

THINK, EAT, SAVE



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The Archbishop of Cape Town encourages the Anglican Communion to Think, Eat, Save

The Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, is encouraging Anglicans around the world to pray, on or around Environment Sunday on 2 June and World Environment Day on 5 June.

In this resource pack, the Anglican Communion Environmental Network is sharing prayers and liturgical material from South Africa and England for World Environment Day services. Archbishop Makgoba says:

In the story of the feeding of the five thousand we read ‘everyone ate, and had enough.’ (Mark 6:42) This is a beautiful image of sharing, with everyone’s needs being met, and nobody going hungry. There is enough food in the world for our *need*, there is not enough for our *greed*. This World Environment Day I encourage Anglicans everywhere to think about what they eat, to eat food which is healthy and sustainably grown and to stop wasting food. Let us all share today our daily bread.

The theme for this year’s World Environment Day is Think, Eat, Save.

Think, Eat, Save is an anti-food waste and anti-food loss campaign that encourages us to reduce our ‘foodprint.’ According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), every year approximately 1.3 billion tonnes of food gets lost or wasted – that’s roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption. In industrialized nations, retailers and consumers discard around 300 million tonnes that is fit for consumption, around half the total of food squandered in these regions. This is more than the total net food production of Sub-Saharan Africa and would be sufficient to feed the estimated 900 million people in the world who go to bed hungry.

Think, Eat, Save asks us to take action in our own homes and then witness the power of collective decisions that we and others have made to reduce food waste, save money, minimise the environmental impact of food production and force food production processes to become more efficient.

Global food production is a major user of the world’s resources. It occupies 25% of all habitable land and is responsible for 70% of fresh water consumption, 80% of deforestation, and 30% of greenhouse gas emissions. It is the largest single driver of biodiversity loss and land-use change.

Making informed decisions is therefore vital and will have a far-reaching and positive impact. We can, for example, purposefully select foods that have less of an environmental impact, such as organic foods that do not use chemicals in the production process or choosing to buy locally so that foods are not flown halfway across the world, adding to carbon emissions.

For more details, go to: <http://www.unep.org/wed>

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - THINK, EAT, SAVE - EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Rev Bruce Jenneker and Rev Keith Griffiths. Taken from 'Season of Creation' a liturgical resource of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/resources/docs/season_of_creation.pdf

GATHERING RITE		
Focus	<i>A special collection of foodstuffs to be distributed to others in need might be a good focus for the Offertory at this service.</i>	
Approach Sentence	The people gathered the manna, and when they measured it, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as they needed. Exodus 16:18	
Act of Penitence	<i>Should preferably follow the sermon, and enable people to respond to their own shortcomings with regard to hoarding and not sharing.</i>	
Collect	Eternal God you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	
PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD		
First Lesson	Exodus 16: 13 - 21	God provides the people with quails in the evening and manna in the morning, and when they gathered enough for each household each day, and on the sixth day, sufficient for the Sabbath as well. Yet some of them gathered more, and kept it over for the next day, and it was spoiled.
Psalm	Psalm 104: 26 - 35	Recognises that God has provided food for all creatures.
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15	A familiar passage emphasising the need to share out of the abundance God has given to us so that those that are suffering may be supported. It uses the natural image of sowing and reaping to stress this truth.
Canticle	Canticle 4	The Song of Ezekiel
Gospel	Luke 12: 13 - 21	The strong message of accountability for that which God has provided. The response of the human is concerned with what "I" have grown, what "I" have done, and how "I" can benefit from that. And God said, "You fool."
Creed		

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD	
Intercession	<i>A versicle and response that shows a willingness to live by God's standards.</i> Lord, help us to see the needs of others, and to trust that you will provide for our needs.
Peace Sentence	The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
CELEBRATING AT THE TABLE	
Elements	<i>Consider using bread which is locally baked rather than wafers</i>
Great Thanksgiving	<p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts We lift them up unto the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p> <p>We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with all tender care.</p> <p>We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of all creation. In him all things were created, visible and invisible, and all things hold together in him.</p> <p>We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make of us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.</p> <p><i>Proper Preface :</i> And now we give you thanks because you have given the land into our care that we might enjoy security and the fruits of your creation in due season; and knowing that we cannot live by bread alone, your Son has given us in this sacrament his very self, the true bread that comes down from heaven.</p> <p>And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p> <p>God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given, and Blood shed.</p> <p>On the night he sat at table with his disciples and with them recalled the wonder of your creation and the wonder of your covenant with your chosen</p>

	<p>people, He took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you.</p> <p>In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, He gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.</p> <p>So we proclaim the mystery of faith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again</p> <p>Now is the time to celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that make life possible. We share the cup of our humanity matured over the unnumbered centuries of the long struggle through all the living and dying, through the tears and hopes, the futility and fidelity that have gone into making this world.</p> <p>We remember all who have drawn sustenance from this soil, with whom we have shared the body of this earth, all who have drunk their share of tears as they suffered and sorrowed to make this world more hopeful.</p> <p>We share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command: through him with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE	
Post Communion sentence	<p>Jesus said to the rich man, "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Luke 12:15</p>
Post Communion Prayer	<p>Loving Father, your Son gave us this meal as an act of remembrance of him and then gave his very self for our salvation.</p> <p>We thank you for the nourishment we receive at your table and pray that the strength we receive here, might give us the courage to share our very selves with those in need; through the Lord who shared himself for our sake. Amen</p>
Blessing	<p>God the Creator has blessed you with all that you need in this life: go into the world with courage that you might be the channels through which the Lord can bring relief to others; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. Amen</p>

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SERVICE

From the Chiltern Gateway Project (A Rocha) by Jo Whitfield (Church of England)

Welcome and Call to Worship:

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all that dwells therein.

