

# A Liturgy of the Eucharist

Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption



All Saints Church, Birkenhead



## A CREATIONTIDE REFLECTION

*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.*

*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).*

*Time for Creation links in naturally with the time when the Northern Hemisphere celebrate harvest thanksgivings. But for us in the Southern Hemisphere it connects us with the new life of spring and creation.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather in the name of God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Amen

Grace to you and peace  
from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning  
and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,  
here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks  
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,  
release for the captives,  
recovery of sight for the blind  
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs are pardoned.  
I will confess my sins to the Lord  
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

*Silence*

God forgives and heals us.  
**We need your healing, merciful God:  
give us true repentance.**

Some sins are plain to us;  
some escape us,  
some we cannot face.

Forgive us;  
set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you.

*The presiding priest says:*  
God forgives you.  
Forgive others;  
Forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace.

*A Psalm (95:1-7) of Praise:*

1. **O** come let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
2. **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving:  
and sing to the Lord with psalms of triumph.**
3. For you Lord are a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.
4. **In your hand are the depths of the earth:  
so also are the heights of the mountains.**
5. The sea is yours and you made it:  
the dry land also which your hands have fashioned.
6. **O** come let us bow down and worship:  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7. For the Lord is our God:  
we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

*We hold **silence** as we turn to our service sheet to pray the **Collect***

## THE READINGS

*We sit for the readings*

*After each reading the response is*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
Thanks be to God

*A **Hymn** may be sung*

*All Standing*

The Holy Gospel according to...  
✠ Praise and Glory to God

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
Praise to Christ the Word

## THE SERMON

*Following The Sermon we keep silence*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*All standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The presiding priest says:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

## THE PEACE

*All standing*

The peace of God be with you all.  
**In God's justice is our peace.**

E te whanau / Brothers and sisters,  
Christ calls us to live in unity.  
**We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.**

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*We sing a **Hymn** as the bread & wine and the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.*

*The gifts are prayed over:*

God of all creation, you bring forth  
bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine  
will be for us  
the body and blood of Christ.

**All you have made is good.  
Your love endures for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift our hearts to heaven  
**where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God.  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
the first born from the dead,  
the pioneer of our salvation,  
who is with us always,  
one of us, yet from the heart of God.  
For with your whole created universe,  
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.  
We thank you that you make us human  
and stay with us  
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:  
while we were et sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God.  
righteous and strong to save,  
you came among us in Jesus Christ,  
our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things news.  
In Christ's suffering and cross  
you reveal your glory  
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,  
their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now out God.  
Through Christ you gather us,  
new-born in your Spirit,  
a people after your own heart.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
for you alone do justice  
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,  
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,  
apostles and prophets,  
with all the redeemed,  
joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, Holy , Holy :  
God of mercy, giver of life;  
earth and sea and sky  
and all that lives,  
declare your presence and your glory.**

*Please sit or kneel*

All glory to you, Giver of life  
sufficient and full for all creation.  
Accept our praises,  
Living God, for Jesus Christ,  
the one perfect offering for the world,  
who in the night that he was betrayed,  
took bread,  
and when he had given thanks,  
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you, and for many,  
to forgive sin.  
Do this as often as you drink it  
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,  
in the suffering and death  
of Jesus our redeemer,  
we meet you in your glory.  
We lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon your name.  
Here and now, with this bread and wine,  
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,  
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,  
crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come.

## Amen! Come Lord Jesus

May Christ ascended in majesty  
be our new and living way,  
our access to you, Father,  
and source of all new life.  
In Christ we offer ourselves  
to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,  
feed us with your life.  
fire us with your love  
confront us with your justice,  
and make us one in the body of Christ  
with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Creator God. Amen

As Christ teaches us we pray / sing:  
**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou  
E to matou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tou Ingoa. Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Homai ki a matou aiane  
he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.  
Murua o matou hara,  
Me matou hoki e muru nei  
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.  
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia matou i te kino:  
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te kororia, Ake ake ake. Amine.

*Silence is kept*

*The presiding priest breaks the bread*

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

The cup of blessing  
for which we give thanks  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Bread and wine; the gifts of God  
for the people of God

**May we who share these gifts  
be found in Christ  
and Christ in us.**

*The presiding priest and the people receive communion*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The following prayer or another prayer may be offered.*

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,  
we give you thanks  
for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints,  
we offer ourselves  
and our lives to your service.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to stand with you in your world.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,  
our friend and brother. Amen

*A Final Hymn may be sung*

*The ✠ Blessing is given.*

*We are sent out with these words*

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in Peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*You are warmly invited to share Morning Tea in the Hall following the  
9.30am service*