet no one can contain the tongue
It is restless, deadly sin
Full of deadly poison fire.

5. From the same mouth comes blessings –curse
So pass on knowledge correctly
Take time to study, equip yourself
Gain scientific knowledge for our sake
6. Act is the spirit –seek wisdom now
Pick all your battle all with care
Guard your tongue, inspire all
Find ways to educate, respect.
7. God spoke and it was done in power
We co-creators have the right
Words may bring healing power to all
Can also bring destruction on.
8. Act with the Spirit – seek wisdom now
Call on our God – creation bows
Know your stance, admit your power
Praise God and speak the truth for all.

Hymn 12: Christ invites us all to follow

Tune: Blaenwern [God is here as we his people] (Mark 8:27 -38)

1. Christ invites us all to follow
And to take up our cross alone
Make disciples of all nations
Speaking truth brings perils forth
Pain and suffering our own lot
Be intentional – walk in faith
So deny yourself disciple
Face the world, guard still your soul.
2. Jesus on his way to Philippi
“Who do people say I am?”
John the Baptist, Elijah, prophet
You are the Messiah come,
Son of man must suffer the cross
Be rejected and be killed
Peter saw it as blaspheming
Jesus sternly rebuked him yet
3. Jesus challenged all our thinking
Do not harden your hearts for God
Care for our environment –creatures
Climate changes activist show
Act in hope, inspire all

We are called to sacrifice
Living life in simple ways.
With the spirit -act in hope.

SEASON OF CREATION - WEEK 4 - THEME ACT WITH WISDOM

Hymn 13: Come Holy Spirit Come

Tune: Come down O love divine (Prov
31:10-31)

1. Come Holy Spirit come
Bring wisdom from above
Warn us of foolishness
And lack of creation knowledge
Make science our goal to set
And follow ancestors guide
Reveal in us a care and love
For our mother earth
2. Come gracious God reveal
Creation's beauty, yet diverse
The dance of air and water mingle
As Christ our Lord is a gift
Who emptied self for us?
And so we offer thanks
And praises to you Our God.
3. Wisdom is like a wife
Noble and far more worth
Her husband values her
And gains her confidence
She acts in wisdom, love
Works for the good of all
The Holy Spirit is her image
Bringing praise.
4. Triune and gracious Lord
Reveal God's wisdom's power
True wisdom her embodiment
Her noble self
She live her life in grace
Her world, her nature breath
Of Family – society alive bring

Hymn 14: The way of righteousness

Tune: We love the place O God (Psalm
1)

1. The way of righteousness
A path to choose aright
Growing towards our Lord
Away from wickedness

2. Draw from God's presence now
The living water, pure
Bear all the fruits of grace
God's spirit does impart

3. O blessed is the one
Who does not go astray?
Nor stand for sinner's way
Or mockers company

4. We seek to honour God
In confidence and trust
God's ways, His thoughts alike
Are not in line with ours.

5. In God's law we delight
And meditate all hours
Like trees planted beside
Its source and yield its fruit.

6. Lord let us act aright
In wisdom, love and grace
Creation to behold
And dare to change earth's fate.

Hymn 15: Two kinds of wisdom bring

Tune Teach me my God and King AMS
240 (James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8)

1. Two kinds of wisdom bring
We show how good life is,
Our deeds be done in wisdom, love
Borne in humility.

2. We live the way of Christ
The Holy Spirit's power
Bearing her fruits of wisdom, grace
Be Christ-like in our ways

3. If we but harbor envy
And self-ambition feed
We boast and will deny all truth
Such wisdom shall but cease

4. As in our humanity
Join by Christ's divinity
A new creation shall exist
God's standard to attain

5. God's wisdom from above
Is pure and full of grace
And reap a harvest full of peace
In righteousness O Lord.

6. Submit ourselves to God
Resist all evil claims
God will draw near to all in love
And wisdom – act in love.

Hymn 16: Two ways are juxtaposed

Tune: The advent of our King 25 AMS
(Mark 9: 30-37)

