

Hymn 934

God, whose almighty Word
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 chaos, and darkness heard,
 and took their flight;
 hear us, we humbly pray
 and where the Gospel-day
 sheds not its glorious ray
 let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
 On your redeeming wing
 healing and sight,
 health to the sick of mind,
 sight to the inly blind,
 ah! Now to all mankind
 let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love
 life-giving, holy, dove,
 speed forth your flight!
 Move on the waters face,
 bearing the lamp of grace,
 and in earth's darkest place,
 let there be light!

Blessed and glorious three,
 glorious Trinity,
 wisdom, love, might;
 boundless as ocean tide,
 rolling in fullest pride
 through the world far and wide
 let there be light!

Hymn 720

Be still, for the presence of the Lord
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 the Holy One is here.
 Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
 In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
 He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
 How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light.
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
 He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
 No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
 Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Hymns

Hymn 779

O God, you search me and you know me
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 All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
 When I walk or lie down you are before me;
 ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
 You discern my purpose from afar.
 And with love everlasting you besiege me:
 in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord.
 You have known its meaning thorough and through.
 You are with me, beyond my understanding:
 God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
 still I search for shelter from your light.
 There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
 even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
 gave me life within my mother's womb.
 For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
 safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Hymn 945

Now thank we all our God
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 with heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done,
 In Whom this world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
 And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
 The Son and Him Who reigns
 with Them in highest Heaven;
 The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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The Season of Creation

Guardians of Creation:

During 2020 there was a great deal of discussion nationally about 'net-zero' targets and 'carbon neutrality'. It became clear that a conversation was needed as to what this meant to the Catholic Church and how to go about addressing the issues raised. In response, the Guardians of Creation project was developed. Launched in December 2020, Guardians of Creation is a collaborative project that aims to help the Catholic community in England and Wales work towards a carbon-neutral and more sustainable future, inspired by the teachings of Laudato Si'.

Decarbonisation Now, the Guardians of Creation project is helping to turn the Bishops' objectives into concrete action, developing a body of guidance that can be implemented by dioceses in the UK to help them make decisions about their decarbonisation journey. The team regularly consult with dioceses to ensure that the work they produce is as relevant as possible to everyone – listening to as wide a group as possible. Already there has been a huge amount of activity from the grassroots to the Vatican, and the support the team has received has been phenomenal, for which they are grateful.

The first report produced, 'Guidance on developing strategy for decarbonising Catholic diocesan building stocks', was issued in June 2021 to help diocesan teams think through the challenges of decarbonisation for their buildings. The writing and discussion of this report has raised several questions that the team are working on. In some cases, they have been able to make suggestions quickly, but for more fundamental questions it is still a work-in-progress. This is, of course, precisely what the project is for. The process of decarbonising a diocese is not simple, and finding ways to integrate new ways of doing things will never be quick and easy, but by drawing on a wealth of experience the project is making a lot of progress. Most of the resources produced are at a management level, but the consultation and implementation of this work extends to the whole diocesan family, and Guardians of Creation are working with the Ecological Conversion Group on their parish facing work. .

What's next? Starting with its launch back in December 2020, the Guardians of Creation project will continue until Autumn 2022. During the lifetime of this project, guidance will continue being issued on practical elements of sustainable change, like carbon accounting and environmental management within a diocese, social and theological aspects of sustainability in the Catholic Church and practical environmental action within schools. Parish-facing resources will also be available from the Ecological Conversion Group from Autumn 2021.

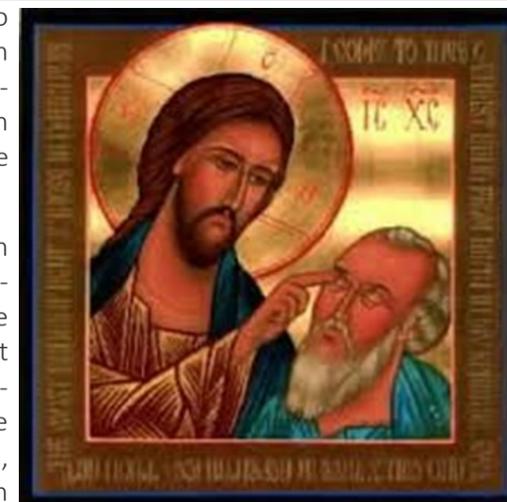
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