



Eucharistic Prayer for Creation Time

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, loving Father of us all, in whose hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains, and in whom we live and move and have our being: at your command all things came to be, from the vast expanse of stellar space to this fragile earth, our home.

We give you thanks for your creation as gift of your love. In wisdom you have made all things; the earth is full of your creatures; all times and seasons obey your laws. The heavens tell of your glory; your way is in the whirlwind and the storm.

All creatures look to you for their food; when you open your hand they are filled with good things; when you take away their breath, they die. At your command the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy. We join with them, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to give a voice to creation's praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

From the primal elements, you brought forth humanity, and blessed us with consciousness and skill. You gave us responsibility to care for your world, yet through our foolishness and selfishness the earth has become polluted, and now languishes and withers. Through our exploitation of earth's riches, poor communities are oppressed, and the life of many creatures put in jeopardy. Your creation, now in bondage to decay, waits with eager longing for its freedom.

You sent your Son Jesus Christ, in whom all things in heaven and earth were created and in whom all things hold together, to reconcile all things to yourself, making peace through the blood of his cross.

On the night he was betrayed 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.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, gives himself as the Bread of Life. His Spirit refreshes us with rivers of living water.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, that they may be for us a foretaste of your creation's transformation and renewal.

Send your Spirit on your people. Transform us that we may become more faithful stewards of your gifts. Restore in us the image of your glory. Heal what is broken. Awaken us to the fruitfulness yet fragility of your world. May we live more just and godly lives, responsible in care for your earth, and sharing more equitably its rich resources. Sustain us in hope, waiting and working for your new world to be born.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Creator and Giver of Life, be all honour and praise.

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory for ever. Amen