

# Preparing for the Season Creation Diocesan Worship Saturday September 21, 2024



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

We are looking forward to welcoming people from across our Diocese to this celebration of the Season of Creation. We hope you will come as a delegation from your parish to bring prayers, symbols and stories of your particular place in creation to be incorporated into the liturgy, and shared with the gathered community.

We are inviting you to prepare for the celebration with the following mini-workshop.

### 1. HAVE A CONVERSATION

Gather to pray and reflect on your place. We suggest using the prayers found [here](#).

#### *Question to explore*

- What do you know about your place?
- What watershed is your parish located in? What are the major waterways?
- What are the stories of indigenous and settler communities here?
- What animals and plants flourish in your place?
- How is land primarily used?
- What are the environmental concerns in your watershed?
- What do you love about your place?
- What needs to be done to safeguard it?

### 2. GO FOR A WALK

Take a walk in the neighbourhood of your parish.

You may also choose to walk in silence for part of the time, and in conversation with a partner about what you noticed. These questions might help your reflection: Where do you see creation flourishing? Where is it under pressure?

### 3. WATER FROM YOUR WATERSHED

Just as the many watersheds within our Diocese ultimately flow into Lake Ontario, parishes from every part of the Diocese are invited to bring water from their watershed which will be poured into a single receptacle in the liturgy.

### 4. SYMBOLS, STORIES AND PRAYERS

We invite you to bring something to share with the rest of the community about your place. Here are some suggestions to spark your imaginations:

- A display board about your watershed, which will be placed in the narthex of the cathedral.
- A short video (on a laptop) featuring the voices children and youth in your parish
- A series of photographic images telling the story of your place
- Please note: if you are preparing a visual display, please keep it to what can be shown on an easel or a three fold display board.
- An intercession for creation that reflects the concerns in your particular place (please send it to [creation.care@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:creation.care@toronto.anglican.ca) by **Friday, Sept. 13, 2024**)

Do you have questions? Can we help with resources?

Please reach out to the Bishop's Committee on Creation Care at [creation.care@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:creation.care@toronto.anglican.ca)