

Holy Eucharist

Creation Sunday



Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

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Entry of the Ministers T – Hyfrydol

**1 Praise the Lord for his creation:
for the pattern and the plan
forming out of light and stardust
since the universe began.
Praise him for our planet's story,
wind and water, fire and earth,
ceaseless change and constant cycle
bringing sparks of life to birth.**

**2 Praise the Lord for his creation:
all that grows that's green and free,
grass and flower and crops for harvest,
healing herb and fruiting tree.
Creatures of the land and ocean
swim and crawl and run and fly:
praise for gifts of breath and movement,
heart and brain and ear and eye.**

**3 Praise the Lord for his creation:
we are fashioned by his hand
in our mother's womb in darkness,
cell by cell and strand by strand.
Praise him for our human reason,
skill to search and know and tell
nature's secrets, and through knowledge
care for God's creation well.**

Readings:

God's Word in the Scriptures

Genesis 1, v1 – 2, v3

- God spoke.... and things started to happen!

Psalm 136 T – Aberystwyth

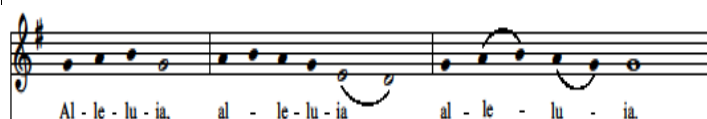
**O give thanks unto the LORD,
God of gods, with one accord,
for his steadfast love is sure;
it shall evermore endure.
Praise the mighty King of kings,
who alone does wondrous things,
for his steadfast love is sure;
it shall evermore endure.**

**With great skill the heavens he made;
earth he on the waters laid,
for his steadfast love is sure;
it shall evermore endure.
Sun to stride across the day,
moon and stars in vast array:
for his steadfast love is sure;
it shall evermore endure.**

Romans 8, vv18-25

- Creation groans, waiting for God to complete His work

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Seek first the Kingdom of God:
and all things shall be yours as well.

All: Alleluia

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (6, vv25-34)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the meantime, do not worry about the wrong things

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Preparing of the gifts T - Ye banks and braes

God of the garden, Eden's land,
where plants and trees brought rich delight;
where man and woman pleasure found,
fulfilled in all things, day and night.
Creator, Father, thanks we give
to you, the author of our joys,
and yet, despite these gifts, we grieve
for all that humankind destroys.

God of the garden, place of pain,
Gethsemane of darkest hour
where Jesus wept in anguish torn,
and evil forces showed their power.
Creator, Father, Lord sublime,
our Saviour Christ was crucified;
he bore our sins, our guilt, our shame,
and conquered death the day he died.

God of the garden by the tomb,
where Mary sobbed that Sunday morn,
and as she stood, bereaved and numb,
mistook the gardener in the dawn.
Creator, Father, give us faith
to recognise our living King,
to whom, the source of love and truth,
our lives, a sacrifice, we bring.

Unaccompanied

God of the garden yet-to-be,
fair Paradise of heavenly love;
where Christ, our all-in-all, shall say
'Come, taste the Tree of Life above.'
Creator, Father, in the calm,
where ours is not to question why,
we'll sing our everlasting hymn
before your garden-throne on high.

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Sending Out T: Londonderry Air

Be in our midst, and gather us together,
and let your loving-kindness be our guide;
help us discern your image in each other,
and walk with humble footsteps by your side.
Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,
till all who thirst and hunger now are filled;
let justice thunder like a mighty river,
that every storm of strife and conflict may be stilled.

When all the world's great sorrows overtake us,
and we are crushed by centuries of pain,
grant us your strength, and lovingly remake us
that by your grace we may be whole again.
And when the sins of passing generations
make all the wounds of history still feel raw,
send out your healing power among the nations,
and fill this broken earth with heaven's peace once more.

Grant us that peace beyond the mind's discerning;
help us to live the truth that sets us free.
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning
help us become who we are called to be.
In eager longing for your new creation,
a world reshaped by love and hope and grace,
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our foundation,
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and every place.