

# Season of Creation Events & Resources Diocese of Olympia 2023

From September 1st, [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#), to October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi Day, Christians all over the globe celebrate the [Season of Creation](#) (SoC). **This year's theme is Let Justice and Peace Flow.** Find more resources below!

At our last Diocesan Convention, we voted to adopt the Season of Creation. Thus, we "commend to and encourage all congregations in our diocese to study and creatively adapt to celebrate and better understand Creation in their locality!" You can read the full resolution [here](#) (#5, page 11). The Commission on Liturgy & Arts have also put this [liturgical resource](#) together.

We will be updating this document, especially as additional events are shared! Is your church doing something special for SoC? **Please submit any events or resources to Adrienne at [aelliott@ecww.org](mailto:aelliott@ecww.org) and indicate if it is a diocesan or parish event.**

## EVENTS

### In the Diocese

- [Holy Hikes @ Rainbow Falls, Chehalis](#) | **Saturday, 9/9 @ 10:00 am**  
Join us as we gather on trails up and down the I-5 corridor to hike and share readings from scripture, prayers, silence, conversation, and (when there's a priest on hand) the bread and wine of the Eucharist.
- [Climate Conversations: Being a Voice for Conservation and Creation Care](#) | **Thursday, 9/14 @ 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Hosted by Saint Mark's Creation Care Ministry every 3rd Thursday. [Register here.](#)
- **Diocesan Roundtable @ Convene | Saturday, September 30, time TBD**  
Join us at [Convene](#) for an in-person meet up to connect and network around Creation Care and Climate Justice. We'd love to hear how the Season of Creation and Creation Care work over the last year have gone.

\*\*\*Convene workshops in development: Cooling Centers & churchwide Creation Care Curriculum...Get in touch if you've hosted a Cooling Center!!

*Are you hosting a Creation Care-themed workshop or exhibit at Convene? [Let us know so we can share!](#)*

### **Beyond the Diocese**

- **Creation Care Compline | Monday, 9/18 @ 6:00 pm**

The Episcopal church-wide [Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism](#) invites you to a monthly compline on creation care, environmental justice, and eco-spirituality. All are welcome. [Register here.](#)

*This events list is a work in progress! Check back for more and share some of the events you've seen!*

### **SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES**

- Diocese of Olympia [liturgical resource](#)
- Season of Creation [website](#), [guide](#), and [promotional materials](#)
- The Episcopal Church SoC & St. Francis Day [website](#)
- Other dioceses' resources (not approved but great ideas!):
  - [Dio Mass liturgical resource Creation Season 2023](#): "Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration" is a curated liturgical resource authorized by bishops across the church.
    - We may try to get the 2023 version authorized because 2022's was such a wonderful resource!!
  - Anglican Communion Environmental Network [website](#) with links to global Communion SoC liturgical guides

### **OTHER CREATION CARE RESOURCES**

- ["Love God, Love God's World"](#) is a nine-session, film-based curriculum, set to be released around St. Francis Day (10/4). It is ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience.

Rev. Rachel Taber Hamilton and Adrienne Elliott are both session authors. Please email Adrienne if your church would like to pilot a few sessions! Use

this opportunity to gather a small group for transformation and action following Season of Creation!!

- [Hymns](#) for Creation Care
- **Liturgical [resources](#)** from the Diocese of AZ
- Creation Justice Ministries [Resource Hub](#)
- **Youth and young adult resources**
  - Seed planting [activity](#)
  - Butterfly raising [instructions](#)
  - Climate Justice Curriculum for Youth and Young Adults  
Written by the Rev. Nurya Love Parish  
[Easter People: Faith Practice and Climate Justice](#) is a creative lesson plan for middle school, high school, or young adults.
- **Climate Action [tool](#)**

This is a great starting point for folks, new and seasoned. The videos are generative for discussion either informally, or at a forum. Contact [Libby Carr](#) to accompany you or a group through this resource.
- **Climate Advocacy opportunities** from [Earth Ministry/WA Interfaith Power & Light](#) and the [Episcopal Office of Government Relations](#)
- **Renewing the Life of the Earth: An Eco-Theology [Resource](#)**

This new Anglican Communion resource includes a set of excellent video presentations on ecological theology and practice. The videos present a range of voices from across the communion and are designed for anyone who wants to engage with issues relating to ecological theology and practice, including theological colleges and church programs. Episcopal Church leaders, including the Rev. Richard Acosta and the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, contributed short videos about how the church's mission must change in a time of climate/ecological emergency.
- **Ocean Equity Collective Language [Guide](#)**

The Ocean Equity Collective is a coalition of BIPOC-led organizations and people focused on holistic ocean conservation, protection, and appreciation. Their goal is to foster the next generation of ocean stewardship and create a community-centered sustainability movement where all people can access and cherish the ocean's ecosystems. Their mission is to address historical inequities in the ocean conservation movement and include historically excluded communities in the protection and enjoyment of the ocean's ecosystems. To aid community support work, they have created a language

guide to help individuals, organizations, and corporations better communicate with communities and decolonize their language.

