

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION FOR CREATION

VOR FRUE KIRKE | THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY | COPENHAGEN LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL
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PRELUDE TO THE SERVICE

Church on the Rock Choir, African Choir

Baba wety | Our Father, **SUNG IN KISWAHILI**

Aavaat, Greenlandic Choir

Nersortigu qilammiu pap | Let us Praise our Heavenly Father, **SUNG IN GREENLANDIC**

TUNE PAVIA CHEMNITZ **TEXT** RASMUS BERTHELSEN

Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir

Der er ingenting i verden så stille som sne | There is nothing in the world as silent as snow, **SUNG IN DANISH**

TUNE POVL HAMBURGER 1937 **TEXT** HELGE RODE 1896

INTRODUCTORY CHIMES

PROCESSION Three symbols of climate change are carried in the procession:
Glacier stones from Greenland, dried up maize from Africa, bleached chorals from the Pacific Ocean.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

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 praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TUNE 17TH CENTURY GERMAN

TEXT W.H. DRAPER 1855-1933

BASED ON ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S CANTICLE OF THE SUN

WELCOME

Rev. Ole Birch Methodist Church

Chairman, The National Council of Churches in Denmark Climate Working Group

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

The Very Rev. Anders Gadegaard, Dean, Copenhagen Lutheran Cathedral

President, The National Council of Churches in Denmark

CELSIUS I MUSIC DREAM HUB VISUALS OBSCURA

READING Psalm 136

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
who alone does great wonders,
who by understanding made the heavens,
who spread out the earth on the waters,
who made the great lights,
the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TUNE JOHN B. DYKES 1823-76 **TEXT** REGINALD HEBER 1783-1826

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS Symbols of climate change

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Henrik Stubkjær Secretary General, DanChurchAid

Bleached, dead coral from the Pacific Ocean - symbol of rising sea temperatures, polluted, suffering and dying ocean worlds.

Dried up maize from Africa - symbol of drought and desertification, of failed crops, human hunger and suffering.

Uncovered glacier stone from Greenland - symbol of melting polar worlds, of rising sea and river levels and loss of life-giving, mountain water sources.

Three symbols of climate change in three areas of the world. There could be a hundred more symbols of ecological imbalance, human struggle and suffering from many other places.

Lord, we lay in your hands these symbols of your suffering creation. Forgive us our part in the destruction of your carefully balanced world, our home and community. Help us heal and reconcile your earth.

PRAYER

Rev. Tofiga Falani The Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu

Holding a bleached coral from the Pacific Ocean.

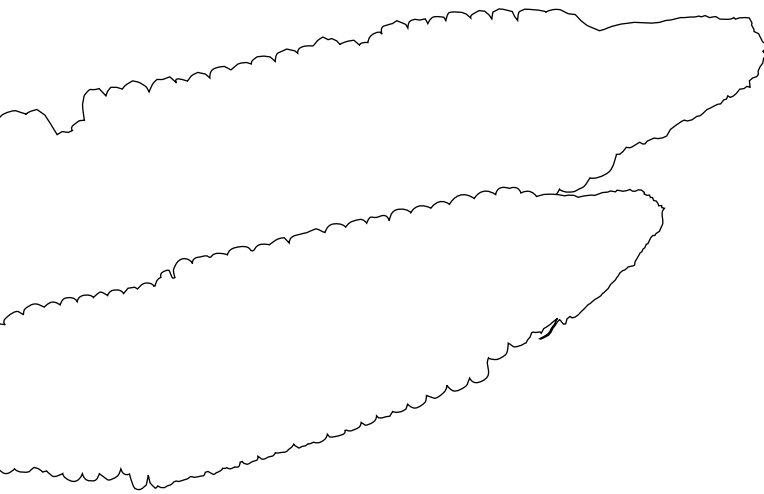
PRAYER

Rev. Suzanne Matale Secretary General, Christian Council of Zambia

Holding dried up maize from Africa.

Church on the Rock Choir

Omutwalo we zono zami | By God's Grace, SUNG IN ZULU



PRAYER

Bishop Sofie Petersen The Lutheran Church, Greenland
Holding an uncovered glacier stone from Greenland.