1. Two ways are juxtaposed
The cross and human way
The cross is clear, to all who's near
Surrender, sacrifice.

2. Lord we seek now thy grace
In wisdom you share love
The greatest is the child amidst
In humble wisdom shared

3. The Son of Man shall cease
Be killed and rise again
The first be last, the last be first
The greatest be the least.

4. Lord bless these themes in life
Wisdom a way of life
Grounded our calling be to you
To seek, to serve the least

5. Lord be our sacrifice
Transform our earth alike
In wisdom let us act aright
Creation to restore.

6. Put on the mind of Christ
A new creation bore
Seeking a life pointed to God
For all eternity.

Season of creation - Week 5 -

Theme: Act in Partnership

Hymn 17: Be bold like Esther to reclaim

Tune: On Jordan's Bank AMS 27 (Ester 7:1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22)

1. Be bold like Esther to reclaim
Denounce injustice system now
Oppressive system do rebuke
Stand up for truth and worship God
2. In partnership we risk our life
to save our people we must act
in loving service to proclaim
God's will creation to enfold.
- 3 Grant Lord my life, and spare my
own
My people killed, destroyed,
removed
A villain seeks our blood O Lord
Deliver us from bondage free.
- 4 An asher pole killed Haman dead
Of Mordecai his life was spared
They celebrated this release
And fed the poor in humbleness
- 5 Grant Lord a partnership of faith
To guard our mother earth – set free
To gain its beauty for us all
Bringing the garden of all praise.

Hymn 18: A song of Praise

Tune Tell out my soul (Psalm 124)

A song of praise, of gratitude and joy
We thank you Lord our God of
faithfulness,
Protection, love to earth was brought to
all
And we all join in grateful praise, rejoice!

O God of faithfulness and power
Divine and mighty power we praise your
name
So may we face disaster, pain and strive
The consequence of our adversity
We thank you Lord for healing grace

We act in partnership of life divine
Jesus proclaim the will of God
Creation sing His praises – for
All time and majesty abound

So, Lord if you had not been on our side
The enemy, the raging waters – flood
Would sweep us all away – to be
destroyed
Praise God for mercy, grace and hope.

Our help is in the name of Our Lord
Maker of heaven and earth, the mighty
one
Praise Him for partnerships of grace
Creation now His Word proclaim.

Hymn 19: We sanctify God's word daily in life

Tune: Be thou my vision AMS 343
(James 5: 13-20)

1. We sanctify God's Word daily in life
Obedience to Law and the gospel
fulfilled
God's will we serve – life we live,
glory to God
We come to serve all and not to be
served.
2. Obedient prayer has much power O
Lord
Such prayer of faith brings more
healing grace
If we confess and pray for others
today
All power and righteousness we will
attain.
3. Elijah was an example of prayer
It brought forth the rain and
prosperity Lord
Earth flourished and was restored for
all
Prayer brings more faith and
deliverance of life
4. Lord let us act in a partnership – trust
Creation restore, climate change to
address
Be thou our wisdom, be thou in us all

Great God of all power, restore and revive.

5 So in your wonder we stand firm in truth
A partnership story for all to embrace
We act Lord in mercy and walk in our faith
Restoring our earth Lord for the glory of God.

Hymn 20: The church of our Lord in partnership grow

Tune Ye servants of God AMS 149
(Mark 9: 38-50)

1. The church of our Lord in partnership grow
No one can attest it's their property
We all stand together - promote all our good
Working together for good of us all.

2. Jesus values taught, his kingdom proclaim
Promote dialogue and value good deeds
Rejoice in our attitude of life growing gains
Act now in our weakness, his glory fulfill.

3. Rejoice in the signs God's presence to build
In struggles of life – a fraternal world build
God acts through all people – we strive everyday
Bearing our witness his kingdom to gain.

4. No one does a miracle in my Name
Whilst driving out demons or share a cup
Truly I tell – Messiah's reward
For those act justly, God's righteousness gain.

