

Parish of Alston Moor

# 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.

### **Loop System**



This church is equipped with a loop system: please set hearing aids to the “T” position.

### **Livestreaming**

This service will be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. If you prefer not to be filmed, please ask the welcomer where to sit.



## **If you are joining in online**

### **Where to find us**

Find us on Zoom (Meeting 357 123 751) or at [www.alstonmoor.tiny.us/youtube](http://www.alstonmoor.tiny.us/youtube)

### **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

### **Microphones**

Please keep your microphone muted, except when joining in the responses or prayers

### **Livestreaming**

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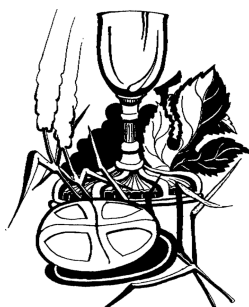
# SEASON OF CREATION

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4<sup>th</sup> 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



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.**

## 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.**

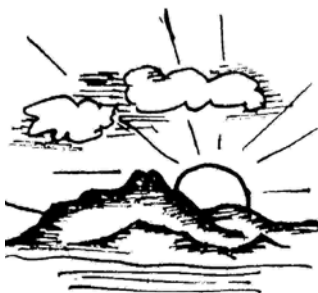
*Or*

- ◆ ... 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

*rall.* prayer. *f* For *a tempo* 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



**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.**

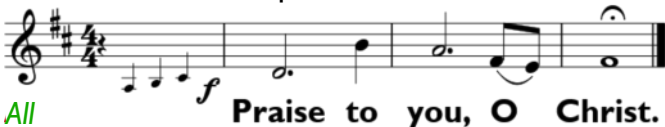
*Then*

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



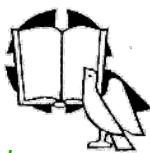
*At the end*

- ◆ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### SERMON

*We sit*





# 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.**



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.



# **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.

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

◆     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.

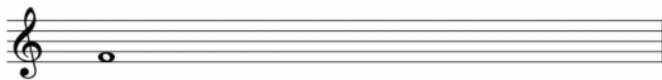
*All*     **Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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.



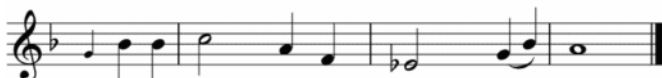
Lift up your hearts.



**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.

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 - 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.**

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:



The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff concludes the phrase with a final note and a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*All* 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.



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



## Eucharistic Prayer 2

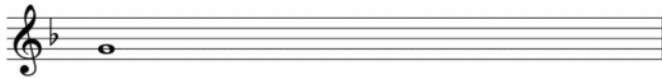
*We remain standing*



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.





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.

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:

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with a forte (f) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "Dy-ing you des-troyed our". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "death, ri-sing you res-tored our". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "life: Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry." The melody features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with a final sustained note on "glo-ry".

*All* **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.

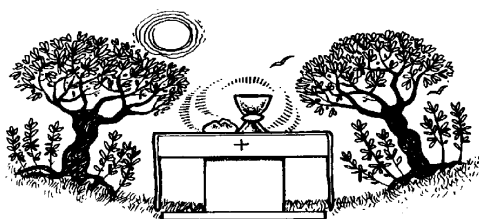
As we eat and drink these holy things  
 in your presence,  
 form us in the likeness of Christ,  
 and build us into a living temple  
 to your glory.

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

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:



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



## 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.

# AGNUS DEI

*Either we sing*

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

*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.



## 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.*

*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*



## Leaving with God's Blessing



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.**



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.



## 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.



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