



Order of Service for Holy Communion

Creationtide

St Paul's Wimbledon Park

September / October

Every act of worship should be one that is thankful for all of the mysteries and wonders of God's creation but, in a special way, Creationtide follows the Psalmists' call to join our song of praise with the forests, rivers and fields who bring their own praise to the Creator.

Our common home is crying out to be cherished and our thankful praise should stir us to action and to tread more gently on the earth and care for our shared environment.

This liturgy explores the themes of creation and the environment to help the church proclaim '*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*'

The Church of England, has endorsed the observance of a 'Time for Creation', from 1 September (the first day of the church year for the Orthodox Churches) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). St Paul's will conclude our celebration of Creationtide with Harvest Festival.

Order One Holy Communion The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

(or)

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

All **and also with you.**

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

All **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

The president may use this seasonal invitation to confession or other suitable words

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith. cf Romans 8.22,23

(or)

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

(or)

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of
the world.

Kyrie Confessions

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

(or)

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

(or)

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.**

Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Absolution

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.

All **Amen**

(or)

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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.**

(or)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

All Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

All Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

All Alleluia, Amen!

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Traditional Peruvian

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word Readings

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

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used between the readings.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.

All Alleluia.

cf Hebrews 1.2

This may be used for Harvest

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia.

cf John 4.35,36

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

[Baptism]

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used, or on occasion the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith may be used.

**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.**

(or)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers with these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **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

The president may introduce the Peace with these or another suitable sentence:

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.

(or for Harvest)

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The president then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
A hymn may be sung.*

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

Prayer of Preparation

The president may say

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.

All **Amen.**

(or)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

(or)

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 *(or)* The Lord is here.
All **and also with you.** **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

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:

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.

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:

All **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.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with St Paul and 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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

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.**

(or)

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations to 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.

(or)

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(or)

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

The president and people receive communion.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

**All Lord of all Creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
Fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
And commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,

pour his blessings 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.

All Amen.

(or)

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

(or)

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

A minister says

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.