All: **We live in God's world, we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters**

Leader: Together we form strands in the web of creation woven and held together by God our Creator.

All: **Together with all creation we join in praising God!**

Hymn: **All Creatures of Our God and King** (Omitting verses 5&6)

Prayer of approach:

Creator of the galaxies, Ruler of the uttermost reaches of space, You are nearer to us than hands and feet, Closer to us than our next breath. We sense your Presence in the tightly curled rose bud and in the open arms of a golden beach. We hear you in the sound of wind and waves and in the soft chatter of happy children. Your Presence is woven into the life of the world and into our lives and we are glad to sing your praise. *(From 'The Green heart of the snowdrop' by Kate Mclhagga)*

Creation Psalm:

Jesus used examples from the natural world time and again to illustrate spiritual truths. Continuing a time of thanksgiving, let us respond with 'Praise the Lord, O my Soul!':

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

Lord Jesus, You looked at the sparrows, of little worth in the marketplace, and saw how not one is forgotten by God

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You watched the ravens, feeding, neither sowing the seed nor gathering in the harvest, and saw how God provides for them

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You walked in grassy places, delighting in the wild flowers, and saw how God has made them all more beautiful than the finest of clothes

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You looked at the fig tree, with its leaves growing green and tender, and you taught of the coming of the kingdom of God

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You saw the tiny mustard seed, which grows to become the largest of plants, the hidden growth of the kingdom of God

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You saw the flocks of wandering sheep, reminding you of other flocks in need of shepherds

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

Your heart was touched by a clucking mother hen fussing over her brood of chicks, and remembered it when you wept for Jerusalem

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

You chose the humble donkey to carry you when you entered the city through crowds that welcomed you, hailing you as King

Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Creator of the earth and all living things, author of life, source of all meaning, you made a universe of infinite complexity and beauty and entrusted us humans with the care of a tiny jewel called Earth. We are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance, we have upset the balance, acting with craven disregard for the complex ecosystems we barely understand.

All: **For unrestrained economic growth,
For conspicuous consumption,
For always wanting more,
For not thinking through the consequences,
For not caring for future generations,
For blind indifference,
Forgive us our failing.**

Declaration of Hope:

Leader: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. (*Jeremiah 6:16*)

All: **We are standing at a crossroads. Together let us seek the good way and find rest for all of God's creation. As forgiven people, help us to walk with a new lightness of step, and give us the resolve to touch the earth lightly in our living in your world. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: I, The Lord of sea and sky (470 – Common Praise)

A Closing Blessing: (Celtic Wheel of the Seasons Blessing):

God of the Easter garden bless in every season of the heart.
May God of the Mountainside bless in time set apart.
May God of the beach bless whether tides ebb or tides flow.
May God of the upper room bless my doubt that I may know
afresh the deep love of God that is stronger than death.

All: May it rise within me as I set forth this day, may it fall softly within me as I rest in you this night.

MORE LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Assembled by Rev Sue Britton, Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Call to worship

God, our Creator,
draw us to worship you
in all you have created.

Christ, our Brother,
beckon us to see in all creation
your life-pattern
of birth and growth,
fruition and sharing,
suffering and dying,
restoration and new life.

Holy Spirit, our Strengthenener,
call us to participate
in the renewal of creation.

Praise

We praise you God, Birther and Nourisher of all life,
Creator of wonders beyond our understanding:
seeds that hold within them new life to feed us
and to produce food for generations to come;
bees to carry pollen to fertilize the sources of our food;
plants that emerge, in frail weakness,
to grow into the staple diet of your children.
We praise you who give us birth and nourish us.

We praise you, God in Christ, our Friend and Lover,
who took on yourself our fragile flesh
and became one of us;
who showed us the pattern and way of life and love
through word, deed and sacrifice;
who suffered with us to death and beyond.
We praise you who lived for others and call us to follow.

We praise you, God in Holy Spirit, Enabler and Strengthener:
drawing our attention to the gleam of water,
the new freshness of a cold morning,
the warmth of early evening sun in winter;
sharpening our senses as we explore the miracle of planet earth;
deepening the love between your people
as we recognise our fellowship
and accept responsibility for sustaining your life.

We praise you, and join in your dance and song of creation.

Loving Trinity, we praise you, three-in-one, one-in-three,
as we learn to spread the fellowship of your Trinity
among and between all living beings
and your living planet earth.

All praise be to you. Amen.

Confession

Merciful God,
as we praise you and give you thanks
we become aware of the ways in which we fail you,
as members of your broken body, the church,
as stewards of your life, your love, your creation
in this world, planet earth, our only home.
As those who inflict wounds on one another and your earth.
Be merciful to us.
As those who deny justice to your creation,
Be merciful to us.
As those who are blind to the devastation of your creation,
Be merciful to us.
As those who unthinkingly use more than our share
of the bounty of earth's resources,
Be merciful to us.
As those who continue to greedily consume
while others barely survive,
Be merciful to us.
As those who are deaf to the cry of your planet earth,
threatened and attacked by human greed,
Be merciful to us.

As those afraid of this world's torment,
 Be merciful to us.
As those who fear for the future of our children,
 Be merciful to us.

Forgiving God,
we know that you love us and will help us to change.
Give us the strength
 to overcome our weakness, our apathy, our fear;
that we may be co-creators with you
 in developing a more just society;
that this earth, our only home, may be a good home for all. Amen.

Readings Ezekiel 34:17-31; Psalm 65; John 10:10

A PRAYER BY JACKIE, AGED 10, SOUTH AFRICA

Think Eat. Save

Dear God

help me to think
about saving water
and food,

To think about others
that don't have food,
to save trees and
animals,

to always remember
that all Gods creatures
count.

by Jackie