

CREATION SEASON 2026

Entrance Hymn see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3

OPENING ACCLAMATION

One of the following Acclamations may be used

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One's Love is new every morning.

or this

Celebrant: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us Pray:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:

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.

Song of Praise

Canticle 12 - A Song of Creation. Song of the Three Young Men

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
praise him and highly exalt him forever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.

SALUTATION

Celebrant: The Creator be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *(see insert and read together)*

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Reader: A Reading from _____.

After each Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: The psalm for the day is in your bulletin insert.

Psalm of the day is read by the reader and the congregation.

The Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from _____.

After each Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 1,2.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, silence may be kept.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 3

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:

things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers

all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church

he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased

to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. *(Colossians 1:15-20)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worship Leader: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Worship Leader: In the beginning, *People:* **God was.**

Worship Leader: Here and now, *People:* **God is.**

Worship Leader: In the future, *People:* **God will be.**

Worship Leader: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us
that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all
who work for the good of the planet.

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Worship Leader: Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat
and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Worship Leader: Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation,
and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect and greed.

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Worship Leader: Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of these congregations
who desire or need your presence, especially we pray for:

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Worship Leader: Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy
all those who have died, especially we pray for:

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Worship Leader: We also pray for the leaders of our Country,
for peace, justice and respect of every human being.

People: **God, giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers,
all things have been created through him and for him.

People: **Amen.**

(Colossians 1:15-16)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Let us confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

People: God of compassion, have mercy upon us.
Heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures
who share the earth with us.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them
and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: May God the Creator forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and make you a protector of creation
with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the most high. *Psalm 50:14*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. *BCP 377*

Offertory Hymn see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3

Doxology #380, verse 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Creator be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Creator.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship Leader: It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God,
for you are the source of all life. Since the beginning of time,
you have sustained us through the environment that you established in creation.
You rule the universe with balance and generosity,
for which all creation never ceases to praise you.

Acolyte: Joining with the company of heaven and all the creatures of the skies,
earth, and seas, we joyfully praise your holy name, singing:

Sanctus (*musicians selection*)

Celebrant: O God, our creator, you placed us in this world but did not leave us
to live alone. You surrounded us with your wondrous creation that we might live in
harmony with it, taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life.

Worship Leader: Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people,
yet we strayed from your path. We judged ourselves powerful and mighty,
planting destruction between us and nature, and creating a world of inequity,
imbalance, and discontent. Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance
and new life, yet we chose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time and in your infinite mercy,
you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life.

Acolyte: He taught us to live in unity with you, opening the doors to a new creation:
one reconciled to you and sustained by your love.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread.
Having given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying,
“Take, eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying,

“Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant which is shed
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the wondrous mystery:

All join saying: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom,
we offer you these gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and of your creation.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us
the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ we may fill the world with your love,
renewing it with the gift of your Gospel.

Worship Leader: Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us and
restoring the balance of nature.
Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden,
worthy of respect and care.
Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle to preserve the environment
and the diversity of life within it.
And at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom, where in the company of
St. Francis of Assisi, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Kateri of Tekakwitha
and all your saints from generation past,
we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** <https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Liturgical-Suggestions-Anglican-EN.pdf>

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life", says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will
never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People: So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

All are welcome to God's Table

Jesus never turned anyone away. We therefore invite all who seek God's presence to receive Communion. Follow the usher's directions to the altar rail, where you may kneel or stand. Wine and grape juice are in separate chalices. In our Diocese, intinction is not allowed, you may only drink from the chalice. If you choose not to drink from the chalice, you may bow before it to recognize Jesus' presence and receive it spiritually. Gluten free host are available upon request. Children are encouraged to receive the Sacrament, or the Priest will offer a Blessing. If you wish to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please inform the Usher.

DOXOLOGY (Liturgical formula of praise to God)

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Congregation: Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.

Post communion prayer 4 from "Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time 2012,"
prepared by Sister Catherine Brennan SSL and Sister Ann Concannon SSL
for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) (2012).

THE BLESSING

Worship Leader: God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning.

Acolyte: God of the forest and shining seas

Worship Leader: God of the blooming desert and rolling grasslands

Celebrant: Shine on us today and bless us with your presence.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3

DISMISSAL

Worship Leader: We join with the Earth and with each other to bring new life to the land
Congregation: **To restore the waters, to refresh the air.**

Worship Leader: We join with the Earth and with each other to renew the forest
Congregation: **To care for the plants, to protect the creatures.**

Worship Leader: We join with the Earth and with each other to celebrate the seas
Congregation: **To rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.**

Worship Leader: We join with the Earth and with each other to recreate the human community.
Congregation: **To promote justice and peace, to remember our children.**

Worship Leader: We join with the Earth and with each other as expressions
of one loving mystery.
Congregation: **For the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life. Amen**

(Dismissal 5 adapted from “A Prayer of Healing” in Only One Earth: United Nations Environmental Sabbath.
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Worship Leader dismisses the congregation choosing One of the following:

Worship Leader: Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the Power of the Spirit.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leader: Go in Peace to love and serve God’s creation.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God the Creator.**

Worship Leader: Let us bless our God and all Creation.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Why is it important to mark the Season of Creation?

- Because of our Gospel call to grow in faith as we affirm that God in Christ loves, redeems, and sustains the whole of Creation, not only human beings.
- Because of the urgency of climate and ecological crisis and the need for a bold, prophetic response.

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