



## **A Service of Holy Communion for Creationtide**

In the book of Genesis we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good”. Rich, diverse and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory.

We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s creation. Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom and compassion, we are called to care for God’s creation.

During Creationtide the church celebrates the Creator and God’s Creation. We confess our abuses of creation and seek inspiration to

find ways of living in balance with the world God reconciled to himself through Christ.

*One of the Church Wardens will introduce the service and then we will stand as the ministry team process into church*

## The Gathering

In the name of God,  
Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be used*

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

God's whole creation groans.  
The land produces thorns and thistle

and longs to be set free.  
Our sin affects all around us.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel for the confession*

**Creator God,**  
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.  
**We have broken our relationships with one another,**  
**abused your fragile creation,**  
**wounded your love**  
**and marred your holy image in us.**  
**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**  
**Father, forgive us.**  
**Lead us from apathy to love.**  
**Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people**  
**and of your glorious creation,**  
**for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for**  
**us. Amen**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*We sign the Gloria*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father  
To God be glory forever  
Alleluia, amen  
Alleluia, amen**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus  
To God be glory forever  
Alleluia, amen  
Alleluia, amen**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit  
To God be glory forever  
Alleluia, amen  
Alleluia, amen**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*The Collect is said and we respond:*

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for the readings*

*At the end of each reading, the speaker says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## The Creed

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
for by his will they were created and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son who was slain,  
for with his blood he purchased us for God  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit.  
The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'.  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers*

*These responses may be used*

**Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.**

*or*     **Lord hear us  
Lord, graciously hear  
us**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand*

God has called us to live in peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

*or*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*or*

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We stay in our seats and use sign language to offer the peace to each other.*

## The Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints

to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on  
us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on  
us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith,  
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*At this time we are only allowed to share the bread. To avoid confusion and people getting too close to each other please stay in your seat and the Priest will bring Communion to you rather than queuing at the chancel step. If you have hand sanitiser with*

*you and can sanitise your hands at this point it would be helpful. If you don't normally receive or aren't comfortable receiving the bread at the moment please let the Priest know and they will pray a silent blessing upon you*

We are a community gathering together online as well as in church. A physical barrier to receiving Communion is no barrier spiritually and so we invite those who have not received the bread to join us in this prayer of spiritual Communion.

**My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen. (St Alphonsus)**

*The post Communion Prayer is said*

**Lord of all creation,  
as we have received the Holy Sacrament  
so with joy we celebrate your goodness  
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please sit for any notices*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Please wait for one of the sides people to show you out of church as we will be doing this row by row to maintain social distancing.

Each week as part of our worship we offer our gifts of money to the church. These offerings are a response to the generosity of God and vital to sustain ministry in this community.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions we have to do this differently at the moment so the collection plate will be at the back of church as you leave. You can also donate using

the contactless card reader, the sides people will help you with this. To all those giving by Direct Debit, thank you.