

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 it is 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.**

Words of invitation to Communion

Communion

Post Communion prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee 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

Blessing (Please stand.)

Sending Prayer (adapted from St Theresa of Avila)

**Christ has no body now but ours.
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Ours are the hands through which he blesses all of creation.
Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but ours.**

We will tend the earth,
care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
We go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Archbishop's Council of the Church of England.

Vox Vinea <https://voxveniae.com/2010/09/liturgy-reflection-benediction-9-26-10/>
Sam Wells & Abigail Kocher, Joining the Angel's Song, Canterbury Press 2016

Creationtide Communion Service – Let the waters be separated!

The LORD be with you **And also with you.**
The earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it,
the world and all who live in it.
Let the heavens rejoice **and the earth be glad!**

(excerpts Psalm 24 & 96)

We keep a short silence to still our hearts.

**Lord God, as we come into your presence,
still our bodies, open our hearts and focus our minds,
that we may know your Spirit drawing us closer to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May God the Father forgive us in Christ and heal us by the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Word

Genesis 1 v 6-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63

My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦
my soul is athirst for you.

2 **My flesh also faints for you, ♦**

as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦
that I might behold your power and your glory.

4 **Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦
and so my lips shall praise you.**
5 I will bless you as long as I live ♦
and lift up my hands in your name.
6 **My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**
7 When I remember you upon my bed ♦
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
8 **For you have been my helper ♦
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**
9 My soul clings to you; ♦
your right hand shall hold me fast.
10 **But those who seek my soul to destroy it ♦
shall go down to the depths of the earth;**
11 Let them fall by the edge of the sword ♦
and become a portion for jackals.
12 **But the king shall rejoice in God;
all those who swear by him shall be glad, ♦
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.**

My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

To you we come, radiant Lord, the goal of all our desiring,
beyond all earthly beauty; gentle protector, strong deliverer,
in the night you are our confidence; from first light be our joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel (Please stand.)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (4 v 1-26)
Glory to you O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Reflection (Please be seated.)

A Creed for Creationtide (Please stand.)

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, God's greatest gift of all
Who takes the smallest of seeds, a mere whisper of faith,
and brings forth a harvest of good things.
We will take all that Christ has given us;
our gifts, our talents, our very selves,**

**so that Christ can walk our streets once more.
We believe in God's Spirit of Truth,
Bringing to fruition all that has been given;
Gentle as a breeze or as shocking as a storm,
We will allow God's gifts to be stirred to life in us;
Breathing, living, laughing in our world
so that all may know the harvest of God's love. Alleluia! Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel.)

God of Love **Hear our prayer**

We end our intercessions with a prayer of peace.

**Peace from God who is our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son
Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, who is
our life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with us. Amen.**

Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from
the earth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the
vine. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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**

The prayer continues...

Holy Holy Holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest.

The prayer continues...

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The prayer continues...

Amen.