



Holy Communion

‘At Peace with Creation’

Sunday 5th October 2025 at 10.00am

SONG

**All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, alleluia.**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest hearts both warmth and light:
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia.**

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them His glory also show:
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

William Henry Draper (1855-1933)

based on Laudato si', O me signore St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and creation to sustain life.

We praise God for the wondrous creation.

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

We give glory to God, who restores the groaning creation and the vulnerable.

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to restore justice and produce the first fruits of hope.

We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all creation.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistle.
How it longs to be set free. Our sin affects the world around us.
Therefor we come before God to confess our sins in penitence and in
faith.*

Silence is kept

Creator of all,
You gave us the gift of life and the gift of faith that should unite us in
care for your world. We confess how estranged we have become, from
one another and from your creation.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have
fractured our relationship with you, with others, and with the earth.

Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

Fertile fields have become barren, forests desolate, waters polluted,
and thriving communities have become places of suffering. The earth
cries out.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot
be destroyed: forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of His kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**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 COLLECT

**Loving God, ever creating and restoring, open our eyes to see the
wounds your creation bears. Open our ears to hear it cry. Fill our minds
with the conviction to tread lightly on your earth. Renew compassion
within our hearts we pray. Help us to understand each plant, creature
and individual are part of a wondrous whole. Lord compel us to turn our
passion into action. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST BIBLE READING: Isaiah 32:14-18

**For the palace will be forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watch-tower
will become dens for ever,**

the joy of wild asses,
a pasture for flocks;
until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.
My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

**Beauty for brokenness.
hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset,
Your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.**

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned-
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

**Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until Your justice
burns brightly again;
until the nations
learn of Your ways,
seek Your salvation
and bring You their praise.**

***God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.***

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THE GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended,
till as judge He comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
In one church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with Him in glory,
to the life that knows no end.
Amen**

THE PRAYERS

This or another response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers:

They shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ
and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

SONG

Jesus is Lord!

**Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower
was planned and made.**

**Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:**

'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

***Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!***

Jesus is Lord!

**Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.**

Jesus is Lord!

**From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom
thus setting us free.**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!***

Jesus is Lord!

**O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes
shall own His name.**

Jesus is Lord!

**God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord.**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!***

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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 for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Dying you destroyed
our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms,
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us
peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The President receives communion, gives communion to the other
ministers on the dais and then to the congregation.*

AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all creation,

as we have received the bread and wine,

fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,

so with joy we celebrate your goodness

and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NOTICES

SONG

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

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The Sending Out

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Go forth from this place to care for God's world.

Live in harmony with all creation.

Make the sacrifices that are necessary to share your blessings with others. Use resources wisely, taking only what you need.

Focus your heart and mind upon the restoration of God's creation.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Restorer be upon you this day and always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

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