5. We salted with fire –and it won't be quenched

Don't let no one stumble or be brought low
Don't allow anything to cause you no gain
All life aims for heaven – God's glory abide

6. So act all in faith - like salt of the earth
Extend partnerships to bring godly faith
Working together for good of us all
Creation maintains God's great image of love

Season of creation - Week 6 - Theme: Franciscan Spirituality

Hymn 21: O Lord of the lost ones, our broken world know

Tune Immortal Invisible Job 1: 1, 2; 1-10)

- 1 O Lord of the lost ones, our broken world know
Come call us and grace us, with your presence now
Be our guest O Lord – help us serve the poor
Use our possessions to feed those in need
- 2 We know Job's adversity in suffering pain
Did satan desire to break his spirit
Be blameless and upright with integrity strive
With patience and humbleness, follow Christ path.
- 3 St Francis in life demonstrates faithfulness
He gave up his wealth to share with the poor
God gave him a love for creation and all
Compassion he showed forth – all creatures did gain.
- 4 Francis show how much he adored our earth
from canticle of the sun to sister death
his teachings all show that he nature adorns
by peaceful embracing all nature to hold
- 5 Great God of environment –justice do bring
Sustainable ecology to maintain
Our planet is facing a global attack
God call us in harmony – earth to restore.

Hymn 22: Lord we trust you in our dignity

Tune: Virgin born we bow before Thee
AMS 311 (Psalm 126)

1. Lord we trust you in our dignity
Mercy, redemption goes before us
Fuel our concern for mother earth
Like St Francis led the way.
2. Grow in us a love for our poor
by righteous living and worshipping God
embracing truth and shedding light
following God in our daily walk.
3. Vindicate me O Lord for I trusted
Blameless a life and not to falter
Test me O Lord and try me out
My heart examine and my mind.
4. Lord Ive been mindful of your love
being reliant on your faithfulness
proclaim aloud your praises
telling of all your wonderful deeds.
5. Lord of all St Francis legacy
Leads us to pray and care for others
Take good care of all creation
Share our wealth, our unity blessed.

Hymn 23: Jesus reigns and show Gods glory

Tune Hyfrodol Alleluia sing to Jesus
(Heb 1: 1-4, 2; 5-12)

1. Jesus reigns and show Gods glory
Shine God's glorious light on all
Radiates his righteous image
Making all receive His grace
Lower than the angels he came
Tasting death and redeeming life
Risen, ascended. Lord of creation
Jesus son of Man – is God.
2. Francis followed our Lord and Savior
Humbly as a servant leader
Living out the gospel story
Acts of love in simplicity
Reaching out to poor and needy
Serving others, bringing Christ

Promoting peace and care to all
For creation's liberty.

- 3 Jesus Christ in radiant glory
Now sustains his powerful Word
Purifies our sins he entered
Heaven in glorious majesty
Your my son and I'm your Father
Let all angels worship you.
Lord your throne will last forever
Justice scepter of your kingdom.
- 4 Lord in the beginning universe
You have laid - foundations of earth
Lord of time and space abounding
Heavens proclaim your handiwork
Yesterday, today forever
Your remain the same all time
Let us act in humble charity
Like St Francis legacy.

4. In fellowship we walk this earth
caring for all on earth
for human, animal alike
we see Christ face in all
so nurture the great gift of God
creation calls to serve
a mighty God in glorious power
Redeeming love abound.

Hymn 24: Jesus a man for others lived

Tune A Man there lived in glory now
AMS 334 (Mark 10: 2-26)

1. Jesus a man for others lived
His kingdom to proclaim
Marriage and children he adored
Divorce he question then
It was a sin in God's plan
Embrace God's love and care
Values of faith and charity
In service of us all
- 2 We honour all with love and strength
In simple Christ like faith
Extend compassion to all weak
And marginalized too
Embracing all in humbleness
With kindness and with love
St Francis showed us the way.
By living , praising Christ.
3. The kingdom is a promised gift
And so belongs to all
Do not rebuke our children, friend
God's kingdom stands for all
He blessed all children in his care
And placed his hands on them.
All nature is a godly gift
To share in humble faith.