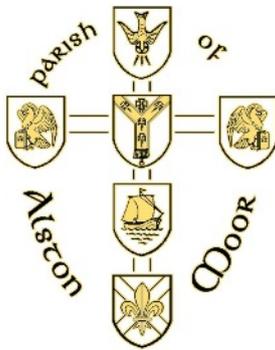


Sung Eucharist in the Season of Creation

“Mass for St Giles” – Malcolm Archer



Welcome

If you have a query,
please speak to the welcomer on duty,
who will be glad to help you.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for someone or
something specific during the service,
please speak to the welcomer.

A Word to Children

You are very welcome at all our services.
We want you to feel comfortable
and able to join in,
and we don't mind a bit of noise!

If you are onsite

Standing, sitting, kneeling

This booklet suggests where to stand (to praise God), to sit (to receive from God) and to kneel (to ask from God). But feel free to stand, sit or kneel at any time, as you are most comfortable.

Receiving Communion

You are welcome to share bread and wine with us if you do so in any Christian church – or to receive a blessing if you prefer.

If you need assistance to get to the altar, or need to receive communion in your pew, please speak to the welcomer.

Gluten Free Wafers

All our wafers are gluten free.

Communion Wine

Our communion is organically and ethically produced and fairly traded.

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Where to find us

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You may like to prepare ...

-  the Easter candle, or another candle, and something to light it with
-  a Bible and hymnbook – or today’s readings and hymns from our website

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TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you
for worshipping with us today.

We thank God
for your presence in worship,
and we invite you to return soon.

Until then, we wish you God speed
and a safe journey.



SEASON OF CREATION

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, the Season of Creation 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.

In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch suggested that 1st September, the first day of the Orthodox Church's year, should be observed as a day "of protection of the natural environment". Ten years later the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a "Time for Creation" stretching from 1st September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October).

Along with many other churches, the Church of England has endorsed the observance of this season as a time for the whole church to proclaim "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."



Gathering as God's People

i The first part of the service draws us together as God's family – whether we are in the church building or joining in using modern technology – **so those in church may gather around the font**, where we first became members of God's family through baptism.

We greet one another in God's name; we 'clear the decks' by receiving God's forgiveness for our sins, and those of the world; we praise God as we sing the 'Gloria in Excelsis'; and we draw our thoughts and prayers together in the Collect.

We stand as the ministers enter

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.



THE GREETING

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

All

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

- ◆ We come from diverse lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize God's presence among us.

Silence is kept.

- ◆ Whether present in this building,
or joining in online

All We are united in the love of Christ.

We light the Paschal Candle in church, and our candles at home, as a sign of Christ's presence among us

A hymn is sung

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All 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.

Bounteous God,

thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun
for the salt sea and the running water,
for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,
for trees and the common grass underfoot.

Thank you for fertile fields and abundant harvests,
for sheep and cattle,
and every creature that lives in earth or sea or sky.

Thank you for our senses
by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendour of the summer fields,
and taste of the autumn fruits,
and rejoice in the feel of the snow,
and smell the breath of the spring.

Grant us a heart wide open
to all this goodness and beauty;
and save our souls from being so blind
that we pass unseeing,
when even the common thornbush
is aflame with your glory.

Amen.



Leaving with God's Blessing

i At the beginning of the service, we gathered as one body, to be fed spiritually by God's word as we heard and reflected on the Scriptures, and by the body and blood of Jesus as we received bread and wine.

Now we prepare to disperse, empowered to serve God in our daily lives. As we do so, **we may move to the church doors, or the door of our homes**, to look out at, and bless, the community in which we share – and receive – God's love.

We stand

A hymn is sung

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

If we have moved to the door, the following is said

◆ To a troubled world
All **peace from Christ.**

◆ To a searching world
All **love from Christ.**

◆ To a waiting world
All **hope from Christ.**

The priest uses this, or another suitable blessing:

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessings upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

◆ Tend the earth,
care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



All **In the name of Christ. A - men.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

These or other appropriate words are said

◆ God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles
and longs to be set free.
Our sin affects all around us.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We kneel

Words of penitence are said, with the following responses

◆ ...
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

◆ ...
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

◆ ...
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

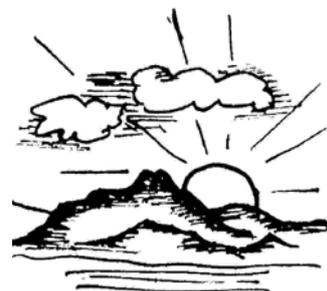
Or

◆ ... in your mercy:
All **forgive us and help us.**

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness, in these or other words

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

All **Amen.**



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We stand

Either we sing

All *f* Glo-ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry.
mp Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on
us; *cresc.* you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: *mf* re-ceive our

If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands lowered.

If you are joining in online

You may wish to pray this Act of Spiritual Reception

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults
you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually
into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We kneel

The **Post-Communion Prayer** may be said
Then all say one of these prayers

Either

All Lord of all Creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
tokens of salvation made manifest
in the fruits of the earth,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves
to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Or

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Banns of Marriage may be published
and *Notices* may be given out

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Either

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.

Or

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This prayer may be said

All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood
of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we,
with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.



SHARING OF COMMUNION

If you are onsite

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine (if you would do so in any Christian church), or else to receive a blessing.

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prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the
Fa-ther. A rall. men.