Aavaat

Ukiap seqerna pukkilisoq | The Autumn sun hangs low, **SUNG IN GREENLANDIC**

TEXT KRISTEN POULSEN

CELSIUS II MUSIC DREAM HUB VISUALS OBSCURA

READING 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26 (excerpts)

Sr. Anna Mirijam Kaschner CPS, Secretary General, The Nordic Conference of Catholic Bishops

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

HYMN Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in darkness now
My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love a-lone.
I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

TUNE AND TEXT DAN SCHUTTE, 1981

READING Romans 8: 19-25

Rev. Mads Christoffersen

Secretary General, The National Council of Churches in Denmark

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SERMON

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams

CELSIUS III MUSIC DREAM HUB VISUALS OBSCURA

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: we pray in each our own language

Most Rev. Gustavo Rodriguez Vega Bishop of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico

President, Caritas Mexicana.

Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir

I østen stiger solen op | The sun is rising in the east, SUNG IN DANISH

TUNE NIELS W. GADE TEXT B. S. INGEMANN, 1837

CANDLES ARE LIT

Introduction, The Very Rev. Anders Gadegaard, Dean

These candles give light and symbolise the light of Christ and of our hope and trust in the Lord. As we light our candles, passing the flame to our neighbour, we give light to each other. Let us bring this sign of hope with us out into the world.

HYMN You who have lit all the stars in the heavens

Sung as the candles are lit

1. You who have lit all the stars in the heavens,
light in our darkness a faith that can burn.
You are our lamp over all you have given;
may we sleep sound till the new day returns.
2. Thanks for the day full of light that has ended,
gift of Your kindness in meeting our need.
Grant us forgiveness where we have offended,
whether in thought or in word or in deed!
3. Thanks for the moments our hearts filled with gladness,
each time You led us to know we are blessed.
Help us to bear every burden or sadness,
You alone know for our lives what is best.
4. Thanks for our helpers each time we succeeded,
when it was hard to know which way to seek.
Help us tomorrow to help those who need it,
meet us Yourself in the small and the weak!
5. You who have lit all the stars in the heavens,
fighting against the world's darkness and sin,
You are the Father of all we are given,
light in that darkness which comes from within.

TUNE ERIK SOMMER 1981 **TEXT** JOHANNES JOHANSEN 1981

BLESSING

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS RING 350 TIMES

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

HYMN YOU ARE INVITED TO SING IN EITHER DANISH OR ENGLISH

Dejlig er Jorden

1. Dejlig er jorden!
Prægtig er Guds Himmell!
Skøn er sjælenes pilgrimsgang!
Gennem de favre
riger på jorden
går vi til Paradis med sang.
2. Tider skal komme,
tider skal henrulle,
slægt skal følge slægters gang;
aldrig forstummer
tonen fra Himlen
i sjælens glade pilgrimssang.
3. Englene sang den
først for markens hyrder;
skønt fra sjæl til sjæl det lød:
Fred over jorden!
Menneske, fryd dig,
os er en evig frelser fød!

TUNE SCHLESIAN 18TH CENTURY **TEXT** B.S. INGEMANN

Beautiful is the earth

1. Beautiful is the earth!
Wonderful God's heaven!
Lovely the path that we walk along!
Souls on the pilgrim way
through earthly kingdoms
we go to Paradise with song.
2. Ages shall come to be,
ages shall roll by,
each generation succeed the last;
yet shall the heav'nly sound
never fall silent –
the pilgrims' song is unsurpassed.
3. Angel choirs sang it
first for watchful shepherds,
full from soul to soul that dawn:
Peace over all the earth!
People, rejoice and sing,
to us is a Redeemer born!

TUNE SCHLESIAN 18TH CENTURY **TEXT** B.S. INGEMANN



GLOBAL BELL-RINGING FOR CREATION AND THE CLIMATE

At 15.00 the Cathedral bells, and church bells throughout Denmark, Scandinavia and Central Europe, will ring 350 times. This connects with the global chain of prayers and bell-ringing for creation and the climate that started in Fiji in the South Pacific early today, sounding through all time-zones to Copenhagen, on to Greenland, where all churches will ring, right around the earth and back to the South Pacific where the day ends. 350 refers to 350ppm (parts per million), the maximum acceptable level of CO₂ emissions, according to the UN.

All Bible texts from New Revised Standard Version
For the full liturgy and the sermon, see gronkirke.dk

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