

A Service of Holy Communion for Creation-tide

1st September to 4th October

The Gathering

The service is preceded by a period of silence for personal reflection.

At the entry of the minister(s) a hymn or song may be sung.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The minister welcomes the people and introduces the service.

All Let us pray together as we prepare to worship God
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

A LAMENT FOR A TIME OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CRISIS

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

The land mourns; and all who dwell on it languish.

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air:
and even the fish of the sea are perishing.

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

For the earth is scorched with fire:
the air polluted, and the waters choked with waste.

The ice melts and the seas rage:
the waters surge and floods devastate the land.

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

The water springs are silent, and the streams run dry:
the green places are a dry land where there is no water

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

The fertile ground is exhausted:
the land has become a parched and windswept wasteland.

The holy cities have become a wilderness,
Zion has become a desolation.

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

So turn us again, O Lord: and come to our help.

Drop down, O heavens, from above:
and let righteousness rain down upon the poor.

Let the earth open: and let wholeness and healing spring forth

Then the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad:
the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

The mountains and hills shall break forth into singing:
and the trees of the forest shall clap their hands

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now
And shall be for ever. Amen.**

All The land cries out to you, O Lord.

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take creation
and God's gifts for granted.

Silence is kept

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word¹

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

¹ Lectionary readings for the day may be used. Other suggested readings are provided on pp. 99-101 of *A Time for Creation: Liturgical Resources for Creation and the Environment* (Church House Publishing, 2020).

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung.

Gospel Reading

This acclamation may herald the Gospel reading

Alleluia, Alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All Glory to you O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon or Address

The Creed

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession²

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

² Intercessions may be prepared locally. Alternatively, some suggested forms of Intercession are available on pp. 65-72 of *A Time for Creation: Liturgical Resources for Creation and the Environment* (Church House Publishing, 2020).

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
You bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
You create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because in him, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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.]**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said in this or another form

**All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation**

but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **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.

The president and people receive communion.

Prayers after Communion

God our Creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory,
Amen.

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

An act of commitment for the care of creation

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, The Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

All **Lord of life and giver of hope,**
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.

All **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Blessing

May God
who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,

lead us and feed us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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