# Choral Eucharist During Creation-tide





All directions on posture are suggestions and members of the congregation are free to sit or kneel at any time during the service.

The congregation are invited to join in the responses marked in **bold type**.

#### Introit

sung by the choir

#### The Opening Hymn

The hymn number can be found in the notice sheet.

#### The Greeting

Please stand. The president says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may be added.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

The Deacon introduces the confession

God's whole creation groans.

The land produces thorns and thistles and longs to be set free.

The sins of our society affect the world around us.

We confess our sins, in sorrow

and faith in the one who can lead us into life:

In the beginning you said, "Let there be light", But we have chosen the ways of darkness, Filling the skies with clouds of pollution, Poisoning the seas with plastic and sewage. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In the beginning you said, "Let the land bring forth greenery" but we have cut down the trees, and poisoned the earth. There should be food for everyone, but there are famines and fear. Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the beginning you said, "Let the earth bring forth creatures" but we have hunted and exploited the land and the seas; some animals are now extinct and others are suffering; We have failed to look after the animals and birds. Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us.

By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

#### Please remain standing

et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,

The choir sings the Gloria
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,

qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
lesu Christe,

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**

The president prays the collect prayer of the day beginning with

Let us pray:

cum Sancto Spiritu:

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

A moment of silence is kept After the collect all respond

Amen.

Please sit

# The Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading**

Please sit

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Please remain seated

The response to the psalm can be found in the weekly notice sheet

**Second Reading** 

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

All stand and turn to face the book of the gospels as it is processed

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This Blessèd are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth For revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia, alleluia!** 

**Gospel Reading** 

The deacon says

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

At the end of the gospel the Deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The preacher says an opening invocation or prayer, and then all sit.

After the sermon please stand

The Creed

One of the following affirmations of faith is used

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, We say together in faith:

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

We believe in God 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.

who created all things: for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain: 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: the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Please sit or kneel

The intercessor introduces the prayers of intercession:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

These responses may be used: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

The prayers finish with these words:

Merciful Father,

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

#### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The offertory is introduced with these words

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

## The Offertory Hymn

The hymn number can be found in the notice sheet.

#### The Preparation of the table

The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the altar is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

# The Eucharistic Prayer or Great Thanksgiving

**Prayer A** 

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth. Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation. Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

#### The choir sings the Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord by your cross and resurrection You have set us free You are the saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Please remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

# **Giving of Communion.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please sit. All who usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are warmly invited to do so today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service paper as a signal to the minister. Gluten free wafers are available. Please note that intinction (dipping of the host) is not permitted.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei and a communion motet.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray:

The president says the post communion prayer

All join in the following prayer

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Final Hymn.** 

The hymn number can be found in the notice sheet.

The president says

The Lord be with you and also with you.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you 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.** 

The deacon says

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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