Or we say

All 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

After a period of silent prayer the
Collect (prayer for the week) is
said, and all respond

All Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

i The focus moves to the lectern as we listen to readings from the Old Testament (the ancient Jewish Bible that Jesus himself knew) and/or the New Testament (writings of the early Christians), and from one of the Gospels – accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Through the sermon we explore what these readings mean, and what God might be saying to us through them today.

We respond by affirming the faith we share, as we say the Creed, and by praying for the needs of the world.

READINGS

We sit

We hear one or two readings from the Bible

At the end of each, the reader says

Into ancient words

All you breathe new life.

A hymn, psalm or canticle may follow each reading



GOSPEL READING

We stand

The Gospel may be heralded by an acclamation such as

- ◆ Alleluia, alleluia.
God has spoken to us through his Son, through whom he created the worlds.

All Alleluia.

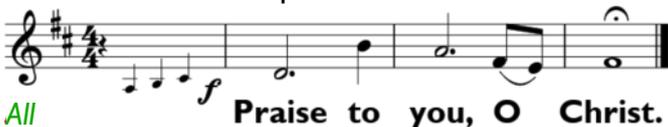
Then

- ◆ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.



At the end

- ◆ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

We sit

AGNUS DEI

Either we sing

All Lamb of God, you
God, you take a-way the sin, the
sin of the world; have
mer-cy u-pon us, have mer-cy u-
-pon us, have mer-cy u-pon
us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin, the
sin of the world;
grant us your peace; grant us your
peace; grant us your
peace.

Or we say

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

We kneel

We pray the Lord's Prayer, in whichever version or language we wish

- ◆ Together with all creation, which in its own way loves its Creator; together with the Church around the world; let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Either

All 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.

Or

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

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

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

THE CREED

We stand

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We kneel

The prayers usually include

-  *The Church of Christ*
-  *Creation and the environment*
-  *Human society, the Queen, those in authority*
-  *The local community*
-  *Those who suffer*
-  *The communion of saints*

One of these responses, or another, may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Or

Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Or

Lord, your will be done



All **Through our lives and by our prayers,**



your King - dom come.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Bring us at the last
with [Name and] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



All **Bles-sing and ho-nour and**



glo - ry and power be



yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.

*After a short period of silent prayer, the service
continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 18*



 We remember Jesus' instruction not to bring gifts to God if we have anything against our brothers or sisters. So we share God's peace before we offer bread and wine, symbols of human labour; the money we offer for the church's work; and ourselves, in service to God.

Those onsite may then gather at the altar (holy table) to pray the Eucharistic Prayer.

In this great thanksgiving prayer, we give thanks for all that God does for us, especially through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember the Last Supper; and we pray that, by the Holy Spirit, Jesus may be present to us in bread and wine, and nourish us with his divine life.

At the end of supper,
 taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, 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.

◆ Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All *f* Dy-ing you des-troyed our
 death, ri-sing you res-tored our
 life: Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

Father, we plead with confidence
 his sacrifice made once for all
 upon the cross;
 we remember his dying and rising in glory,
 and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
 at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
 as we bring before you
 these gifts of your creation;
 may they be for us
 the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things
 in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple
 to your glory.

[Remember, Lord,
 your Church in every land.
 Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
 and preserve her in peace ...]

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

We stand

The priest introduces the Peace with words such as

You shall go out in joy
 and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field
 shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

◆ Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace with immediate neighbours, for example in sign language, or with a handshake and greeting such as "Peace be with you"



PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

A hymn is sung

The gifts of the people (first the bread and wine, then the collection) may be presented

The priest takes the bread and wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
 through your goodness
 we have this bread to set before you,
 which earth has given
 and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
 through your goodness
 we have this wine to set before you,
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
 It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
 through your goodness
 we have ourselves to offer,
 fruit of the womb, and formed by your love.
 We will become your people for the world.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Either **Prayer 1** or **Prayer 2** (on page 14) is used

Eucharistic Prayer 1

We remain standing



The Lord is here.



All His Spi - rit is with us.



Lift up your hearts.



All We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Creator God,
you spoke the Word
and all that is in heaven and on the earth,
all things, came to be.
Your Spirit
hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life
in forms innumerable,
including this our fragile earth,
and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you,
so our hope for the future rests with you.
As we have turned from your way,
so we turn again to the warmth of your love.
Through you all things
are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks
for the glories of your creation
given into our care,
and for the opportunities we have
to share that richness with all your people.



A tempo *mf* Bles - sèd is he who



comes in the name of the



Lord, the name of the Lord. *f* Ho-



- san - na, Ho - san - na, *ff* Ho-



- san - na *rall.* in the high - est.

Or we say

All 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.



How wonderful
the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up
Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

Eucharistic Prayer 2

We remain standing



The Lord is here.



All His Spi - rit is with us.



Lift up your hearts.



All We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo
the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us
in your image, the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Either we sing



All *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, Ho -



- san-na, *ff* Ho - san-na in the high-est.

And so with the wonders of creation
and the songs of praise of all your creatures
both in heaven and on earth
we praise you now and for ever, *singing*:

Either we sing



All *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, Ho -



- san-na, *ff* Ho - san-na in the high-est.



A tempo *mf* Bles - sed is he who



comes in the name of the



Lord, the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -



- san - na, Ho - san - na, *ff* Ho -



- san - na in the high - est.

Or we say

All 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.

◆ Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All *f* Dy - ing you des - troyed our
 death, ri - sing you res - tored our
 life: Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.



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 [Name and] 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.

All *f* A - men, A - men.

After a short period of silent prayer, the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 18

