

Music – Canticle of Turning will be sung during communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

All Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices *The Notices are given out.*

Closing Responses

Please join with me and say

All **Holy One, Creator
earthed in Jesus
and in all creation
through your Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves
to work in harmony with your holy will,
so full of humility and selfless love.
As you are willing to earth yourself in Christ,
so give us the humility and courage
to 'heaven' ourselves in you.
Amen**

Go now

Go and revel in God's world

Go and be creative

Go and work for justice

Go and love your neighbours

Go and live simply so others may simply live

Go and walk with God

All **Amen**



*"The Garden of Eden is no more, we are fundamentally changing nature,
and people need to fundamentally understand what is at stake.."*

Sir David Attenborough

This is the day that the Lord has made

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

Opening Responses

Come among us God

You, who cast the planets into space
and cradle the sparrow in her nest

All **Come God and meet us here**

Come among us God

You, who bless the poor and the broken
and stand by the sad and the strong

All **Come God and meet us here**

Come among us God

You, who dance in the silence
and shine in the darkness

All **Come God and meet us here**

Music: Think of a World without any flowers

Think of a world without any flowers,
Think of a world without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.
We thank You, Lord,
for flowers and trees and sunshine,
We thank You, Lord,
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank You, Lord,
For all Your living creatures,
We thank You, Lord
and praise Your holy name.

Rainbow Covenant

We gather now to declare
with the repentant God of Genesis
(the colours of the first rainbow still dripping from Her brush),
“Never again.”

We gather under this prism of penitence,
cosmic reminder of all that must elicit from us
this sacred mantra “Never again.”

Never again, to the xenophobic fear that issues in a holocaust.

Never again, to the colonising arrogance that causes another species to disappear forever.

Never again,
to the pursuit of private gain while Lazarus and his children sit hungry
outside our gates.

Never again, to the world’s way of transforming suffering into violence.

All **May we be a rainbow people,
joining with God in keeping this ancient covenant,
living the promise of a new creation being born through us. Amen**

Collect

Spirit of the Living God
At the beginning you moved over the face of the waters.
You brought life into being, the teeming life
that finds its way through earth and sea and air,
that makes its home around us, everywhere.
You know how living things flourish and grow
How they co-exist; how they feed and breed and change
Help us to understand those delicate relationships,
value them, and keep them from destruction.

All **Amen**

READING

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The consecrated bread is broken.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *Please say*

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The congregation receives Communion in one kind

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Please say

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Luke and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

READING continued

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reflection – Rainbows and Resurrection

Beauty for Brokenness

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| 1. Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase! | 3. Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need |
| 2. Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak | |

Chorus:

*God of the poor Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Intercessions for the Planet

Response for intercessions

Lord wake us from our slumber

All **To become a resurrection people**

Our exploration of creation can begin with prayer. Does this mean forcing our prayers into an 'environmentally friendly' mould? In the Jewish tradition, prayer is like that already. The ladder Jacob saw in his dream – with angels of God 'going up and coming down on it' – is a symbol of prayer, connecting earth and heaven. The Hebrew word for prayer is not 'levakesh – to request', but '**tefilla – to connect**'. So in the Jewish mindset, the essence of prayer is about linking creator and creation. The early church of Britain and Ireland would be puzzled with our modern- day quest to become 'eco-friendly' in our prayers. In their minds, considering creation was not a separate issue. To talk of 'the environment' as an isolated concept would have been strange. Everything was connected in Christ.

The Sign of Peace

All **O God, lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.**

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you**

We greet one another with the British Sign Language peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

God is praised for his mighty acts

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and *saying*:

All **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.**

Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.