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Liturgical Date: Year B, 5th September 2021

Seasons of Creation, "Earth".

Presenter **Pastor Kim Langford**

Focus Readings Genesis 1:1-25

Message 10 minutes 53 seconds **"The Earth at Centre Stage"**

Discussion Starters

- 1** Imagine the scene unfolding in Genesis 1:1-25. What signs, sounds and other sensations are you most aware of?
- 2** How important is it for you to have a 'creation' story and in what ways does it shape your everyday life? Are there other creation stories from other cultures that have value?
- 3** Can you identify any practices that already have, or could take on, that would help put the earth at centre stage?
- 4** Reflect on ways that the Christian tradition places Jesus amid the earth's story. What differences does it make that Jesus lived on this same earth and drew inspiration from the earth in how he taught wisdom?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 33:1-9 The earth and all its inhabitants fear the Lord "because when (God) spoke, it happened.

Romans 1:18-23 Mankind is guilty of worshipping the things that God has created rather than worshipping him as the creator. They have become foolish.

John 1:1-14 "In the beginning was the Word". When the time was right, the eternal God entered our world in Jesus, bringing light where there was darkness.

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All Age Message **"God's Earth"**

Length 4 Minutes 0 seconds

Precis of AAM

There are so many things that earth provides that please us and make us thankful. However, we are just a very small part of God's creation and if each of us does a small thing to take care of our earth then we are part of something much bigger.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 33: 1-9, page 271-272

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