

An Order for Creationtide Communion

Welcome & candle lighting

Hymn: O Praise ye the Lord

Confession, from the Coventry liturgy of Reconciliation

Leader All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class

All Father, forgive

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own

All Father, forgive

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth

All Father, forgive

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

All Father, forgive

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless

And the refugee

All Father, forgive

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children

All Father, forgive

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God

All Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Reassurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, cleanse us from our sins and restore us in your image, to the praise and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Canticle of the Creatures

Reading: Genesis 1-2 .1

Hymn: Colours of day

Reading: Matthew 6. 25-34

Talk

Let us declare our faith in God

Song: I believe in God the Father

Our prayers of Intercession

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.

The Peace

from the Letter of James: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Hymn: New every morning

Dedication of collection

Lord God, we bring you the ordinary things of life -food and drink and money -and with them we bring ourselves. Take us, and our gifts of money, to do your work in the world. Take this food and drink from our tables and feed us from your table with your love. Accept the praise we offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebration of Communion

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him from the dead; and he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit. In his presence, and in the company of all the people of God, past, present, and to come, we celebrate the Supper of the Lord.

We hear the narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper as it is recorded by St Paul in I Corinthians Chapter 11

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Our prayer of blessing, sharing and thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life, whose body was given for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this loaf, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ, and that we may be made one in him. As of old you fed your people in the wilderness, so feed us now that we may live to your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The minister breaks the bread and blesses the wine saying:

When Jesus had given thanks, he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We give thanks to you, O God, that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We bless you for Christ, the true vine, whose blood was poured out for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this wine, that the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the blood of Christ, and that through abiding in him we may bear fruit that shall last.

**As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace that we may know the power of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The distribution takes place

We share the bread and wine.

Hymn during Communion: Bread is blest and broken

Thanksgiving Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things. May the ears that have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute. May the eyes that have seen your great love shine with the light of hope. May the tongues that have sung your praise also speak the truth. May the feet that have walked in your house ever walk in the light. May the bodies that have tasted your living body be restored to newness of life. Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words.
Amen.

[Notices]

Hymn: All creatures of our God and King

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm. May he bring you home, rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you rejoicing once again into our doors. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: In the name of Christ. Amen**