

A Service of Holy Communion at Creation-tide

The Gathering

Hymn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Prayer of Preparation

Here together, we bring our yearning for change

The Creator is among us

Here together, we own our connection with all things

Christ is before us

Here together, we listen for God's word

The Spirit is upon us

Here together, we meet around your table,

Loving Trinity within us

Here together, we pledge ourselves to action.

Praise God, who wrestles alongside us.

Prayers of Penitence

We acknowledge the violence in our hearts wounded by sin towards the soil, the water, the air and all forms of life.

Lord have mercy.

We confess our carbon footprints, our failure to consider the consequences of our actions, our slowness to act. Your earth is exploited, and we are complicit.

Lord have mercy.

We confess that we have taken too much not considering the needs of future life on this earth. We have become consumers, turning a blind eye to greed.

Lord have mercy.

We ask your forgiveness for our ecological debts and grace for conversion of life. Lord Jesus Christ, we seek a fresh encounter with you who holds all the creatures of this world to yourself.

Lord have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
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

The Collect is said, and all respond

Amen.

Readings

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith: We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Intercessions

The prayers may end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Peace

The president will introduce the peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

During the hymn the gifts of the people may be gathered

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
In your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

The Lord's Prayer

We sit Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We welcome all baptized Christians to receive Communion. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet with you to the rail. On receiving Communion or a blessing, please respond **Amen***

Prayer after communion

The Post communion Prayer is said

All say

Lord God,

with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation

and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us

and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices and Banns

Hymn

The Blessing and Dismissal

The president will use a suitable blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Prayer H

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