## UPCOMING

- **Climate Conversations:** Climate-friendly Clothing Choices | **Thursday, 8/10 @ 6:30-7:30 pm.** Hosted by Saint Mark's Creation Care Ministry every 3rd Thursday. **Register here.**
- **Creation Care Compline | 3rd Mondays @ 6:00 pm, monthly...8/21 and 9/18**  
The Episcopal church-wide **Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism** invites you to a monthly compline on creation care, environmental justice, and eco-spirituality. All are welcome. **Register here.**
- **Dig Deeper: a 20s/30s Initiative for Food Justice**  
Come explore ways to grow, harvest, share, and repurpose food in community and advocate for a more just food system. Dig Deeper will provide opportunities for young adults to produce and share nutritious foods with others while learning techniques and practices that reclaim land and restore habitats.

Dig Deeper is a food justice initiative made possible by a grant from The Episcopal Church's Young Adult and Campus Ministry to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Saint Mark's is partnering with the Diocese of Olympia, Seattle University, and Nurturing Roots Farm to create opportunities for young adults to participate in the work of food justice. You can follow Nurturing Roots on Instagram (@nurturingrootsfarm) for ways to support this beautiful urban farm in their displacement.

For more information about Dig Deeper and opportunities ahead, visit the Dig Deeper **website**. For questions or to be part of the Dig Deeper planning crew, contact **Emily Meeks**.

- **Celebrating Faith in the Garden: Agrarian Feast Days Resource**  
Connect the worshipping life of your congregation with your Good News Ministry! Celebrating Faith in the Garden highlights those minor feasts and

fasts of the church year that connect our liturgical life with our agrarian life. View and download the resource [here](#).



## Celebrating Faith in the Garden

Honoring the intersection of agrarian and liturgical life.

### Winter

**Advent** - The four Sundays before Christmas. Consider using natural elements for your Advent wreaths and using beeswax sheets to make your candles.

**Feast of Saint Brigid, February 1 - Eve of February 2**, - patron saint of cattle, dairymaids, and chicken farmers. A common tradition is to make crosses out of reeds or straw.

**Candlemas**, February 2, - the halfway point between the winter solstice (Yule) and the spring equinox (Ostara) (also known as Imbolc.) Candlemas is traditionally a time to have candles blessed that you then use in your home for holy days and feasts. Common foods are crepes (a French tradition) or tamales (a Mexican tradition.)

**Saint Abigail**, February 11 - patron saint of honeybees and beekeepers.

### Spring

**Saint Gertrude of Nivelles**, March 17 - patron saint of cats (including barn and garden cats!)

**Easter** - Always a wonderful time to celebrate new life, in the garden and in the barnyards.

**Rogation Days**, three days before Ascension Day. These are the major liturgical days that honor agrarian life.

**Saint Isidore**, May 15, - patron saint of farmers.

**Saint Honoré** May 16 - patron saint of bakers.

### Summer

**Corpus Christ**, June 8 - the day we honor the bread and the wine, the body and the blood. A good day for bread baking and wine making.

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary**, August 15 - A wonderful day to hold a Blessing of the Herbs (a tradition harking back to medieval times.)

### Autumn

**Creationtide or the Season of Creation**, September 1 - October 4 - Learn more at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources/>

**Saint Fiacre**, September 1, - patron saint of gardeners.

**Hildegard of Bingen**, September 17 - Considered by scholars to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

**Michaelmas, the Feast of Michael and the Archangels**, September 29 - Often tied to autumn rogation days. Michaelmas is often honored with large harvest-themed celebrations, and apple dishes.

**Feast of Saint Francis**, October 6 - A time to host the Blessing of the Animals.

**Saint Martin's Day**, November 11 - A day associated with the harvesting of the hogs in Iberia, and drinking the first of the new wine all over Europe. (It is also a holiday festival in Germany with a lot of fun traditions.)