

Axe Valley Mission Community

Holy Communion for Creationtide

Welcome

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

The earth is yours O Lord
You created it and gave it form

You called life out of chaos
Made humankind in your image, co-creators with you

You looked at all you had made and pronounced it good
Blessed be God forever

Creator God, the whole earth sings of your glory. From the grandeur of the mountains and the forests to the quieter beauty of field and garden, Your hand is seen and praise resounds. From the sure-footed sheep and cattle to the crops in the field Your hand is seen and praise resounds. From our care of creation, to our care of one another; Your hand is seen and praise resounds. Creator God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit all the world belongs to you, receive our praise. **Amen.**

We listen to: Angel Voices Ever Singing

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation:

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

The priest says

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour **Amen.**

We listen to: The Gloria

The Collect:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings: Philippians 2:1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.
The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

We listen to: Immortal, Invisible God only wise

Be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer:

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.

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.**

The priest takes communion on behalf of everyone saying:

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.

The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

Father of Light in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us very good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word or truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom, where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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

We listen to: For the Beauty of the Earth

Blessing

As we prepare to leave and embrace the challenges of our lives and our world, let us ask for God's blessing:

May God bless us with strength to seek justice. ***Amen.***

May God bless us with wisdom to care for our earth. ***Amen.***

May God bless us with love to bring forth new life. ***Amen.***

Come, Lord Jesus. ***Amen, Come Lord Jesus.***