

Holy Communion

Creation Season



***Open to God, open to one
another, open to the
community***

Welcome to our service this morning, from wherever you join us. We worship together, whether physically in the building or joining us online. We may be scattered physically, but we worship together as the family of God. May each one of us be blessed as we sing, pray and reflect together.

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.

*This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.*

Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.’

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The Gathering

Hymn

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

The Spirit of God hovered over the water

And brought life to all creation

Come Holy Spirit

And renew the face of the earth

Welcome

Words of welcome and introduction

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.

Prayer of Penitence

The grace of God dawns upon the earth with healing for all. Let us come in penitence and in faith seeking healing and salvation

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ, who 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 the kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Collect

Creator God, you never cease the work you have begun
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may seek to serve goodness, protect this fragile world,
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things of your creation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

One or more Bible readings are heard, followed by;

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**
or
Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**
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

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. *Isaiah 55 v 12*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn

The Preparation of the Table

Gracious God accept the offering of your Church; the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord **Amen**

The 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

And now we give you thanks,
because you made all creation and declared that it was good.
We are created in your own image
and appointed to be stewards of your creation in all its wonder.
We are made to praise you day by day for the marvels we see around us,
from the tiny seed to the far distant stars,
so earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you loving Father,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord;
And as we obey his command,
Send your Holy Spirit
That broken bread and wine outpoured
May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
And, taking bread, he praised you
he broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine,
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So Father we remember all that Jesus did
In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
Made once for all upon the cross
Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
We proclaim his death and resurrection
Until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Lord of all life,
Help us to work for that day
When your kingdom comes
And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth

Look with favour on your people
Gather us in your loving arms
And bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nicolas and all the saints
To feast at your table in heaven

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
All honour and glory are yours O loving Father
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.
And 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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world
God is here among us, light in the midst of us, Bring us to light and life

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The invitation to Communion is extended to all those worshipping with us today, whether in the physical bread we can touch with our bodies or the spiritual communion with God who comes to us wherever we are. Come to God honestly, in the way you know how. In silence, in music or in words. This prayer, or one like it has been helpful for some people.

Dear Christ, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. May I never be separated from you. Amen *(After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen

silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

The minister prays the post communion prayer, and then we say together:

**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.**

Notices

The Blessing

May God the creator fill us with creativity and wonder **Amen**

May Christ who lived and walked among us fill us with kindness **Amen**

May the Holy Spirit who is around us and within us fill us with the desire for justice and peace **Amen**

And the blessing....

Final hymn

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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