



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Introducing the Season of Creation

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has joined the international and ecumenical world in celebrating a Season of Creation from September 1st to October 4th, the Feast of St Francis? The Season of Creation began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

Members of the Anglican Communion, including some dioceses in the Episcopal Church USA, have joined in this celebration on Sundays and throughout the season, liturgically and otherwise.

*The observance of the Season of Creation is intended to help us
“celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that
God entrusted to our care.”*

In 2022, the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church embraced being part of this movement and recognized climate change as “an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency that impacts and interconnects every aspect of pastoral concern including health, poverty, employment, racism, social justice, and family life and that can only be addressed by a Great Work involving every sector of society, including the Church.” <https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>

Bishop Paula Clark has approved the celebration of the Season of Creation in parishes in the Diocese of Chicago. This year All Saints will join with churches around the world in this five-week celebration. This year the theme chosen for the Season of Creation will be “Peace with Creation.”

“We’ve only just begun,” as an old song says. Details to follow next week!