

ACTinG Bulletin #5

1. See you at the Prayer Trees Launch for the Season of Creation! Sunday 1st September at St Paul's Cathedral Sale and online.

Details: <https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/calendar/season-of-creation-2024>

2. Multi-faith Week of Climate Action 14th – 24th September

See page on Australian Religious Response to Climate Change:
<https://tinyurl.com/5xap5abs>

3. A new hymn for God's Creation

– especially suitable for the Season of Creation

This hymn was written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (2021) for the opening worship service of the US national Presbyterians for Earth Care conference in August of that year. It is in recognition of the devastating weather events across the US, including fires, heatwaves, hurricanes and floods as well as extreme weather events across the world.

It is a cry for action and responsibility; of the need for humanity to care for creation in response to God's desire for us all to thrive, including the Earth.

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Suggested tune: LEONI ('The God of Abraham Praise' / 'Praise to the Living God')

Through devastating storms

Through devastating storms, through times of heat and drought,
through fire and flood, creation mourns and so cries out.

As hot and cold extremes cause overwhelming need,
the earth bears witness to the cost of human greed.

We're always wanting more; we spend and build and buy .

To meet our wants, we hurt the poor – till many die.

The world that we have built is one we can't sustain,
and all around us, God's creation cries in pain.

Creator, by your grace, you give the gift of life –

You entered into time and space in Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit makes us strong to tend and heal and lift –
and helps us see creation as a sacred gift.

There's no time left to wait! May we be bold to give.

May we plant trees and advocate and gently live –

God, as we love the earth and love each other, too,
may we bring hope and healing to this world with you.

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