

St John's – The Order of Service for The Season of Creation.



PREPARATION

HYMN

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Welcome and Notices.

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all Your strength."
The second is this:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistle
and longs to be set free.
Our sin affects all around us.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We have broken our relationships with one another,
abused your fragile creation,
wounded your love and marred your holy image in us.
Lead us from apathy to love.
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people
and of your glorious creation.**

**We are truly sorry
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

Collect of the day:

Let us pray.

**Glorious God, the whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:
Increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament and New Testament Readings

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The Gospel Reading

When it is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

Nicene Creed

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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered
for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the Church and its members.*

Peace

*We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.*

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Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness
the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
All things come from you,
And of your own we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death,
that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew your creation, call us to new birth,
in a world restored by love.
As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise,
together with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation.
Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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 us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Communion Song

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion

At the giving of the bread:
The Body of Christ given for you. *The Communicant replies: **Amen.***

At the giving of the cup:
The Blood of Christ shed for you. *The Communicant replies: **Amen.***

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Sentence

Give thanks to our Gracious God
whose mercy endures forever.

Prayers

Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all mankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. Amen.**

Blessing

God, give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.