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Special Edition



Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2024

We are entering the Season of Creation, or “[Creationtide](#)”, as the Church of England calls it. The Season starts on the World Day of Prayer for Creation, September 1, and ends on St. Francis Day, October 4.

The practice of celebrating and praying for Creation started in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople proclaimed September 1 as a World Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church.

The idea spread, and the day has now become a month-long [Season of Creation](#), observed by Christians of many denominations, including our own

Anglican Communion, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church, Lutherans, Methodists, etc.

The theme for the 2024 Season of Creation is “**To hope and act with Creation**”. The [official site](#) reminds us of the image from Romans of Creation groaning in labor pains. It says even though we are not treating Creation as the Mother that St. Paul portrays, “there is hope and the expectation for a better future.”

The symbol for this year’s Season of Creation is: The firstfruits of hope

“Hope is an instrument enabling us to overcome the natural law of decay. Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realize the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom to act not only to achieve enjoyment and prosperity, but to reach the stage in which we are free and responsible. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the firstfruits of hope emerge.”

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**



The Firstfruits of Hope

Season of Creation Resources

We hope you can celebrate Creation-tide in your parishes this year. There are various resources available to help you do this. Here are a few:

Bishop Provenzano and other Episcopal bishops have approved a special [lectionary and liturgies](#) (created by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts) which can be used for the Eucharist and Daily Office during the period.

The Episcopal Church headquarters has curated several resources which can be found [here](#).

Resources from the Anglican Communion can be found [here](#).

[Green Anglicans](#) has produced a manual with sermons and other resources from six women bishops from Kenya, Brazil, Lesotho, Eswatini and the UK. It can be found [here](#).

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to any member of the Creation Care Team – we are happy to help..

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