



Sharing the Feast of Life In the Creation Season

Introduction and Welcome

Introductory music, followed by welcome

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Opening hymn

Call to Worship

In the beginning, God created.

God created the heavens and the earth; *[soil]*

Light from darkness, day from night; *[large candle]*

Waters below from waters above, earth from seas;

[water]

Lights in the sky – sun and moon and stars.

[small candles]

And God saw that it was good.

Then God spoke and the earth brought forth vegetation;

Plants bearing flowers and fruit, *[fruit/flower]*

Trees and shrubs. *[branch/leaves]*

And God saw that it was good.

And God spoke again, and the seas filled with fish,

Birds flew in the sky,

and animals of all kinds roamed the earth.

And God saw that it was good.

Then God spoke into being humankind, male and female,

created in the image of God, given the world to care for,

filled with breath, Spirit of the creator.

[pause to listen to your own breathing]

**God saw everything that God had made,
and indeed it was very good.**

God sees us,

gathered as the body of Christ throughout the world:

Let us worship our creator. **Amen.**

Ministry of Reconciliation

O God,

your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches:

Open our eyes to see.

O God,

your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals:

Open our eyes to see.

O God,

your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants:

Open our eyes to see.

O God,

your creatures are slowly dying

and your people are suffering:

Open our eyes to see.

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation

that we repent and care more deeply.

So move us to grieve the loss of life

that we learn to cherish and protect your world.

3-minute silence, begun and ended by the sounding of a bell

We say together:

**Come, Holy Spirit of earth, air, fire and water:
enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send your spirit over the waters,
and we shall be created,
and we shall renew the face of the earth.**

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.
To God be glory for ever.

To God be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.
To Christ be glory for ever.

To Christ be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.
Give us your freedom for ever.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

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Alleluia, Amen.

Prayer for the Day

... after which the children leave for Kids' Church

The Readings

*A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures and/or the
Christian Epistles, after which is said:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

The Gospel

Before the Gospel reading the reader says:

The Gospel reading can be found on page *nn* of the New
Testament section of the church Bibles; it is from ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon or other reflection

*5-minute silence for prayerful reflection on what we have
heard, begun and ended by the sounding of a bell*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and holds all things in love.**

**We believe Earth is a sacred place
filled with God's presence,
a home for all its creatures to share.**

**We believe that God became a man of Earth,
Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed among us,
suffered and died on a cross,
for all human beings and for all creation,
and rose again to fill all things.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in the world,
groans together with every suffering creature,
and waits with us
for the whole universe to be reborn.**

**We believe that with Jesus Christ
we too will rise and take our place in a new creation,
reconciled, restored, and renewed.**

Prayers

The Peace

We sing:

**The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too:
deep peace falling over you,
God's peace growing in you.**

The children return; we continue singing as the bread and wine are brought up.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share the Peace with one another, and then gather around the altar.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work you have given us to do:
use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Creator be with you and all creation.

And also with you.

We sing:

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The minister offers our thanks and praise, concluding ...

... we praise you, singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of heaven and earth adored,
Ceasing never, God for ever,
Holy, holy Lord.**

The minister says the words of institution, finishing with:

For as we eat this bread and drink this cup
we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

We sing:

**Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
tawa pano mu zita renyu.**

[Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.]

Spirit of God, come afresh on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may make us one body in Christ.

Open our eyes

that we may recognise you walking with us;

Open our ears and our minds
that we may hear your word;

Open our hearts
**that your love may flow through us
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,
and surprises us into understanding.

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

The Lord's Prayer

O God in heaven,
Mother and Father of us all,
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 the Bread

*The minister breaks the bread to the four points of the
compass while others say appropriate words, then returns
to the altar and says:*

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Jesus, one with God

We sing:

Jesus, one with God,
come and live among us.
Jesus, bearer of our pain,
touch and heal us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

Invitation

The minister invites all to receive Communion.

The Communion

*Each person receives, responding **Amen** to the words of
the minister:*

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**
The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Now may the power of Christ's body and blood reach
deep into your heart, your mind and your body to heal
your wounds and, through you, to bring healing to Earth,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Notices

Final hymn

Blessing

Just to be is a blessing:
Just to live is holy.

Dismissal

The Divine Spirit dwells in us.
Thanks be to God.