



The Blyth Valley  
Team Ministry

# Eucharist for Creation and the Environment



# The Gathering

Opening Sentence

Hymn

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayers of Penitence

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,  
we acknowledge our failure to live responsibly  
as part of your creation.

We have taken what we want,

without considering the consequences;  
we have wasted and discarded,  
without thought for the future.  
Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times,  
to the groaning of creation,  
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision  
and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The Gloria in excelsis may be used*

**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

In a time of silence,  
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one  
who has created all things.

God our Father,  
you never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### *Readings*

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

*At the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **The New Testament Reading**

*At the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things.

**All: Alleluia.**

## The Gospel

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Please sit.*

## Affirmation of Faith

**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

In peace let us pray to the Father, through the Son and in  
the power of the Holy Spirit, who make, sustain and renew  
all things.

Heavenly Father,  
we pray for your Church throughout the world  
that we may be faithful to our baptism.  
With the dawn of each day,  
may we be awakened to the beauty of the earth  
and rejoice in the wonder and diversity of creation in all its  
forms and colour.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of life,  
as all living things depend on the good quality  
of the air, the soil, and water,  
may your wisdom guide us as we care for the environment.  
Deliver us from selfishness and rapacious greed.  
Help us to share the rich resources of this world gladly and  
justly,  
in the cause of stability and peace between nations and  
peoples.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of mercy,  
we bring before you areas affected by chronic shortage of  
water,  
and pray for those suffering as a result of drought  
or the lack of safe water to drink.  
We pray for those suffering from the effects of extreme  
weather  
and whose environment has been damaged  
by cyclones, floods or destructive wildfires.  
May we better understand the effects  
of the changing patterns of weather on our planet.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of abundant life,  
we give thanks for the rich harvest of the seas;  
may we cherish the good things you have created  
and be successful in reducing the pollution  
in our oceans, rivers and lakes that life may flourish.  
May your wisdom help us to maintain the biodiversity of  
our fragile planet.  
Strengthen our resolve and bless the efforts of all  
who seek to protect the marine, animal, insect and plant  
life  
that are threatened with extinction.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of creation,  
you have placed us on the earth to care for it,  
and call us to be co-workers with Christ your Son.  
Bless our farmers, those who work in our nature reserves  
and National Parks,  
in our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Sites of  
Scientific Interest.  
and all who are custodians of our landscape.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of the universe,  
you have made us from the stuff of the earth,  
and to earth we shall return.  
May we tread lightly upon this earth  
and succeed in the innovation and development  
of sources of renewable energy and green technology.  
By your grace, may we live our days wisely,  
live sustainably,  
and at the last come with all your saints  
into paradise and enjoy creation made new.

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

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  
**All: and also with you.**



Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

### Hymn

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church  
soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

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:

**A//: 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.  
Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 *[N 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: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 president 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 Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

**All:** 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.

*Giving of Communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

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.**

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Creator God,  
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,  
that the whole creation,  
in its groaning and striving,  
may know your loving purpose  
and come to reflect your glory;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

## Act of Commitment

'While all creatures stand in expectation, what will be the result of our liberty?'  
*(Thomas Traherne)*

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth. Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**All:** Lord of life and giver of hope,  
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,  
to reduce our waste,  
to live sustainably,  
and to value the rich diversity of life.  
May your wisdom guide us,  
that life in all its forms may flourish,  
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.

## The Dismissal

### Hymn

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you.  
**All:** And also with you.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us his children,  
that we 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.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace, and may the commitment we have made this  
day  
be matched by our faithful living.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen. Amen. Amen.**



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