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# Openings and closings for worship:

## Season of Creation 2026 (or whenever)

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### Opening week 1 [NEW LECTIONARY]

#### OPTION 1

To begin  
**God makes**  
To make  
**God shares**  
To share  
**God calls**  
To call  
**God breathes**  
To life  
**the Word is flesh**

#### OPTION 2

We are God's gift  
**when we serve and protect**  
We are God's people  
**when we listen and act**  
We are Christ's friends  
**in abundant variety**  
We are the Earth  
**for the good of the World!**

### Closing week 1 [NEW LECTIONARY]

To sustain  
**God makes**  
To share  
**God calls us**  
To call  
**God sends Christ**  
To Christ  
**We offer what we are,**  
**what we have**  
To the glory of God  
in the good of the world  
**With faith, with hope, with love.**

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### Opening week 1 [OLD LECTIONARY]

Beyond every wilderness:  
**God makes the ground holy!**  
Bushes are blazing:  
**We're called to respond!**  
Our faith calls for patience  
**and action, with urgency**  
Christ is our guide  
**And our Light, and our Way!**

**Closing week 1**  
**[OLD LECTIONARY]**

God has called  
**we have heard;**  
we have stood  
**on holy ground!**  
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**Opening week 2**

The song for the downtrodden  
**is sung by the Soil**

The song for survivors  
**is sung by the Sea**

The birds of the heavens:  
**their song fills the sky**

And God's blessing 's bequeathed to  
the creatures excluded  
**for they shall inherit the Earth**

**Closing week 2**

Praise God for our differences  
**Heal our divisions!**

Praise God for our freedoms  
**Guide our bold choices!**

Join Earth's many voices  
**for justice, for love!**  
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**Opening week 3**

What is it? we say!  
**"Bread from heaven!", says God!**

What's it for? we say!  
**"How to live!" says God!**

What are you? we say!  
**"[Your] Flesh and blood!" says Christ!**

Who's our neighbour,? we say!  
**Who isn't?" says God!**

**Closing week 3**

We may have grumbled  
**but God has responded**

God has responded  
**And we have been fed**

Still we may wander,  
still we need healing  
**Though Christ wanders with us,  
for all the world's good!**  
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**Opening week 4**

Our Guiding God,  
your Word so strongly  
gives the lead  
**Your Word made flesh and heard  
in righteous living**

Our Patient God,  
your faithfulness is urgent  
**Love expressed through justice  
cannot wait**

Our God of Green and Growing;  
all authority is yours  
**the God of human life - alive in all**

**Closing week 4**

When our wells have run dry  
**you befriend us with water**

We doubt our own value  
**Yet you disagree**

When we're scared to be vulnerable  
**You lead from the cross**

When we're trapped in denial  
**You speak through Earth and Sky**  
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**Opening WEEK 5**

Sustainer and teacher  
of all who have breath

**Guide us, that love be our law**

God worthy of worship, of loyalty  
and listening

**Guide us, that love be our law**

Christ, sent for our flourishing, nailed  
to the tree

**Guide us, that love be our law**

Wild wind, blowing for freedom,  
shaking the branches

**Guide us, that love be our law**

**Closing WEEK 5**

Bless us, God,  
who parts the seas for freedom!

**Lead us, teach us, feed us!**

Bless us, Christ,  
with powerful stories!

**Lead us, teach us, feed us!**

Bless us, Breath of Life unbounded!  
**teach, inspire, empower us!**

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**UNDATED - BUT ROAD-TESTED****Opening**

God's house which we share  
**holds a lovely variety**

where all of Earth's dwellers  
**need neighbours and friends**

As Christ teaches: we learn  
**from the birds and the trees**

to replenish and care:  
**making every breath praise**

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**Opening**

God loves us and leads  
**in the care of Creation**

So be wary, like sheep  
**of the the thief  
and the robber**

Seek advice from Earth's Creatures  
**And they will instruct!**

**Closing**

Be grateful for "green things"  
**who feed and sustain us**

Be wise and be wary  
**of "wisdom" that harms**

`for when Christ calls our name  
then there's joy in the journey  
**for justice, for peace, and for love!**

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**Opening**

So much is impossible when we  
give up!

**But when we work with God...**

When we're mired in the mess that  
we've made

then we're stuck!

**But when we work with God...**

For we see and we grasp just a part  
of Creation

**But when we work with God....**

**Closing**

Christ comes to his friends  
**when all's too late**

Christ changes our minds  
**when all is lost**

Christ speaks with a beauty  
**we dare not call real**

Then surprises  
**with healing and hope!**

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