

*The prayer continues...*

*All* **Holy Holy Holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.**

*The prayer continues...*

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All* **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and concludes as all say*  
**... Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.**

*The bread is broken and we are invited to come forward to receive Communion (please follow the directions).*

*Post Communion prayer.*

*All* **Make us a channel of your peace, O Lord. Strengthen us to live by faith in you, and grant that we may know your love and pardon; your hope and light; your joy and consolation. Give us grace to share these gifts generously, And to grasp your eternal life with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Notices.*

*Blessing (Please stand).*

We go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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**Creationtide Communion Service**  
**on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Let the waters teem with living creatures and let the birds fly!**

The LORD be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

The earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it, the world and all who live in it.

*All* **Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad! Amen.**

*(Pss 24 & 96)*

*All* **Most High, all powerful, good Lord, to you be the praise, the glory, the honour, and all blessing. To You alone, Most High, do they belong. We come to praise and bless you Lord, to give you thanks, and to serve you with great humility. Amen.**

*(from "The Canticle of the Sun" attributed to St. Francis)*

*We keep a short silence to still our hearts.*

*Penitence*

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Consider the birds of the air; they do not sow or gather into barns, yet our heavenly Father feeds them. Lord, have mercy.

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

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not toil nor spin, yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Christ, have mercy.

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

How little faith we have. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Lord, have mercy.

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

May God the Father forgive us in Christ and heal us by the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

*Collect*

*All* **Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; We thank you for the riches of your creation may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Word*

*The first reading: Genesis 1 v 20-23*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*For the Psalm, verses from the Prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 40:28-31*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

*All* **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

*All* **Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;**

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

*All* **they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*We stand for the Gospel: Matthew 6:19-34*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit for a reflection and then stand to proclaim our faith.*

We say together in faith

*All* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

*All* **for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

*All* **for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

*All* **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel).*

Father, Lord of all creation,

*All* **In your mercy hear us.**

*We end our intercessions with a prayer of peace.*

*All* **Peace from God who is our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, who is our life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with us. Amen.**

*We sit while our gifts of bread and wine are placed upon the Altar*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

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

*We stand for 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.**