

St Edburgha's Church Yardley

## Season of Creation

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

Genesis 1.31a



***Welcome...***



**We're really glad that you are joining us for this service of Holy Communion today!**

*Whatever the stresses and strains in getting yourself and perhaps other family members here this morning, now it's time to relax and slow down. Jesus said, "**Peace be with you**".*

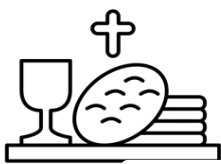


*We are welcoming congregation so please don't worry about the children making a little bit of noise. We understand it can be hard to be still for long stretches!*



*To follow this service, you just need this booklet. We'll guide you through, so you don't need to know anything beforehand.*

*We want you to be "in the moment", so we kindly ask that you silence your phone.*



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*Holy Communion is an important part of our journey as followers of Jesus. At Christ's table we are fed and made ready to go out into our world to live and work to God's praise and glory. All are welcome to receive the bread and wine or a blessing at the distribution.*

## **The Gathering**

*Any notices are given.*

*An opening prayer or sentence of scripture may be said.*

## **Hymn or Song**

### **Greeting**

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

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

The Spirit of God hovered over the water

*All* **and brought life to all creation.**

Come Holy Spirit

*All* **and renew the face of the earth.**

### ***Prayer of Preparation***

*Let us pray*

*The congregation kneels or sits to pray.*

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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

We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you  
our failure to protect resources for others.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The congregation stands to sing*

**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.**

### **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray' after which the Collect (prayer for the day) is said.*

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The congregation sits to listen to the Bible readings.*

### **First Reading and Second Reading**

At the end of each Reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

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

### **Gradual Hymn or Song**

## **Gospel Reading**

*The congregation remains standing and faces the reader for the Gospel reading. The reader says*

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

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

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

### **Affirmation of 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**

Creation groans with pain like the pain of childbirth,  
and longs to share the freedom of the children of God,  
so we offer our prayers for the healing of all creation.  
Let us pray.

*This response is used*

Lord of creation,

*All* **hear the cry of our hearts.**

*And at the end*

**Merciful Father,**

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

### **Hymn or Song**



## **Eucharistic Prayer G**

The Lord is here.

*All*    **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
All times and all seasons obey your laws,  
but you have chosen to create us in your own image,  
setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.  
You have made us stewards of your creation,  
to praise you day by day  
for the marvels of your wisdom and power:  
so earth unites with heaven  
to sing the new song of creation:

*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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*All* Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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 for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*The congregation sings or says*

*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**

*The president says the invitation to 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 president and people receive communion.*

*All who normally receive Communion in any Christian church are welcome to receive. If that is not your custom, you are welcome to come and receive a blessing, in which case please keep your hands at your side as you approach the priest.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The deacon (or president) says the following prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
King of the universe,  
creator of light and giver of life,  
to you be glory and praise forever.  
In Jesus your light has shone out;  
and you have given your Holy Spirit  
as a mighty stream of life-giving water  
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.  
Let your light shine in us  
that we may be beacons of justice  
and bearers of hope.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

## **The Dismissal**

## **Hymn or Song**

## **Blessing**

*The ministers stand at the front and the president gives a closing blessing.*

May God the Father,  
who clothes the lilies of the field  
and feeds the birds of the air,  
provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine,  
feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters of creation  
and formed the world from chaos,  
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

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.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

**Refreshments are normally served after the service.  
you are invited to stay for coffee or tea and a chat.**





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