

The prayer continues ...

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

... *Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are man, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

Words of invitation to Communion

Communion *Please remove your mask, use hand gel, and come forward as directed!*

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 201

Worship during Creationtide. Sept 27th Let there be lights in the sky!

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.

Gloria (Please stand.)

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 Word

Genesis 1 v 14-19

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

Acts 2 v 17-21

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

O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦ praise him in the heights.

2 **Praise him, all you his angels; ♦ praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦ praise him, all you stars of light.

4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦ and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦ for he commanded and they were created.

6 **He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦ he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦ you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 **Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦ tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

9 Mountains and all hills, ♦ fruit trees and all cedars;

10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦ creeping things and birds on the wing;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦ princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and women, old and young together; ♦ let them praise the name of the Lord.**

13 For his name only is exalted, ♦ his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 **He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦ the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

O praise the name of the Lord.

O glorious God, your whole creation sings your marvellous work; may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21 v 25-28)
Praise 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 *(Please stand.)*

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 so we gladly thank you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising you and saying:

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.